



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 15 June, 2016

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1. The House met at 11.52 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 Tuesday, 14 June, 2016.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
 3. **Announcements**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:
 - (i) Staff and Students of the Lord's Educational Services, Mararaba, Karu Local Government, Nasarawa State;
 - (ii) Staff and Students of Government Girls' Science Secondary School, Kuje, Abuja;
 - (iii) Staff and Students of Loyola Jesuit College, Karu, Abuja;
 - (iv) Staff and Students of Our Great Bethany Excellent Academy, Nyanya, Abuja; and
 - (v) Staff and Students of King's International School Limited, New Karu, Nasarawa State.
 4. **Petition**
A petition from Prof. Chibuzo Uche on his dismissal by the management of University of Nigeria, Nsukka and attempt to suppress a brazen case of forgeries and falsifications which he uncovered as a whistle blower, was presented and laid by Hon. Onyewuchi Ezenwa Francis (*Owerri Municipal/Owerri North/Owerri West Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.
 5. **Closed Session**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resolve into a Closed Session" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader) — Agreed to.

House in Closed Session — 12.03 p.m.

House in Open Session — 1.34 p.m.

6. Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order VIII, Rule 46)

Urgent Intervention in the Devastating Hurricane that Violently Stormed with very Strong Winds Destroying over 200 Houses and Farm Produce in Gamawa Federal Constituency of Bauchi State:
Hon. Mohammed Garba Gololo (*Gamawa 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, Rules 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 Intervention in the Devastating Hurricane that Violently Stormed with Very Strong Winds Destroying over 200 Houses and Farm Produce in Gamawa Federal Constituency of Bauchi State:

The House:

Notes that a devastating Hurricane violently stormed some communities in Gamawa Federal Constituency with very strong wind destroying over 200 houses, farm produce and has impacted negatively on the people;

Also notes that some communities in Gamawa Federal Constituency are without shelter amidst rainfall as a result of this strong Hurricane storm;

Aware that the majority of the indigenes and residents of the affected communities have become homeless and seeking refuge as their Houses are destroyed;

Informed that the extent of destruction is in excess of ₦100 million;

Concerned that this situation could destabilize and jeopardize the livelihood of the indigenes and their economic activities;

Desirous of alleviating the suffering and losses of the affected communities; and ensuring that such disaster does not re-occur;

Resolves to:

- (i) Commiserate with the affected communities;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief and support to the affected communities; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Environment and Habitat to visit the communities and to investigate the cause of the Hurricane and recommend a permanent solution to the House within six weeks (*Hon. Mohammed Garba Gololo — Gamawa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that a devastating Hurricane violently stormed some communities in Gamawa Federal Constituency with very strong wind destroying over 200 houses, farm produce and has impacted negatively on the people;

Also noted that some communities in Gamawa Federal Constituency are without shelter amidst rainfall as a result of this strong Hurricane storm;

Aware that the majority of the indigenes and residents of the affected communities have become homeless and seeking refuge as their Houses are destroyed;

Informed that the extent of destruction is in excess of ₦100 million;

Concerned that this situation could destabilize and jeopardize the livelihood of the indigenes and their economic activities;

Desirous of alleviating the suffering and losses of the affected communities; and ensuring that such disaster does not re-occur;

Resolved to:

- (i) Commiserate with the affected communities;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief and support to the affected communities; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Environment and Habitat to visit the communities and to investigate the cause of the Hurricane and recommend a permanent solution to the House within six weeks (**HR. 06/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, Environment and Habitat, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness.

7. **Presentation and First Reading of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 699).
- (2) Nigerian Ports Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 569).
- (3) Nigeria Institute of Chartered Foresters (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 594).
- (4) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 696).
- (5) Free, Integrated Maternal and Child Healthcare Bill, 2016 (HB. 697).
- (6) Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 698).
- (7) Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 700).
- (8) Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme Bill, 2016 (HB. 701).
- (9) National Institute for Cancer Research and Treatment (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 702).
- (10) Nigeria Institute of Soil Science (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 703).

- (11) National Fitness Day Bill, 2016 (HB. 704).
- (12) Civil Society Commission of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (HB. 705).
- (13) Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.708).

8. 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 Spain; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 444) — *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 Spain; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 444) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Deputy 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.

9. 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 Republic of South Korea; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 445) — *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 Republic of South Korea; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 445) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Femi Gbajabamila — 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.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Universities Veterinary Teaching Hospitals and Veterinary Specialist Hospital (Constitution of Boards, etc.); and for Other Related Matters (HB. 568) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Universities Veterinary Teaching Hospitals and Veterinary Specialist Hospital (Constitution of Boards, etc.); and for Other Related Matters (HB. 568) 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 Agricultural Institutions and Colleges.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. S18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 545) — Second Reading Motion made and Question proposed,** “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. S18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 545) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Agwu/Oji-River 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 Works.

12. **Urgent Need to Commence Generation of Electricity through Coal**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Coal, mainly sub-bituminous steam Coals (except for the Lafia-Obi bituminous Cooking Coal) occurrences in Nigeria have been indicated in more than 22 Coalfields spread over 13 States of the Federation;

Also notes that the proven Coal reserves so far in Nigeria total about 639 million metric tons while the inferred reserves sum up to 2.75 billion metric tons, and presently, the Nigeria's Coal Industry has 4 existing mines, namely Okpara and Onyeama Underground Mines in Enugu State, Aba surface mine in Kogi State and Owukpa underground mine in Benue State, in addition to more than 13 undeveloped Coal fields;

Aware that Coal has many important uses, the most significant of which is in electricity generation as around 7.1 billion tons were used worldwide in 2010, for that purpose; and its share as the biggest single source of energy for electricity production is growing;

Concerned that there has been an un-ending fall in electricity generation which worsened on Thursday, 24 March, 2016 when there occurred a total system collapse at exactly 1.00 p.m., when the nation went to ground zero, with all the Distribution Companies (DISCOs) receiving zero MW allocation from the System Operator;

Also concerned that this never-ending fall in electricity generation has been attributed to vandalism of gas pipelines and the on-going difficulty in the downstream oil industry is also impacting negatively on the power sector which is strategic for increasing the competitiveness of the Nigerian economy;

Observes that greater investments of resources in the power sector would ultimately result in improvement of the economy and therefore well-being of the nation;

Cognizant that considering the prevailing situation, power sector initiative cannot be done with the desired big bang without the Federal Government providing leadership in a sustainable way;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to put all necessary machineries in motion that will lead to generation of electricity through coal in all the States where there is proven and inferred coal reserves; and

- (ii) also urge it to create conducive environment to attract private sector investments in the coal sector, including the issuance of Sovereign Guarantee to foreign investors (*Hon. Ahmed Abu — Edati/Lavun/Mokwa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Coal, mainly sub-bituminous steam Coals (except for the Lafia-Obi bituminous Cooking Coal) occurrences in Nigeria have been indicated in more than 22 Coalfields spread over 13 States of the Federation;

Also noted that the proven Coal reserves so far in Nigeria total about 639 million metric tons while the inferred reserves sum up to 2.75 billion metric tons, and presently, the Nigeria's Coal Industry has 4 existing mines, namely Okpara and Onyeama Underground Mines in Enugu State, Aba surface mine in Kogi State and Owukpa underground mine in Benue State, in addition to more than 13 undeveloped Coal fields;

Aware that Coal has many important uses, the most significant of which is in electricity generation as around 7.1 billion tons were used worldwide in 2010, for that purpose; and its share as the biggest single source of energy for electricity production is growing;

Concerned that there has been an un-ending fall in electricity generation which worsened on Thursday, 24 March, 2016 when there occurred a total system collapse at exactly 1.00 p.m., when the nation went to ground zero, with all the Distribution Companies (DISCOs) receiving zero MW allocation from the System Operator;

Also concerned that this never-ending fall in electricity generation has been attributed to vandalism of gas pipelines and the on-going difficulty in the downstream oil industry is also impacting negatively on the power sector which is strategic for increasing the competitiveness of the Nigerian economy;

Observed that greater investments of resources in the power sector would ultimately result in improvement of the economy and therefore well-being of the nation;

Cognizant that considering the prevailing situation, power sector initiative cannot be done with the desired big bang without the Federal Government providing leadership in a sustainable way;

Resolved to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to put all necessary machineries in motion that will lead to generation of electricity through coal in all the States where there is proven and inferred coal reserves; and
- (ii) also urge it to create conducive environment to attract private sector investments in the coal sector, including the issuance of Sovereign Guarantee to foreign investors (**HR. 07/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Power.

13. Call for Investigation on Alleged Irregularities Surrounding the Centenary City Project

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government had recently conceptualized and undertaken a centenary city development project which was allegedly piloted by the Office of the then Secretary to the Government of the Federation;

Concerned that the centenary city project was marred with irregularities which may have cost the Federal Government and Federal Capital Development Administration Billions of Naira of revenues and loss of thousands of hectares of land;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory to undertake an investigation to determine whether the centenary city project was carried out in accordance with the extant laws, rules and in the best interest of Nigeria, and report back to the House within one month for further legislative action (*Hon. Timothy Golu — Paskshin/Kanke/Kanam Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal Government had recently conceptualized and undertaken a centenary city development project which was allegedly piloted by the Office of the then Secretary to the Government of the Federation;

Concerned that the centenary city project was marred with irregularities which may have cost the Federal Government and Federal Capital Development Administration Billions of Naira of revenues and loss of thousands of hectares of land;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory to undertake an investigation to determine whether the centenary city project was carried out in accordance with the extant laws, rules and in the best interest of Nigeria, and report back to the House within one month for further legislative action (**HR. 08/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory.

14. Need for an Improved Funding for the Amnesty Programme and a Suitable Strategic Plan to End Militancy in the Niger Delta

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the incidents of militancy in the Niger Delta between 2006 and 2009 cut Nigeria's oil production by more than a quarter to around 1.6 mbd;

Also notes that as a result of the militancy, the late President Umaru Yar'Adua introduced the Amnesty Programme in 2009 where about 30,000 militants who had sabotaged oil facilities for years laid down their arms and embraced the amnesty programme;

Aware that the peace achieved as a result of the 2009 Amnesty Programme brought about a rebound in oil output from around 1.6 mbd to about 2.8 mbd, resulting in higher oil revenues for Nigeria;

Worried that the ₦20,000,000,000.00 proposed by the Federal Government for the Presidential Amnesty Office in 2016 budget is lower than the ₦55,824,488,493.27 proposed by the Presidential Amnesty Office and the amount is grossly inadequate to sustain the payment of stipends to 25,000 ex-agitators, pay in-training allowances, tuition fees and other commitments;

Also worried that this massive cut from the proposed ₦55,824,488,493.27 of the Amnesty Office has threatened the sustainability of the amnesty programme and this has led to a resurgence of militancy as the militants are being owed arrears of stipends which has in turn led to slump in oil production which fell to 1.76 mbd in February, 1.68 mbd in March and 1.62 in April, according to the International Energy Agency;

Concerned that an explosion caused by acts of militancy forced Chevron Corporation to close a near-shore valve platform that had been handling 35,000 b/d of crude;

Also concerned that Shell Petroleum Development Corporation declared a force majeure on exports of Bonny Light crude after the Nembe Creek Trunk line was damaged by militants and the closure affected 75,000-78,000 b/d of crude;

Disturbed that acts of militancy in February led to a marine pipeline cut flow through the important Forcados Crude Oil Terminal by as much as 250,000 b/d;

Also disturbed that on 22 May, 2016, militants bombed the Tebidaba to Brass pipeline belonging to the Nigerian Agip Oil Company at Ikienghenbiri community in Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State for the second time in one week;

Observes that the attacks, which have also targeted gas infrastructure in the region, have also impacted negatively on electricity output in the form of thermal power stations that are reliant on gas to power their turbines;

Also observes that the incessant attacks on oil facilities has led to Nigeria losing its place as Africa's largest oil producer because its oil output has fallen to a 22-year low of 1.4 million barrels per day against the budgetary target of 2.2mbpd, and by 1 June, 2016, it was about 990,000 barrel per day;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to formulate a sustainable plan to end militancy in the Niger Delta rather than the confrontational approaches so far adopted; and
- (ii) also urge the leadership of the House to interface with the Federal Government with a view to assisting in securing the additional ₦35,824,488,493.27 shortfall for the Amnesty Office (*Hon. Ekpenyong Essien Ayi — Calabar South/Akpabuyo/Bakassi Federal Constituency and 29 Others*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert* a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
“Urge the militants to give peace a chance and embrace dialogue with the Federal Government in the interest of the Niger Delta Region” (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Prayer (i), line 2, immediately after the word "Delta", *leave out* all other words (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

- (iii) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (ii), and *insert* as follows instead thereof:
"Urge the Federal Government to make available the shortfall of ₦35,824,488,493.27 to enable the Amnesty office pay the Ex-militants" (*Hon. Oluwale Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the incidents of militancy in the Niger Delta between 2006 and 2009 cut Nigeria's oil production by more than a quarter to around 1.6 mbd;

Also noted that as a result of the militancy, the late President Umaru Yar'Adua introduced the Amnesty Programme in 2009 where about 30,000 militants who had sabotaged oil facilities for years laid down their arms and embraced the amnesty programme;

Aware that the peace achieved as a result of the 2009 Amnesty Programme brought about a rebound in oil output from around 1.6 mbd to about 2.8 mbd, resulting in higher oil revenues for Nigeria;

Worried that the ₦20,000,000,000.00 proposed by the Federal Government for the Presidential Amnesty Office in 2016 budget is lower than the ₦55,824,488,493.27 proposed by the Presidential Amnesty Office and the amount is grossly inadequate to sustain the payment of stipends to 25,000 ex-agitators, pay in-training allowances, tuition fees and other commitments;

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Resolved to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to formulate a sustainable plan to end militancy in the Niger Delta rather than the confrontational approaches so far adopted;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to make available the shortfall of ₦35,824,488,493.27 to enable the Amnesty office pay the Ex-militants; and
- (iii) further urge the militants to give peace a chance and embrace dialogue with the Federal Government in the interest of the Niger Delta Region (**HR. 09/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Niger Delta Ministry.

14. Consideration of Reports

(i) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Iduemre Ochuko:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Iduemre Ochuko against the University of Benin on alleged wrongful termination of appointment and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Question 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)

Recommendation:

"Urge the Management of the University of Benin to review the withdrawal of appointment of Mr Iduemre Ochuko, with a view to re-instating and paying him all accrued benefits with effect from the date of the withdrawal of his appointment" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Iduemre Ochuko against the University of Benin on alleged wrongful termination of appointment, and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

(ii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Women Arise for Change Initiative on behalf of the family of Mr Godwin Udoh:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Women Arise for Change Initiative on behalf of the family of Mr Godwin Udoh against the Nigerian Police Force and approve the recommendations therein” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Question 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)

Recommendation (i):

“That reasonable monetary compensation be paid to the family of the deceased” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

“That the Federal Government and the police should ensure provision of a decent accommodation for the immediate family” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

“That the Federal Government and the police should ensure the grant of scholarship to the children of the deceased up to University level” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

“That the Federal Government and the police should ensure full payment of the medical bill of Mr Godwin Udoh and complete health insurance package for the family” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Women Arise for Change Initiative on behalf of the family of Mr Godwin Udoh against the Nigerian Police Force and approved Recommendations (i) - (iv) of the Report.

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

(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Retired Police Officers of Nigeria:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Retired Police Officers against the National Pension Commission and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Question 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)

Recommendation (i):

"Urge the Retired Police Officers to forward all relevant documents on the matter to (PENCOM) for verification and possible rectification of the said underpayments of their 50% lump sum retirement benefits, if any" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"Urge the House to discountenance the Petitioners' request to migrate from the present Contributory Pension Scheme to the Old Scheme as it is not sustainable since it entails the amendment of the Enabling Act" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Retired Police Officers against the National Pension Commission and approved Recommendations (i) - (ii) of the Report.

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

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Asimiyu Sikiru:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Asimiyu Sikiru against the Nigeria Police Force seeking reinstatement into the Service and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Question 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)

Recommendation (i):

“Urge the House to advise the petitioner to apply to the Police Service Commission to process his retirement benefits” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

“Mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to conduct an investigation into the activities of the Nigeria Police Force, especially on the allegation of the Petitioner that years after retirement, his name still appeared on the promotion list” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Asimiyu Sikiru against the Nigeria Police Force seeking reinstatement into the Service and approved Recommendations (i) - (ii) of the Report.

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

(v) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Mrs Juliet Obiageli Jim Nwachukwu:**

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mrs Juliet Obiageli Jim Nwachukwu against Zenith Bank PLC on alleged indefinite suspension from duty without pay since September 2006 and approve the recommendation therein.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(vi) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Mr Mathew Mohammed:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Mathew Mohammed against the Federal Road Safety Commission on alleged wrongful dismissal from service and approve the recommendations therein” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Question 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)

Recommendation (i):

“Urge the Management of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to recall Mr Matthew Mohammed to the job” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

“Promote him to the current level of his mates without payment of arrears of salaries and allowances” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word “mates”, *leave out* the word “without” and *insert* the word “with” (*Hon. Owoidighe Ekpoattai — Eket/Onna/Esit-Eket/Ibenu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Recommendation (ii) as amended, stand part of the Report — Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr Mathew Mohammed against the Federal Road Safety Commission on alleged wrongful dismissal from service and approved Recommendation (i), and approved Recommendation (ii) as amended.

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

15. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 16 June, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.59 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker