HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 16 June, 2016

1. The House met at 11.13 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, 15 June, 2016.

*The **Votes and Proceedings** was adopted by unanimous consent.*

3. **Announcement**
***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

(*i*) Staff and Students of Daisies Academy, Nursery and Primary School, Dakwo District, Abuja;

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Deo Gratias International School Limited, Garki, Abuja; and

(*iii*) Staff and Students of Kings Crown College, Mararaba, Karu, Nasarawa State.

4. **Petitions**
(*i*) A petition from Chinedu James Ujam on the termination of his appointment by the management of Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC), was presented and laid by Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam (*Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*);

(*ii*) A petition from A. S. Nwokeocha & Co., on behalf of Oliver Edu and 1 other on the torture and murder of Chibuike Edu while in the custody of the Special Anti Robbery Squad, Enugu Division, was presented and laid by Hon. Anayo Edwin (*Ishielu/Ezza North Federal Constituency*);

(*iii*) A petition from Bakumo Gaza on behalf of Concerned Bayelsa Indigenes Forum on the exclusion of Bayelsa State from the list of Ambassadorial nominees released by the Federal Government and the current list of Permanent Secretaries in the Federal Civil Service, was presented and laid by Hon. Diri Douye (*Yenagoa/K/Opokuma Federal Constituency*); and

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(*iv*) A petition from Okwudili Abanum & Co., (Solicitors & Associates) on behalf of James Onanefe Ibori, on the continuous illegal detention and prosecution of their client by the British government, was presented and laid by Hon. Lovette Idisi (*Ethiope East/Ethiope West Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(*i*) *Need to Provide Relief Materials, Proper Medications, and Portable Water to the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Bama, Banki, and Kumshe Towns*:

Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff (*Bama/Ngala/Kalabalge 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 VIII, Rule 46 (3) and 49 to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rules 46 (3) *and* 49 *to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

Urgent Need to Provide Relief Materials, Proper Medications, and Portable Water to the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Bama, Banki, and Kumshe Towns:

The House:

Notes that the towns of Bama, Banki, and Kumshe were once commercial nerve centres and economic hub of not only Borno State but the entire North East Zone;

Also notes that the people of these towns are highly industrious and enterprising, but unfortunately, as a result of the insurgency, they can no longer feed, have shelter, and take care of themselves;

Observes that in addition to the thousands of people that were brutally murdered by Boko Haram terrorists the whole towns were destroyed, with no good single structure, business premises, shelter and public institution left. In fact, every other infrastructure within the towns have been destroyed completely;

Aware that Bama, was hitherto the largest Boko Haram caliphate, where the dreaded terrorist group was finally defeated by our gallant troops and Civilian JTF;

Also aware that due to the large number and overwhelming demand for basic amenities, The capacity of the State Government have been overstretched in meeting these demands in the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps, which are over 29 camps within the State;

Worried that there are estimated 25,000 IDPs in Bama town, 20,000 IDPs in Banki town, and 6,000 IDPs in Kumsha Town alone, with most of them hosting women and children;

Concerned that due to poor sanitation, lack of access to portable water, medication and feeding there is a high mortality rate both among adults and children in the camps;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Nigerian Refugees Commission (NRC), Victims Support Fund Team (VSFT), and other related bodies to urgently provide relief materials and proper medications in the IDPs camps;

(*ii*) also urge the Ministry of Water Resources, and Ministry of Health to urgently drill bore holes so as to provide portable water;

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on IDPs, Refugees and North East Initiatives to ensure strict compliance with Prayers (*i*) and (*ii*) (*Hon. Mohammed Nur Sheriff — Bama/Ngala/Kalabalge Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the towns of Bama, Banki, and Kumshe were once commercial nerve centres and economic hub of not only Borno State but the entire North East Zone;

Also noted that the people of these towns are highly industrious and enterprising, but unfortunately, as a result of the insurgency, they can no longer feed, have shelter, and take care of themselves;

Observed that in addition to the thousands of people that were brutally murdered by Boko Haram terrorists the whole towns were destroyed, with no good single structure, business premises, shelter and public institution left. In fact, every other infrastructure within the towns have been destroyed completely;

Aware that Bama, was hitherto the largest Boko Haram caliphate, where the dreaded terrorist group was finally defeated by our gallant troops and Civilian JTF;

Also aware that due to the large number and overwhelming demand for basic amenities, The capacity of the State Government have been overstretched in meeting these demands in the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps, which are over 29 camps within the State;

Worried that there are estimated 25,000 IDPs in Bama town, 20,000 IDPs in Banki town, and 6,000 IDPs in Kumsha Town alone, with most of them hosting women and children;

Concerned that due to poor sanitation, lack of access to portable water, medication and feeding there is a high mortality rate both among adults and children in the camps;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Nigerian Refugees Commission (NRC), Victims Support Fund Team (VSFT), and other related bodies to urgently provide relief materials and proper medications in the IDPs camps;

(*ii*) also urge the Ministry of Water Resources, and Ministry of Health to urgently drill bore holes so as to provide portable water;

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on IDPs, Refugees and North East Initiatives to ensure strict compliance with Prayers (*i*) and (*ii*) (**HR. 10/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees, and North East Initiatives (IDPs), pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 51 (5).

(*ii*) ***Need for the Framework and Details of the* 500 *Billion Naira Social Intervention Fund*:** Hon. Adamu Abubakar Chika (*Shiroro/Rafi/Munya 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 VIII, Rule 46 (3) and 49 to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rules 46 (3) *and* 49 *to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

Urgent Need for the Framework and Details of the 500 Billion Naira Social Intervention Fund:

The House:

Notes that most developing countries are investing in social protection to improve the lives and welfare of the vulnerable people;

Also notes that the World Bank Group and International Labour Organizations have a vision of social protection for all, a world where anyone who needs social protection can access it anytime;

Aware that 500 billion Naira has been appropriated in the 2016 budget for social intervention programmes in 5 key areas of job creation opportunities for 500,000 teachers, and 100,000 artisans across the nation. Also, 5.5 million children are to be provided with meals through school feeding programmes, conditional cash transfer scheme, providing financial support to 1 million vulnerable beneficiaries, and complement the enterprise programme which will target up to 1 million market women; 400,000 artisans and 200,00 agricultural workers nationwide;

Also aware that Nigeria at different times had introduced programmes like SURE-P but, it had failed woefully due to mismanagement and lack of strong institutional structure;

Cognizant of the fact that the National Assembly has approved 500 billion Naira as a social welfare fund domiciled under the Service Wide Votes of the Federal Ministry of National Planning and Budget to be implemented by the Senior Special Adviser (SSA) to the President on Social Protection under the office of the Vice President;

Also cognizant of the fact that this is not the right structure to handle such social intervention fund to mitigate the plight of the poor and vulnerable by providing concrete and recognizable social protection programmes that will provide a lasting legacy in Nigeria is inevitable;

Conscious of the urgent need for the Federal Government to stop the disbursement of the fund until a framework has been provided for the said disbursement;

Resolves:

That the Committees on Legislative Budget and Research, and Poverty Alleviation to implore the SSA in the Vice President's Office on Social Protection Programmes to make available the framework and details of the programmes and report to House within three weeks (*Hon. Abubakar Chika Adamu -- Shiroro/Rafi/Munya Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Insert a new Prayer (*ii*) as follows:
"Call on the Senior Special Assistant (SSA) to the President, to make detailed presentation on the implementation of this programme to Nigerians through the floor of the House of Representatives, for proper follow up by Members" (*Hon. Edim Eta Mbora — Calabar Municipal/Odukpani Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Motion — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that most developing countries are investing in social protection to improve the lives and welfare of the vulnerable people;

Also noted that the World Bank Group and International Labour Organizations have a vision of social protection for all, a world where anyone who needs social protection can access it anytime;

Aware that 500 billion Naira has been appropriated in the 2016 budget for social intervention programmes in 5 key areas of job creation opportunities for 500,000 teachers, and 100,000 artisans across the nation. Also, 5.5 million children are to be provided with meals through school feeding programmes, conditional cash transfer scheme, providing financial support to 1 million vulnerable beneficiaries, and complement the enterprise programme which will target up to 1 million market women; 400,000 artisans and 200,00 agricultural workers nationwide;

Also aware that Nigeria at different times had introduced programmes like SURE-P but, it had failed woefully due to mismanagement and lack of strong institutional structure;

Cognizant of the fact that the National Assembly has approved 500 billion Naira as a social welfare fund domiciled under the Service Wide Votes of the Federal Ministry of National Planning and Budget to be implemented by the Senior Special Adviser (SSA) to the President on Social Protection under the office of the Vice President;

Also cognizant of the fact that this is not the right structure to handle such social intervention fund to mitigate the plight of the poor and vulnerable by providing concrete and recognizable social protection programmes that will provide a lasting legacy in Nigeria is inevitable;

Conscious of the urgent need for the Federal Government to stop the disbursement of the fund until a framework has been provided for the said disbursement;

Resolved:

That the Committees on Legislative Budget and Research, and Poverty Alleviation to implore the SSA in the Vice President's Office on Social Protection Programmes to make available the framework and details of the programmes and report to House within three weeks (**HR. 11/2016**).

6. Privilege

Hon. Aliyu Madaki (*Dala Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the House to the Order Paper of Wednesday, 15 June 2016, in which his name was listed as a co-sponsor of the motion on the "Need for an improved funding for the Amnesty Programme and a suitable strategic plan to end militancy in the Niger Delta". He averred that he was not a party to the motion and was not consulted whatsoever on it. He therefore described the inclusion of his name as a co-sponsor of the motion as a breach of his privilege and prayed for the correction of the mistake.

Mr Speaker noted his point of privilege and ordered the Secretariat to delete his name from the list of Sponsors of the motion.

7. Presentation of Reports

(*i*) *Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of the Award of Contract for the Installation of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV)*:

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(*ii*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:
Report on the Petition by Captain Balarabe A. Usman:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Captain Balarabe A. Usman against the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*iii*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:
Report on thePetition by Ogoni Solidarity Forum):
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ogoni Solidarity Forum against the Nigeria Customs Service on the seizure of Non-Motorized Bus Donated to Nigeria Civil Society for the Ogoni Struggle" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*iv*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:
Report on the Petition by Ajodo A. Augustine:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ajodo A. Augustine againstthe Nigeria Customs Service on alleged wrongful dismissal from service" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*v*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Austin Nwabufo Esq:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Austin Nwabufo Esq. on behalf of Amobi Akaegbobi against Fidelity Bank Plc on alleged financial crimes, deliberate fraud and sleaze on depositor's fund" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*vi*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Bille Kingdom Chiefs Council:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Bille Kingdom Chiefs against the Nigerian Army on alleged military invasion on Bille Kingdom" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*vii*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition against by Chief Anthony Ibifuro Tamunonimi and Five Others:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Chief Anthony Ibifuro Tamunonimi and five others against Independent Electoral Commission (INEC) on the Act of continued denial of constitutionally guaranteed representation of Rivers State unexplainable perpetual refusal to conclude the rerun Elections conducted in part since 19th March, 2016" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the total sum of ₦260,064,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Sixty Billion, Sixty-Four Million Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦17,560,518,930.00 (Seventeen Billion, Five Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs, the sum of ₦9,980,000,000.00 (Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty Million Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, and ₦1,300,000,000.00 (One Billion, Three Hundred Million Naira) only, is for Internal Capital Expenditure while ₦231,224,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Thirty-One Billion, Two Hundred and Twenty-Four Million Naira) only, is for Development Projects for the Service of the Niger Delta Development Commission for the Fiscal Year Ending on 31st December, 2016 (HB. 635) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the total sum of ₦260,064,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Sixty Billion, Sixty-Four Million Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦17,560,518,930.00 (Seventeen Billion, Five Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs, the sum of ₦9,980,000,000.00 (Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty Million Naira) only, is for Recurrent

Expenditure, and ₦1,300,000,000.00 (One Billion, Three Hundred Million Naira) only, is for Internal Capital Expenditure while ₦231,224,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Thirty-One Billion, Two Hundred and Twenty-Four Million Naira) only, is for Development Projects for the Service of the Niger Delta Development Commission for the Fiscal Year Ending on 31st December, 2016 (HB. 635) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the Total Sum of ₦241,467,231,031 (Two Hundred and Forty-One Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty-Seven Million, Two Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Thirty-One Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦52,371,352,360 (Fifty-Two Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy-One Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of ₦40,039,268,620 (Forty Billion and Thirty-Nine Million, Two Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty Naira) only, is for Overhead Cost whilst the Balance of ₦149,056,610,051 (One Hundred and Forty-Nine Billion and Fifty-Six Million, Six Hundred and Ten Thousand and Fifty One Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja for the Financial Year Commencing from 1st January and Ending on 31st December, 2016 (HB. 567) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the Total Sum of ₦241,467,231,031 (Two Hundred and Forty-One Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty-Seven Million, Two Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Thirty-One Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦52,371,352,360 (Fifty-Two Billion, Three Hundred and Seventy-One Million, Three Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the sum of ₦40,039,268,620 (Forty Billion and Thirty-Nine Million, Two Hundred and Sixty Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty Naira) only, is for Overhead Cost whilst the Balance of ₦149,056,610,051 (One Hundred and Forty-Nine Billion and Fifty-Six Million, Six Hundred and Ten Thousand and Fifty One Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja for the Financial Year Commencing from 1st January and Ending on 31st December, 2016 (HB. 567) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Federal Capital Territory, and Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Domestication and Enforcement in Nigeria of the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Kingdom of Sweden; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 443) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Domestication and Enforcement in Nigeria of the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Kingdom of Sweden; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 443) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Treaties, Protocols and Agreements.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Protection of Persons who render reasonable Assistance during Emergency situations occurring at places within Federal Jurisdiction and to serve as a model to be adopted by the States of the Federation; and for Other Related Matters (HB.171) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Protection of Persons who render reasonable Assistance during Emergency situations occurring at places within Federal Jurisdiction and to serve as a model to be adopted by the States of the Federation; and for Other Related Matters (HB.171) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Babajimi Benson — Ikorodu 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 Police Affairs, and Justice.

12. **Rehabilitation of Oguta-Egbema-Omoku-Ahoada Road**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Oguta-Egbema-Omoku-Ahoada Road connects the South East and South South geopolitical zones of Nigeria linking the Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Oru West Oil Producing Federal Constituency in Imo State with its sister Federal Constituencies of Ogba-Egbema-Ndonil/Ahoada West and Ikwerre/Emohua in Rivers State;

Concerned that the road, with all its economic importance, has been in a state of disrepair for some decades after its reconstruction by the President Shehu Shagari administration in 1981, a situation that has impacted adversely on the socio-economic activities of the area, including delays in vehicular movement, incessant cases of robbery, kidnappings and other criminal activities;

Aware that the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) awarded a contract in 2012 for the dualization of the road, with a bridge on the historic Oguta Lake to further link Mgbidi/Orlu and Ihiala/Amorka in Anambra State, yet no meaningful job was done on the road before the Contractor abandoned the site;

Also concerned that the NDDC possibly paid huge sums of money by way of mobilization to the Contractor that is now nowhere to be found;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to take urgent steps towards the rehabilitation/reconstruction of Oguta-Egbema-Omoku-Ahoada Road;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to take immediate measures to cover the dangerous potholes on the road, to make it passable in the meantime pending the ultimate rehabilitation/reconstruction of the road;

(*iii*) also urge the NDDC to take urgent steps to ensure that the Contract for the dualization of the road is resumed and completed; and

(*iv*) mandate the Committee on NDDC to investigate the award of contract for the dualization of the road, determine the reason for the abandonment and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Opiah Goodluck Nanah — Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Oru West Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 12/2016).

Motion referred to the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 51 (5).

13. Call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to Establish an Emergency Response and Ambulance Bay at Ewu Hills, along the Benin-Abuja Highway, Ewu, Edo State
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Section 14 (2) (*b*) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 provides that the primary purpose of government is the security and welfare of the people;

Aware of the countless number of vehicular accidents on the Ewu hills which have become almost a daily occurrence resulting in the loss of lives and destruction of properties;

Cognizant of the attempt by the Federal Ministry of Works to dig out that section of the road which yielded minimal results;

Also aware that the absence of emergency rescue for victims of accidents has contributed greatly to the death of the victims as the inferno resulting from the crashes has been majorly responsible for the carnage;

Desirous of stemming the ugly and pathetic situation;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, set up an Emergency Response and Ambulance Bay at Ewu hills at the Agbede- Ewu axis along the Benin-Abuja Highway, Ewu, Edo State; and

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works to take urgent steps to complete the dualisation of the Lokoja-Benin section of the Abuja-Lokoja-Benin highway (*Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun — Esan Northeast/Esan Southeast Federal Constituency and* 1 *other*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 13/2016).

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

14. Urgent Need to Investigate the Massive Corrupt Practices being Perpetrated by Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited in its Management of the Transmission Company of Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government entered into a management contract with Manitoba International Canada, which was later incorporated in Nigeria as Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited which effectively altered the character of the management contract in certain respects;

Aware that while the consideration of the management contract includes emoluments for 15 expatriates, only 8 expatriates are working at the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN);

Also aware that in these harsh economic times, the Managing Director of TCN, a public corporation, draws a monthly salary of ₦35,500,000 (Thirty-five million, five hundred thousand Naira) while other expatriates and the Managing Director, ISO earn monthly incomes of ₦20,500,000 (twenty Million, five Hundred thousand Naira) and ₦19,100,000 (Nineteen Million, One Hundred Thousand Naira) respectively;

Further aware that although the official exchange rate of the Dollar to the Naira four years ago was around ₦160 (One hundred and sixty Naira) which is now ₦199 (one hundred and ninety Naira) the exchange rate being used by the management company since 2012, has been ₦395 (three hundred and ninety-five Naira), a rate that was and is still higher than both the official and parallel market rates;

Conscious that as a result of the unlawful exchange rate being used by Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited in the last 13 quarters, the transmission company of Nigeria has fraudulently and illegally lost ₦3,769,000,000 (three billion, seven hundred and sixty-nine million Naira) over and above its entitlement under the management contract;

Also conscious that although Manitoba Nigeria Limited, a Nigerian company pays tax through the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), it recoups the amounts from the funds of the market operators of the ISO in the TCN and has so far recovered over ₦1,680,000 (One million, and six hundred and eighty thousand Naira) to date;

Further conscious that in April 2016, the management company unlawfully revalidated a 2010 contract worth ₦1,900,000,000 (one billion, nine hundred million Naira) and awarded it to ABB India without due process, in flagrant violation of the Public Procurement Act, 2007;

Disturbed that Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited has not met its key performance indicators (KPI) under the management contract and has clearly failed to justify the humongous sums of money it has drawn in expatriate emoluments;

Deeply worried by the grave national security implications of a situation where foreigners are signatories to and in charge of the management of a sovereign trust fund of Nigeria — the Market Operations (MO) trust fund;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the massive corrupt practices being perpetrated by Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited in its management of the issues raised in this motion and report back to the House within four weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi — Karu/Keffi/Kokona Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) In the Prayer, line 1, immediately after the word "Power", *insert* the words "and Public Procurement" (*Hon. Adekunle Akinlade — Egbado South/Ipokia Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(*ii*) In the Prayer as amended, immediately after the word "Procurement", *insert* the words "and Privatization and Commercialization" (*Hon. Babajimi Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal Government entered into a management contract with Manitoba International Canada, which was later incorporated in Nigeria as Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited which effectively altered the character of the management contract in certain respects;

Aware that while the consideration of the management contract includes emoluments for 15 expatriates, only 8 expatriates are working at the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN);

Also aware that in these harsh economic times, the Managing Director of TCN, a public corporation, draws a monthly salary of ₦35,500,000 (Thirty-five million, five hundred thousand Naira) while other expatriates and the Managing Director, ISO earn monthly incomes of ₦20,500,000 (twenty Million, five Hundred thousand Naira) and ₦19,100,000 (Nineteen Million, One Hundred Thousand Naira) respectively;

Further aware that although the official exchange rate of the Dollar to the Naira four years ago was around ₦160 (One hundred and sixty Naira) which is now ₦199 (one hundred and ninety Naira) the exchange rate being used by the management company since 2012, has been ₦395 (three hundred and ninety-five Naira), a rate that was and is still higher than both the official and parallel market rates;

Conscious that as a result of the unlawful exchange rate being used by Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited in the last 13 quarters, the transmission company of Nigeria has fraudulently and illegally lost ₦3,769,000,000 (three billion, seven hundred and sixty-nine million Naira) over and above its entitlement under the management contract;

Also conscious that although Manitoba Nigeria Limited, a Nigerian company pays tax through the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), it recoups the amounts from the funds of the market operators of the ISO in the TCN and has so far recovered over ₦1,680,000 (One million, and six hundred and eighty thousand Naira) to date;

Further conscious that in April 2016, the management company unlawfully revalidated a 2010 contract worth ₦1,900,000,000 (one billion, nine hundred million Naira) and awarded it to ABB India without due process, in flagrant violation of the Public Procurement Act, 2007;

Disturbed that Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited has not met its key performance indicators (KPI) under the management contract and has clearly failed to justify the humongous sums of money it has drawn in expatriate emoluments;

Deeply worried by the grave national security implications of a situation where foreigners are signatories to and in charge of the management of a sovereign trust fund of Nigeria — the Market Operations (MO) trust fund;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Power, and Public Procurement to investigate the massive corrupt practices being perpetrated by Manitoba Hydro International Nigeria Limited in its management of the issues raised in this motion and report back to the house within four weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 14/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Power, and Public Procurement.

15. Need to Safeguard Nigeria's Borders and Review Immigration Policies to Aid the Fight against Insurgency and other Crimes

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria is bound by the Republic of Benin to the West, the Republics of Chad and Cameroun to the East and Niger Republic to the North;

Aware that over the years, Nigeria's borders have remained porous leading to high incidents of smuggling, largely uncontrolled immigration and very recently, unbridled acts of cross-border terrorism, particularly in the Niger-Cameroun/Chad border axis;

Also aware that the recent spate of insurgency, cattle rustling and other security challenges confronting the nation have been perpetrated by insurgents of both Nigerian and non-Nigerian descent and remain a threat to national security;

Also notes the report in the Wikipedia, that the unscrupulous activities of these insurgents have led to the death of over 15,000 Nigerians, the displacement of over 1,000,000 (One million) others, the abduction of over 200 school girls and other people and the continuing attacks on Nigerians in their homes, worship and other public places since 2009 till the relatively recent time;

Worried that the porous state of Nigeria's borders allows insurgents and their cohorts to smuggle in members of their sect and arms and ammunition to perpetrate their nefarious activities given that conservative estimates by locals show that there are well over 250 footpaths from Damaturu/Maiduguri axis that link Cameroun, Chad and Nigeria and these paths, which are mostly unknown to security agencies, are unmanned and have continued to serve as route for arms and ammunition trafficking into Nigeria;

Also worried by an article in the Nigerian Mirror of 15 September, 2013 titled "Nigeria's Borders: A Nation's Eyesore" that the Federal Ministry of Interior, after an evaluation of Nigeria's borders, disclosed that Nigeria has about 84 regular borders and over 1,487 irregular routes into the country;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Commend the efforts of the Nigerian Armed Forces, other security operatives and the Joint Multi-National Task Force in the fight against insurgency in Nigeria;

(*ii*) urge the Nigerian Armed Forces, the Nigerian Immigration Service, the Nigerian Customs Service and other security operatives stationed along Nigeria's borders to check the status of immigrants and intensify their border patrol to clamp down on immigrating or emigrating insurgents;

(*iii*) also urge the Federal Ministry of Interior to review Nigeria's border and immigration policies in order to avert future occurrence of cross border insurgency of any form; and

(*iv*) mandate the Committees on Interior, Defence, and Customs and Excise to ensure compliance with this resolution (*Hon. Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama — Oredo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

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Motion referred to the Committees on Interior, Defence, and Customs and Excise.

16. Consideration of Report

***Committee on National Security and Intelligence*:**

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on National Security and Intelligence on the Alleged Invasion of the Ekiti State House of Assembly by men of the Department of State Service (DSS) in Violation of the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2004.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 21 *June*, 2016 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Zakari Mohammed — Baruten/Kaima Federal Constituency*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.18 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker