



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 21 November, 2017

1. The House met at 11.12 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings**

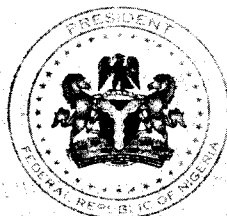
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 16 November, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Messages**

Mr Deputy Speaker read the following messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

(i)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

31st October, 2017

Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH BILL, 2017

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of Federal Institute for Industrial Research.

It is my hope that the House of Representatives will consider and pass the Bill in your usual expeditious manner.

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(ii)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

31st October, 2017

Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja*

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

**THE RAW MATERIALS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL (REPEAL AND RE-ENACTMENT) BILL, 2017**

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration, the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 .

It is my hope that the House of Representatives will consider and pass the Bill in your usual expeditious manner.

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

(iii)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

31st October, 2017

Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

**NIGERIA NATURAL MEDICINE DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY (ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2017**

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and passage into law, a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency Bill, 2017.

It is my hope that the House of Representatives will consider and pass the Bill in your usual expeditious manner.

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

(iv)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

8th November, 2017

Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

**WITHHOLDING OF ASSENT TO THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF
TREASURY MANAGEMENT (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.) BILL, 2017**

Pursuant to Section 58 (4) of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), I hereby convey to the House of Representatives, my decision, on 25 October, 2017 to withhold Assent to the Chartered Institute of Treasury Management (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017.

The rationale for withholding Assent are regarding the scope of, and phrases utilised in, the Bill. For instance;

- (a) The phrase "treasury management" is not defined in the Bill; and*
- (b) Greater clarity may be required regarding the impact of the Bill on the Central Bank of Nigeria's regulation of treasury managers in banks, and the relationship between the proposed Institute and other existing professional institutes that regulate treasury managers in Nigeria.*

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

(v)



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

8th November, 2017

**WITHHOLDING OF ASSENT TO THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY
OF WUKARI (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.) BILL, 2017**

Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

Pursuant to Section 58 (4) of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), I hereby convey to the House of Representatives, my decision, on 25th October, 2017 to withhold Assent to the Federal University of Wukari (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017.

The rationale for withholding Assent are regarding certain words and phrases utilised in, the Bill. For instance:

- (a) The word "Statute" should replace "Regulation" through-out the Bill for consistency;*

- (b) Paragraph 9 (1) of the 1st Schedule should refer to "the President" and not "the Visitor", and
- (c) Paragraph 5 of the 3rd Schedule should refer to sub-paragraph (2) and not sub-paragraph (3).

Please accept, Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcements

(a) *Visitors in the Gallery:*

Mr Deputy Speaker recognised the presence of the following visitors in the Gallery:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Parliament International School*, Gudu District, Apo Village, Abuja; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Hasmoss Academy*, Dakwa Village, Niger State.

(b) *Debate on the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) and the 2018 Appropriation Bill:*

Mr Deputy Speaker announced that debate on MTEF and FSP will hold on 22 and 23 November, 2017, while the debate on 2018 Appropriation Bill would hold from 28 - 30 November, 2017; after which a Public Hearing would be held on Monday, 4 December, 2017.

(c) *Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Non-remittance of the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) Contributions by the Federal, States and Local Governments:*

Mr Deputy Speaker announced Members of the *Ad-hoc* Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Chukwuka Onyema | — | Chairman |
| (2) | Hon. Oluwale Oke | — | Member |
| (3) | Hon. Munir Babba Dan Agundi | — | Member |
| (4) | Hon. Tope Olayonu | — | Member |
| (5) | Hon. Babatunde Kolawole | — | Member |
| (6) | Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga | — | Member |
| (7) | Hon. Ekpottai Owoidighe | — | Member |
| (8) | Hon. Dennis Amada | — | Member |
| (9) | Hon. Isah Ibrahim | — | Member |
| (10) | Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff | — | Member |
| (11) | Hon. Salisu Zakari Ningi | — | Member |

5. Petition

A petition from B. A. Gwezia & Co. (Solicitors, Advocates and Arbitrators), on behalf of Chief Jones Nkpowo and 2 others, on the alleged wrongful acquisition of their land by Property Development Company (PRODECO), was presented and laid by Hon. Maurice Pronen (Gokana/Khana Federal Constituency).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**(i) *Need to Investigate the Sale of Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) Non-core Assets and Scraps:***

Hon. Rita Orji (*Ajeromi/Ifelodun 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 the Sale of Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) Non-core Assets and Scraps:

The House:

Notes that the auctioning of PHCN overtime cargoes, scraps and obsolete items worth over Twenty billion Naira (₦20B) by Nigerian Electricity Licensing and Management Company (NELMCO) was recently carried out and over ₦1.5 billion was claimed to have been realized from the sales;

Aware, that there were widespread claims of irregularities and improper advertisement in National Dailies including the Traders Journal. Also, allegations of posting fraudulent and misleading adverts for the sale of high-value items on selected dailies from anticipated buyers were prominent;

Also aware that people who heard about the auction and showed interest were purportedly not allowed or given the opportunity to buy the assets after fulfilling all the necessary requirements for the purchases;

Worried that the bidding process was allegedly neither transparent nor forthright, and allegations of fraudulent activities trailed the sales and the outcome of the bidding process ended in dispute;

Also worried that if the outcry by the public against the seemingly spurious sales and auctions is left unattended to, it will set a bad precedence for any such transactions in the future. The outcry is vociferous, the allegations are weighty, and a comprehensive and detailed scrutiny would enable both the alleged offended and of offenders to be treated judiciously;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committees on Power, and Public Procurement to investigate the alleged fraudulent sale of the Assets and report back within one month; and
- (ii) urge NELMCO to stop further sales of the items pending the outcome of the investigation; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Power, and Public Procurement to monitor further sales of the remaining overtime cargoes (*Hon. Rita Orji — Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the auctioning of PHCN overtime cargoes, scraps and obsolete items worth over Twenty billion Naira (₦20B) by Nigerian Electricity Licensing and Management Company (NELMCO) was recently carried out and over ₦1.5 billion was claimed to have been realized from the sales;

Aware, that there were widespread claims of irregularities and improper advertisement in National Dailies including the Traders Journal. Also, allegations of posting fraudulent and misleading adverts for the sale of high-value items on selected dailies from anticipated buyers were prominent;

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Resolved to:

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 - (iii) also mandate the Committees on Power, and Public Procurement to monitor further sales of the remaining overtime cargoes (HR. 168/2017).
- (ii) ***Call on the Federal Government to Address the Security Challenges in Shinkafi Local Government and Other Parts of Zamfara State:***
Hon. Abubakar Hussaini Moriki (*Shinkafi/Zurmi 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.

Call on the Federal Government to Address the Security Challenges in Shinkafi Local Government and Other Parts of Zamfara State:

The House:

Notes that, some armed gunmen suspected to be cattle rustlers invaded two villages, namely: Mallamawa and Tungar Mai Kahu in Shinkafi Local Government Area of Zamfara State between the hours of 16:00 -18:00 on Friday, 17 November, 2017;

Aware that massive damages, losses and other casualties involving death of about twenty five persons, several others hospitalized and properties worth millions of Naira were lost;

Also notes that some other communities in neighboring Local Government Areas also suffered similar challenges in the recent past. This includes the burning of some vehicles believed to be belonging to the Nigeria Army in the process of exchange of gunfire in one of the attacks, about one month ago;

Recalls that several motions on security issues in Zamfara State were raised in this Chamber during which, several resolutions were adopted by the House, consequent upon which the Zamfara State Government and the Federal Government of Nigeria respectively took some measures, the outcome of which were felt by the citizens of Zamfara State;

Concerned that the situation had now deteriorated, in view of the series of reports of attacks on communities leading to lost of lives and properties worth millions of Naira;

Also concerned that, Security Agencies in the State, could not handle such cases of attack in the past; causing more fear and feeling of insecurity by the affected Local Government Areas and the State in general;

Also aware that the main purpose of Government at all levels, is to protect lives and property of its citizens and provide good governance for sustainable development;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to urgently address the security challenges in Shinkafi Local Government Area and other parts of Zamfara State;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Defence, and Police Affairs to carry out thorough investigation into the remote and immediate causes of the recent attacks leading to loss of lives and property in Tungar Mai Kahu and Mallamawa villages in Shinkafi Local Government Area and other parts of Zamfara State and report back within four (4) weeks;
- (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide materials to the affected victims to mitigate the hardship they are now facing; and
- (iv) observe one minute silence in honour of those who lost their lives, as a mark of respect and condole the families and relatives (*Hon. Abubakar Hussaini Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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- (iv) observe one minute silence in honour of those who lost their lives, as a mark of respect and condole the families and relatives (HR. 169/2017).

The House observed a minute silence in honour of the deceased.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable the House take more that 2 Matters of Urgent Public Importance" (Hon. Ayorinde Olabode — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

(iii) ***Need for the Federal Government to Intervene in the Worsening Security Situation in Aladja/Ogbe-Ijaw Communities of Delta State:***

Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi (*Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu 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 the Federal Government to Intervene in the Worsening Security Situation in Aladja/Ogbe-Ijaw Communities of Delta State:

The House:

Notes that for close to ten years there has been intermittent clashes between the people of Aladja community, an Urhobo ethnic group of Udu Local Government Area and the people of Ogbe-Ijaw community an Ijaw community in Warri South West Local Government Area. Sad to note that these communities have lived peacefully together for ages prior to these needless inter communal crisis that have claimed so many lives and properties;

Aware that this crisis is a result of boundary dispute and ownership of land between the communities, as all efforts by the Delta State Government to broker an acceptable and peaceful resolution to this crisis have not yielded the desired result;

Concerned that the crisis which led to the destruction of unquantifiable property and loss of lives of young promising youths, on both sides, has brought untold hardship to the communities; and could spell doom for both communities if not checked;

Worried that this crisis has brought to a standstill social and economic life in these communities as nobody is sure where the next bullet or attack could emanate; Women are scared of going about their businesses, while-farmers-and fishermen have little or no choice than to sit at home for fear of being killed by the rampaging combatants;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to direct the security agencies, particularly the Nigeria Army to move in to restore peace and stop the senseless waste of human lives and property in these communities;
- (ii) call on the National Boundary Commission to intervene by finding a lasting solution to this recurring agitation/crisis by determining the boundary between the Communities; and
- (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to those affected by the crisis (*Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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- (ii) call on the National Boundary Commission to intervene by finding a lasting solution to this recurring agitation/crisis by determining the boundary between the Communities; and
- (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to those affected by the crisis (HR. 170/2017).

7. **Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal College of Education, Monguno (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1215).
- (2) Federal College of Education, Jama'are (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1216).

8. **Presentation of Reports**

- (i) ***Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Students Union Activities (Control and Regulations) Act, Cap. S14, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Remove the Restrictions on Student Unionism; and for Related Matters (HB. 236)" (Hon. Edionwele Joseph — Esan Central/Esan West/Igueben Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal University of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for a change of name of the Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi to J. S. Tarka University of Agriculture, Makurdi; and for Related Matters (HB. 528)" (*Hon. Edionwele Joseph — Esan Central/Esan West/Igueben Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Capital Market and Institutions:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Capital Market and Institutions on 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 Related Matters (HB.983)" (*Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen — Ijumu/Kabba-Bunu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. **Presentation of Reports**

That items 4 to 13 on the **Order Paper** be deferred to the next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3) (*Hon. Ayorinde Olabode — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

10. **Consolidation of Bills:**

- (i) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Orientation Agency Act, Cap. N64, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide an Operational Framework for the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps to Promote Inter-Ethnic Integration, Mediation, Peace-Building, Mutual Understanding and Patriotism for Peaceful Co-existence; and for Related Matters (HB. 875); and a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Orientation Agency Act, Cap. N64, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by including a Representative of the Traditional Institution and the Youth Council in the Membership of the Board of the Agency; and for Related Matters (HB. 1047) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Ayorinde Olabode — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

- (ii) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, Cap. B3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Mandate Banks and Other Financial Institutions in Nigeria to state in writing, all Charges and Fees accruing to any Transactions in the Banks; and for Related Matters (HB. 961); and a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, Cap. B3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act 2017; and for Related Matters (HB. 1096) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Ayorinde Olabode — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Boundaries Commission (Establishment) Act, Cap. N10, LFN, 2004 to provide for Regular, Periodic Delimitation and Supervision of States, Local Governments and Community Boundaries by the Commission so as to Check and Forestall Boundary Disputes; and for Related Matters (HB. 1184) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Extradition Act, Cap. E25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to give Effect to the Rule against Double Jeopardy as recognized under the Constitution, Provide Procedural Safeguards to avoid Extradition of Nigerian Citizens with Irrefutable and Uninvestigated Cases of Mistaken Identity and to effect appropriate Modifications on the Act to conform with the provisions of the 1999 Constitution; and for Related Matters (HB. 1187) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Extradition Act, Cap. E25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to give Effect to the Rule against Double Jeopardy as recognized under the Constitution, Provide Procedural Safeguards to avoid Extradition of Nigerian Citizens with Irrefutable and Uninvestigated Cases of Mistaken Identity and to effect appropriate Modifications on the Act to conform with the provisions of the 1999 Constitution; and for Related Matters (HB. 1187) be now read a Second Time” (Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu 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 Justice.

13. **Boat Mishap/Flood Disaster in Ogbaru Federal Constituency, Anambra State**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Informed that Saturday, 26 August, 2017 was a dark day in Ogbaru Federal Constituency as a result of a boat mishap which led to loss of lives, wares and rendered young children orphans;

Notes that construction work on the only Road that traverses Onitsha/Ogwu Ikpele/Ndoni/Ase/Anieze was stopped about eighteen (18) years ago, thereby letting the road to deteriorate to such an extent that the waterways is the only means of transportation;

Also notes that Ogbaru Federal Constituency shares boundary with other communities along the banks of River Niger such as Onitsha on the North, Asaba/Oko in Delta State on the West, Oguta in Imo State on the East and Ndoni/Anieze in Rivers State on the South;

Further notes that the dredging of River Niger by the Administration of former President Goodluck Jonathan did not cover the portions from Onitsha through Ogbaru down to Ndoni/Anieze, a situation which led to the flooding of Communities, submerging of health centres, schools and destruction of farm produce;

Concerned that there could be outbreak of epidemics as a result of the stagnant waters and flow of industrial waste from Onitsha urban, if nothing is done to cause the water to recede;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute in silence in honour of those who lost their lives in the flooding;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include the rehabilitation/construction of Ossomala-Ogwu Ikpele-Ase-Ndoni road in the 2018 budget proposal;

- (iii) also urge the Federal Government to initiate the dredging of River Niger from Onitsha through Ogbaru to Rivers State;
- (iv) further urge the National Emergency Management Agency to send relief materials to the victims;
- (v) call on the National Primary Health Care Development Agency to provide vaccines for the victims against water borne diseases/epidemics; and
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Works, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Healthcare Services, and Ports, Harbours and Waterways to ensure compliance and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Chukwuka Onyema — Ogbaru Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 171/2017).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Healthcare Services, and Ports, Harbours and Waterways pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

The House observed a minute silence in honour of the deceased

14. Call on Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC) to Restore Electricity Supply to Ejigbo Local Government Area of Osun State and its Environs
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Ejigbo, the headquarters of Ejigbo Local Government Area of Osun State, is a cosmopolitan city with significant population and a thriving economic base, and has thus been one of the pillars of socio-economic and political development in the State in particular and Nigeria in general;

Informed that Ejigbo Local Government Area and its environs, comprising towns and villages with population figure close to one million Nigerian and foreign residents, have been in complete blackout for more than three months now and there appears to be no end in sight to this uncomfortable situation;

Also informed that the transmission lines for distribution of electricity to Ejigbo Local Government Area and its environs cover several kilometres of bush and are therefore prone to being constantly vandalized due to poor monitoring, fault reportage and response rate by the appropriate authorities;

Further informed that the people of the various communities in the Area have made immense monetary and material contributions over the years towards having improved electricity supply to their communities with no tangible results on a sustainable basis;

Convinced that the non-supply of electricity to those communities might have contributed to the upsurge in criminal activities in the area and decline in socio-economic activities, with the attendant hardships on the residents;

Aware that the responsibility for supply of electricity to the communities rests on the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC), which has failed, refused and/or neglected to take effective steps to restore electricity supply to those communities despite repeated calls, appeals and demands from the people;

Also aware that the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) and the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC) have their respective responsibilities in the supply of electricity to Ejigbo and the adjoining communities;

Convinced that immediate restoration of constant electricity to the communities would not only boost the socio-economic activities of the area, the State and Nigeria in general, but also save the people from the menace of the criminally minded individuals and gangs that have seized the opportunity of the blackout to make living unbearable for the inhabitants of the various communities.

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC) to restore electricity supply to Ejigbo Local Government Area of Osun State and its environs to save the inhabitants from the various threats attendant to long period of electricity blackout in the area;
- (ii) urge the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), through the National Control Centre in Osogbo, the Osogbo Transmission Region and the Osogbo Transmission Centre, to urgently look into the issues affecting the transmission cables supplying electricity to Ejigbo and its environs to minimise faults, improve fault reportage and response rate and facilitate constant electricity supply to the areas;
- (iii) also urge the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) to ensure that the issues raised above are urgently looked into by the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC); and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Power to ensure implementation and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Mojeed Alabi — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 172/2017).

Motion referred to the **Committee on Power**, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

15. Need to Investigate the Status of the Nation's Four Refineries, their Turn Around Maintenance (TAM) to Date and Regular/Modular Licensed Refineries

Motion made and Question proposed,

The House:

Notes that Nigeria, the 12th largest oil producing nation in the world, with an estimated 37.2 billion barrels of crude oil deposits and ranking 7th in the world in terms of gas reserves of about 187 trillion feet, is not among the three top countries in Africa in terms of refining capacity and is the only member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that depends on imported refined petroleum products;

Also notes that despite the more than \$20b that had been spent on the Turn Around Maintenance of the refineries built to refine 445,000 barrels of crude per day, the refineries, located in Port Harcourt, Warri and Kaduna have, over the years, fallen into disrepair with their average capacity utilization standing at an abysmal 11 percent, which is the worst performance record in Africa, compared to 81 per cent and 85 per cent respectively for Egypt and South Africa;

Cognizant that whopping sums of \$308 Million, \$57 million, \$200 million and lately, more than ₦264 billion had been spent on maintenance of the refineries, yet it was reported that the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) is seeking for \$1.8 billion to carry out another Turn Around Maintenance to make the refineries attractive to investors;

Informed that Senegal runs one refinery with a 27,000bpd capacity, Cameroon has one with 42,600bpd; Congo, 21,000bpd; Niger Republic, 20,000bpd; Chad 20,000bpd; Zambia 34,000bpd, Gabon 25,000bpd, Algeria 499,000bpd, Libya 380,000bpd, South Africa 626,500bpd and Egypt 1,102,550bpd, respectively;

Concerned that despite major paradigm shift and consideration of different reliefs, including reduction of licensing fee for new refineries from \$1 million to \$50,000 to make domestic refining attractive and reduce the huge capital flight to fuel importation, meet local demand and possible exports, only Aliko Dangote has put the license to use and no efforts have been made to revoke the licenses given to individuals and corporate organizations to build refineries which have not yet been utilized;

Also cognizant of the primacy of fuel in the nation's hierarchy of needs and its importance to the economy as public energy supply is grossly inadequate and so, 80 percent of economic and domestic processes depend on power from generators;

Believes that the government ought to have an interest in ensuring the provision of affordable fuel because of the unacceptably high level of poverty in the country which stands at 69 percent, mainly due to the unsustainable level of general and youth unemployment which stands at 24 percent and 45 percent respectively.

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to:

- (i) ascertain the viability of continuing investments of public funds on the nation's four (4) refineries and allocation 445,000bpd crude utilization for the same purpose;
- (ii) determine the current utilization level of Warri, Kaduna and Port-Harcourt Refineries;
- (iii) carry out a comprehensive investigation on the Turn Around Maintenance (TAM) carried out to date on the refineries; and
- (iv) identify the private and corporate individuals that have refused to utilize the licences (Regular and Modular), the readiness and status of all current holders and report back within 90 days for further legislative action (*Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria, the 12th largest oil producing nation in the world, with an estimated 37.2 billion barrels of crude oil deposits and ranking 7th in the world in terms of gas reserves of about 187 trillion feet, is not among the three top countries in Africa in terms of refining capacity and is the only member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that depends on imported refined petroleum products;

Also noted that despite the more than \$20b that had been spent on the Turn Around Maintenance of the refineries built to refine 445,000 barrels of crude per day, the refineries, located in Port Harcourt, Warri and Kaduna have, over the years, fallen into disrepair with their average capacity utilization standing at an abysmal 11 percent, which is the worst performance record in Africa, compared to 81 per cent and 85 per cent respectively for Egypt and South Africa;

Cognizant that whopping sums of \$308 Million, \$57 million, \$200 million and lately, more than ₦264 billion had been spent on maintenance of the refineries, yet it was reported that the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) is seeking for \$1.8 billion to carry out another Turn Around Maintenance to make the refineries attractive to investors;

Informed that Senegal runs one refinery with a 27,000bpd capacity, Cameroon has one with 42,600bpd; Congo, 21,000bpd; Niger Republic, 20,000bpd; Chad 20,000bpd; Zambia 34,000bpd, Gabon 25,000bpd, Algeria 499,000bpd, Libya 380,000bpd, South Africa 626,500bpd and Egypt 1,102,550bpd, respectively;

Concerned that despite major paradigm shift and consideration of different reliefs, including reduction of licensing fee for new refineries from \$1 million to \$50,000 to make domestic refining attractive and reduce the huge capital flight to fuel importation, meet local demand and possible exports, only Aliko Dangote has put the license to use and no efforts have been made to revoke the licenses given to individuals and corporate organizations to build refineries which have not yet been utilized;

Also cognizant of the primacy of fuel in the nation's hierarchy of needs and its importance to the economy as public energy supply is grossly inadequate and so, 80 percent of economic and domestic processes depend on power from generators;

Believed that the government ought to have an interest in ensuring the provision of affordable fuel because of the unacceptably high level of poverty in the country which stands at 69 percent, mainly due to the unsustainable level of general and youth unemployment which stands at 24 percent and 45 percent respectively;

Resolved to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to:

- (i) ascertain the viability of continuing investments of public funds on the nation's four (4) refineries and allocation 445,000bpd crude utilization for the same purpose;
- (ii) determine the current utilization level of Warri, Kaduna and Port-Harcourt Refineries;
- (iii) carry out a comprehensive investigation on the Turn Around Maintenance (TAM) carried out to date on the refineries; and
- (iv) identify the private and corporate individuals that have refused to utilize the licences (Regular and Modular), the readiness and status of all current holders and report back within 90 days for further legislative action (HR. 173/2017).

16. Continuing Abuse of Court Order and Illegal Use of Armed Men by PRESCO Nigeria Limited to Unlawfully Appropriate Customary and Ancestral Land belonging to the People of Egborigun in Agbon Kingdom, Delta State

The House:

Notes that the land under dispute in this matter is known as Egborigun (Ugbirigun) which belongs to the people of Igoun in Agbon Kingdom of Delta State and straddles both sides of River Ethiope;

Also notes that the land was wrongly carved into Oriorwon Local Government Area in the former Bendel State (now Edo State), and following the invitation of the National Boundary Commission to determine the boundary area, the Governments of Edo and Delta States signed a communique for maintenance of the status quo pending the report of the Commission;

Further notes that despite the Agreement, the Government of Edo State leased the land to a private company, Presco Plc which is into palm oil production business;

Aware that the people of Igun obtained an order from Isiokolo High Court mandating all parties to maintain the status quo, but Presco Plc, acting under the protection of law enforcement agents, has been disobeying the Order, in the process, oppressing, arresting and compelling the people of Igun to sign undertakings not to interrupt the ongoing acts of land grabbing by Presco Plc;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Inspector-General of Police to take steps to enforce the judgement of the High Court, Isiokolo and to stop further uprooting of crops by Presco Plc;
- (ii) urge the National Boundary Commission to expedite action and release the Report of its investigation into the land dispute; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Public Petitions to investigate the matter and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Lovette Ederin Idisi — Ethiope East/Ethiope West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the land under dispute in this matter is known as Egborigun (Ugbirigun) which belongs to the people of Igun in Agbon Kingdom of Delta State and straddles both sides of River Ethiope;

Also noted that the land was wrongly carved into Oriorwon Local Government Area in the former Bendel State (now Edo State), and following the invitation of the National Boundary Commission to determine the boundary area, the Governments of Edo and Delta States signed a communique for maintenance of the status quo pending the report of the Commission;

Further noted that despite the Agreement, the Government of Edo State leased the land to a private company, Presco Plc which is into palm oil production business;

Aware that the people of Igun obtained an order from Isiokolo High Court mandating all parties to maintain the status quo, but Presco Plc, acting under the protection of law enforcement agents, has been disobeying the Order, in the process, oppressing, arresting and compelling the people of Igun to sign undertakings not to interrupt the ongoing acts of land grabbing by Presco Plc;

Resolved to:

- (i) call on the Inspector-General of Police to take steps to enforce the judgement of the High Court, Isiokolo and to stop further uprooting of crops by Presco Plc;
- (ii) urge the National Boundary Commission to expedite action and release the Report of its investigation into the land dispute; and

- (iii) mandate the Committee on Public Petitions to investigate the matter and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 174/2017).

17. Consideration of Reports

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Open University Act, Cap. N63, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the inclusion of ICT as another means of Providing Tuition towards the Advancement of Learning throughout Nigeria by the National Open University; and for Connected Purposes (HB.1040) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Open University Act, Cap. N63, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the inclusion of ICT as another means of Providing Tuition towards the Advancement of Learning throughout Nigeria by the National Open University; and for Connected Purposes (HB.1040) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai 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 AMEND THE NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY ACT,
CAP. N63, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR THE
INCLUSION OF ICT AS ANOTHER MEANS OF PROVIDING TUITION TOWARDS THE
ADVANCEMENT OF LEARNING THROUGHOUT NIGERIA BY THE NATIONAL
OPEN UNIVERSITY; AND FOR CONNECTED PURPOSES (HB. 1040)

- Clause 1: Amendment of the National Open University of Nigeria Act.**
The National Open University Act, Cap. N63, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

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

- Clause 2: Amendment of Section 1 (1).**
Inserting the words "of Nigeria" after the word 'University' —

- (1) There is hereby established a university to be known as the National Open University of Nigeria, which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal.

Amendment of Section 1 (3).

- (2) A new subsection (3) substituted with the existing subsection -

- (a) provide persons, without distinction of race, creed, gender, age or political conviction, the opportunity for liberalised access to higher education and lifelong learning;

- (b) promote educational opportunity, social justice and propagate the ideals of quality education that is open and available to persons at a conducive environment and at their pace of learning, using new and improved communication technologies, methods and ideas aimed at providing learning opportunities that meet the lifelong needs of individuals;
- (c) encourage the preservation of learning throughout Nigeria and beyond by means of instructions delivered through a multi-model system comprising of a variety of relevant and cost effective media and technologies including facilitation print, audio, video, television, computer-mediated learning, VCD, DVD, CD-ROM, Blue Ray the Internet web-based instruction, taking cognisance of the local environment;
- (d) provide full-time studying and teaching, delivered through the open and distance learning system, taking into cognisance the peculiarities of an Open and Distance Learning University;
- (e) to provide full-time online courses leading to undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications within the existing framework of university regulatory provisions;
- (f) complement and supplement the delivery of instructions, with supported open and distance learning through the provision of seminars, special clinics, professional internship and facilitation of robust counselling services organised through an integrated network of study centres;
- (g) provide programmes and courses of instruction through instructional material design principles and other facilities that meet international standards that can be benchmarked through necessary processes of quality assurance and accreditation;
- (h) ensure that facilities provided for the University are made available on proper terms and conditions to persons that are equipped to benefit from such facilities, especially persons who may not by nature of their special circumstances, be in a position to enroll for residential or conventional face-face university education;
- (i) notwithstanding the provisions of any other enactment or Law, the University shall have the powers to admit students into all programmes and courses of the University, within the globally accepted norms of open and distance learning by taking cognisance of special characteristics of open university of inclusiveness, regard for prior knowledge, skill acquisition, age, work place and life experiences;
- (j) enhance the activities of the university through the use of study centres facilities and encourage communal participation and ownership of education by promoting the acquisition of technological literacy nationwide;
- (k) promote scholarship and encourage the carrying out of research activities in all fields of learning and related activities, giving priority to open and distance learning activities;

- (l) relate its activities to the social, cultural and economic needs of the people of Nigeria; and
- (m) undertake such other activities that can be associated with a university of the highest standard and repute (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Amendment of Section 2 (1) and (3).

- (1) Deleting Section 2 (1) (e) of the Principal Act and renumbering accordingly.
- (2) Deleting the phrase "the General Assembly" appearing immediately after the word "Congregation" in Section 2 (3) as General Assembly is not known to the University Act (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Amendment of Section 3 (1) (a).

Section 3 (1) (a) of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion of a new (i) immediately after (a) and insertion of a new paragraph (a) (ii) to (a) (v) —

- (i) to establish such regional offices, local study centres, faculties, institutes, schools, extra-mural departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may from time to time seem necessary or desirable, subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission;
- (ii) the power to establish regional offices, local study centres, faculties, institutes, schools, amongst others, shall include the powers to establish community and special study centres;
- (iii) any community requesting for the establishment of a community study centre shall be required to provide 80% of both the infrastructural and instructional material needs, while the University shall provide manpower and the remaining 20% of both the needs;
- (iv) prescribe the guidelines and conditions to be satisfied before approval can be granted for the establishment of community studies centres in Nigeria;
- (v) in the case of special study centre, the bodies requesting for the study centre shall provide 100 per cent facilities in terms of building, roads and other infrastructures (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Amendment of Section 5.

- (1) The heading of section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the words "and powers" immediately after the word "Functions"
- (2) Section 5 of the Principal Act is further amended by inserting the following new subsections (10), (11) and (12) immediately after the existing subsections of the section —

- (10) The Council shall appoint the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Registrar, University Librarian and Bursar, in accordance with the provisions of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004, as amended.
- (11) The powers of the Council shall be exercised as contained in the laws and Statutes of the University and in the event of any inconsistencies between circulars and guidelines, the laws and Statutes of the University, as the case may be shall prevail.
- (12) The Governing Council of the University shall:
- (a) be independent in the discharge of its functions and responsibilities under this Bill in the interest of good management, growth and sustainable development of the University; and
 - (b) ensure that disbursement of funds of the University is in accordance with the approved budgetary ratio for personnel cost, overhead cost, research and development, library development, while ensuring at all times that a balance exists in expenditures made for academic and non-academic activities (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Insertion of a new Section 22.

The Principal Act is amended by inserting a new section 22 immediately after the existing section 21 and the existing section 22 is renumbered as new section 23.

“22. Service in the University to be pensionable.

- (1) Service in the University shall be pensionable in line with the Pension Reform Act and employees of the University shall be entitled to pensions and other retirement benefits as prescribed in the Pension Reform Act.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms and conditions, which preclude the grant of pension or other retirement benefits in respect of that office.
- (3) For the purpose of the application of the Pensions Reform Act, any power exercisable by a Minister or Authority of the Federal Government, not being the power to make regulations under the provisions of section 97 thereof, are exercisable by the Council and not any other person or Authority” (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 7: Amendment of new Section 23.

The existing section 23 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting immediately the words "of Nigeria" immediately after the word "University;" and renumbered as new section 24 (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 8: Amendment of Paragraph 3 of the First Schedule.

Paragraph 3 of the First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing subparagraph (1) and (2) a new sub-paragraph (1) (a)-(c).

The Vice Chancellor

3. (1) The Vice-Chancellor shall:
 - (a) be appointed by the Governing Council in accordance with the provisions of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, as amended;
 - (b) hold office for a single term of five years and no more; and
 - (c) may be removed from office by the Governing Council of the University in accordance with the provisions of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, as amended.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office on such terms as to emoluments and otherwise, as may be specified in his instrument of appointment (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 8 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 9: Amendment of Paragraph 4 of the First Schedule.

- (1) Paragraph 4 of the First Schedule is amended as follows:

Subparagraph 4 (1) (a) by inserting the word "three" immediately before the words "Deputy Vice Chancellors";

- (2) Deleting the provision of subparagraph 4 (3) and substituting same.

Other principal officers of the University:

- (1) There shall be the following other officers of the University, who shall each be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor, that is to say:
 - (a) three Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
 - (b) Registrar;
 - (c) Bursar; and
 - (d) Librarian.
- (3) (a) The Deputy Vice Chancellors, Registrar, University Librarian and Bursar, shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, as amended.

- (b) The Deputy Vice Chancellors, Registrar, University Librarian and Bursar, shall hold office in accordance with the provisions of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, as amended.
- (c) The Deputy Vice Chancellors, Registrar, University Librarian and Bursar, may be removed from office in accordance with the provisions of the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, as amended" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 9 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 10: Amendment of Third Schedule.

- (1) Amendment of the sub-title of the Third Schedule of the Principal Act. The sub-title of the Third Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting the words "of Nigeria" immediately after the word "University" as follows:

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- (2) The Third Schedule to the Principal Act is amended as follows:

In paragraph 1 (c) by deleting the word "fifteen" and substituting with the word "four";

in paragraph 1 (e) by deleting the word "one" and substituting with the word "two";

by deleting the provision of paragraph 1 (f) and renumbering the remaining sub-paragraphs of paragraph 1 accordingly.

- (3) The Council.

1. (1) The Council shall consist of:

- (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
- (b) the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
- (c) four persons representing a variety of interests and broadly representative of the whole Federation, appointed by the President;
- (d) four persons appointed by the Senate, from among the members of that body;
- (e) two persons appointed by Congregation, from among the members of that body;
- (f) one person appointed by Convocation, from among the members of that body; and
- (g) the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education or, in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him.

- (4) Further Amendment in paragraph 2 (1) (c), by inserting the words, "at least" after the word "Council" appearing on the first line of the sub-paragraph and substituting the word "eight" for the word "four" on the last line of the subparagraph —
- (c) ten other members of the Council at least appointed by the Council, one of whom shall be selected from among the four members of the Council appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to the Council by the Congregation and the remaining four shall be from among members appointed by the President'
- (5) Further amendment is made by deleting from the Third Schedule the entire provisions of paragraph 5 (1) to (5) and renumbering the remaining paragraphs accordingly (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 10 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 11: Interpretation.

In this statute, the expression "the Act", means the National Open University of Nigeria (Amendment) Act and any expression defined in the Act, has the same meaning in this statute (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 11 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 12: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the National Open University of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 12 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Open University Act, Cap. N63, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the inclusion of ICT as another means of Providing Tuition towards the Advancement of Learning throughout Nigeria by the National Open University; and for Connected Purposes (HB.1040) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai 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 Amend the National Open University Act, Cap. N63, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the inclusion of ICT as another means of Providing Tuition towards the Advancement of Learning throughout Nigeria by the National Open University; and for Connected Purposes (HB.1040) and approved Clauses 1 - 12, 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 Establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Agency as the Central Body in Nigeria Responsible for Receiving, Requesting, Analyzing and Disseminating Financial Intelligence Report and Other Information to Law Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities; and for Related Matters (HB.1082) (Committee of the Whole)*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

18. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 22 November, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.53 p.m.

Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun
Deputy Speaker