



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 11 July, 2019

1. The House met at 11.47 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, 10 July, 2019.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Message**
Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

9th July, 2019

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

Dear Rt Hon. F. Gbajabiamila,

Pursuant to the provision of Section 151 of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) which confers on the President, power to appoint Special Advisers to assist him in the performance of his functions. I write to request the kind consideration of the Honourable House of Representatives of the Federal Republic to appoint fifteen (15) Special Advisers.

While hoping that this request will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the House of Representatives, please accept, Mr Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Olubidemi Olufolasayo Adebayo, on the termination of her appointment by the National Intelligence Agency (NIA), praying the House to cause her reinstatement, was presented and laid by Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga (*Ikenne/Sagamu/Remu North Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Comrade Mohammed Ali, on behalf of five hundred suspended academic and non-academic staff of the Federal University, Gusau, praying the House to ensure their recall and payment of all their outstanding entitlements, was presented and laid by Hon. Kabiru Amadu (*Gusau/Tsafe Federal Constituency*); and
- (iii) A petition from Benjamin Wilcox, on alleged negligence and criminal breach of trust by Standard Bank Offshore Trust Company Jersey Limited, praying for a review of their Trust and compensation for negligence, was presented and laid by Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek Dagomie (*Andoni-Opobo/Nkoro Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions (when constituted).

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

- (i) **Fire Outbreak Due to Vandalization of Pipeline in Ijegan, Alimosho Local Government Area, of Lagos State:**
Hon. Olufemi Adebajo Bamidele (*Alimosho 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.

Fire Outbreak Due to Vandalization of Pipeline in Ijegan, Alimosho Local Government Area, of Lagos State:

The House:

Notes the tragic and unfortunate fire outbreak, on Thursday, 4 July, 2019 in Ijegan, Alimosho Local Government Area, of Lagos State, leading to the death of 12 people and loss of property worth millions of naira;

Also notes that the inferno was caused by leakages arising from vandalization by hoodlums who scoop crude oil from the leaking pipelines;

Aware that the activities of the hoodlums are still on-going as the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and relevant agencies responsible for maintenance and repairs of the pipelines are yet to effect the necessary repairs.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to urgently effect necessary repairs to the damaged pipelines to avert future occurrence;
- (ii) call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims of the fire disaster (*Hon. Olufemi Adebajo Bamidele — Alimosho Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 25/07/2019).

Motion referred to Committees on Petroleum (Downstream), and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness (when constituted), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

- (ii) ***Call for the Rehabilitation of the Road Between Ajaokuta and Itope Bridge, Kogi State:***
Hon. Ali Abdullahi Ibrahim (Ankpa/Omala/Olamaboro 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 for the Rehabilitation of the Road Between Ajaokuta and Itope Bridge, Kogi State:

The House:

Notes that the Itope-Ajaokuta bridge serves as a link between the South-East, South-South, South-West, North-Central and the Federal Capital Territory (Abuja);

Also notes the economic importance of the road from Ajaokuta to Itope Bridge which serves as an access road as raw materials and finished goods come in and goes out of the Ajaokuta Steel Company to other parts of the country;

Aware that road users used to pass through the Ajaokuta Steel Complex before the bridge collapsed;

Also aware that following the collapse of the bridge, travellers are compelled to travel through another route;

Further aware that the dilapidated nature of this road has continued for over a decade leading to accidents and loss of lives and property worth millions of Naira with the attendant mayhem caused by armed robbers in the area;

Worried that armed robbers seized the opportunity to attack travellers plying the road due to traffic jam;

Disturbed that if urgent measures are not taken to rehabilitate the road, it will continue to deteriorate making it impassable for motorist and other road users leading to untold hardship, that could halt the economic activities of the State resulting to loss of revenue to the State and Nigeria at large;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently commence the rehabilitation of the Ajaokuta-Itobe Road and the Itobe Bridge; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and FERMA to monitor compliance and report back accordingly for further legislative input (*Hon. Ali Abdullahi Ibrahim — Ankpa/Omala/Olamaboro Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 26/07/2019).

Motion referred to Committees on Works, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) (when constituted), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts Bill, 2019 (HB. 67).
- (2) Plant Variety Protection (PVP) Bill, 2019 (HB.68).
- (3) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2019 (HB.69).
- (4) Veterinary Surgeons Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2019 (HB.70).
- (5) Nigerian Co-operative Societies Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.71).
- (6) National Food Reserve Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB.72).
- (7) Federal Capital Territory Emergency Management Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB.73).
- (8) Births, Deaths, etc. (Compulsory Registration) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.74).
- (9) Piers Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.75).
- (10) Currency Offences Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.76).
- (11) Federal University, Omoku (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB.77).
- (12) Palm Oil Development Bill, 2019 (HB.78).
- (13) Agriculture (Control of Importation) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.79).
- (14) Chartered Institute of Treasury Management (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB.57).
- (15) National Universities Commission Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2019 (HB.81).

- (16) Jury Bill, 2019 (HB.82).
- (17) Fire and Rescue Service Bill, 2019 (HB.83).
- (18) Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.84).
- (19) Environmental Impact Assessment Bill, 2019 (HB.85).
- (20) Food Safety and Quality Bill, 2019 (HB.86).
- (21) Nigerian Minerals and Mining Bill, 2019 (HB.87).
- (22) Institute of Mortgage Brokers and Lenders (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB.88).
- (23) Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.89).
- (24) Nigeria Police Academy (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB.90).
- (25) Arbitration and Conciliation Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2019 (HB.91).
- (26) National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.92).
- (27) National Mathematical Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.93).
- (28) Estate Surveyors and Valuers (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.94).
- (29) Public Servants Foreign Education Prohibition Bill, 2019 (HB.95).
- (30) Trade Malpractices Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.96).

7. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Commission against the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons to Coordinate and Implement activities to combat the Problem of the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Nigeria in line with the Economic Community of West African States Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons; and for Related Matters (HB. 10) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Commission against the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons to Coordinate and Implement activities to combat the Problem of the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Nigeria in line with the Economic Community of West African States Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons; and for Related Matters (HB. 10) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on National Security and Intelligence (when constituted).

8. Commemoration of World Population Day: Need to Address Growing Concerns Confronting the Women Population in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that since 1989, 11 July has been designated annually to commemorate the World Population Day;

Also notes that the World Population Day focuses attention on Population issues like family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health, infant mortality, human rights, immigration and education of women;

Recalls that the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development identified reproductive health and gender equality as key issues for attaining sustainable development;

Aware that this Year's World Population Day calls for global attention on the unfinished business of the 1994 International Conference;

Concerned that 25 years after this landmark Conference, which was well attended by over 20,000 delegates from about 179 nations, United Nations (UN) Agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and the Media, Nigeria still lags behind in issues affecting women like economic exclusion, high maternal/infant mortality rate, gender inequality and recently the plight of women in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps;

Also concerned that with the rise in insurgency, sectarian crisis and killings in recent years in Nigeria, the plight of women has worsened with more widows and orphaned children, especially the girl child;

Observes the need for Nigeria to urgently carry out another population census in order to distill the demographics and living conditions of women in Nigeria;

Cognizant of the need for due attention to issues of gender inequality, economic exclusion of women, high maternal mortality, gender discrimination and abuse of women in internally displaced Persons' camps as the nation commemorates the 2019 World Population Day;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to develop short, medium and long term action plans to address the increasing challenges faced by women in Nigeria like gender inequality, high maternal mortality, economic exclusion, gender discrimination/abuse, displacement and forward same to the National Assembly for legislative action;
- (ii) also urge the National Population Commission to prepare an action plan for a population census in Nigeria and forward same to the National Assembly for legislative action;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Population (when constituted) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that since 1989, 11 July has been designated annually to commemorate the World Population Day;

Also noted that the World Population Day focuses attention on Population issues like family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health, infant mortality, human rights, immigration and education of women;

Recalled that the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development identified reproductive health and gender equality as key issues for attaining sustainable development;

Aware that this Year's World Population Day calls for global attention on the unfinished business of the 1994 International Conference;

Concerned that 25 years after this landmark Conference, which was well attended by over 20,000 delegates from about 179 nations, United Nations (UN) Agencies, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and the Media, Nigeria still lags behind in issues affecting women like economic exclusion, high maternal/infant mortality rate, gender inequality and recently the plight of women in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps;

Also concerned that with the rise in insurgency, sectarian crisis and killings in recent years in Nigeria, the plight of women has worsened with more widows and orphaned children, especially the girl child;

Observed the need for Nigeria to urgently carry out another population census in order to distill the demographics and living conditions of women in Nigeria;

Cognizant of the need for due attention to issues of gender inequality, economic exclusion of women, high maternal mortality, gender discrimination and abuse of women in internally displaced Persons' camps as the nation commemorates the 2019 World Population Day;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to develop short, medium and long term action plans to address the increasing challenges faced by women in Nigeria like gender inequality, high maternal mortality, economic exclusion, gender discrimination/abuse, displacement and forward same to the National Assembly for legislative action;
- (ii) also urge the National Population Commission to prepare an action plan for a population census in Nigeria and forward same to the National Assembly for legislative action;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Population (when constituted) to ensure compliance (**HR. 27/07/2019**).

9. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 16 July, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.19 p.m.

