



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 10 July, 2019

1. The House met at 11.33 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, 9 July, 2019.
The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership**
A Member-elect Peter Owolabi (*Oye/Ikole Federal Constituency*) took and subscribed to the Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as prescribed by law.
4. **Announcement**
 - (a) *Visitors in the Gallery:*
Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:
 - (i) Staff and Students of *Union Baptist Academy*, Keffi Nasarawa State; and
 - (ii) Staff and Students of *Christ Great Gift College*, New Karu, Nasarawa State.
 - (b) *Ad-hoc Committee on Pipeline Explosion/Fire Outbreak in Rivers State:*
Mr Speaker constituted the Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Darlington Nwokocha	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Ibrahim Abdullahi	—	Member
(4)	Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis	—	Member
(5)	Hon. Usman Zannah	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Chisom Dike	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Zakari Dauda Nympha	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Cornelius Nnaji	—	Member
(9)	Hon. Abubakar Lado Suleja	—	Member
(10)	Hon. Martins Oke	—	Member
(11)	Hon. Ephraim Nwuzi	—	Member

(c) **Condolence Visit to Zamfara:**

Mr Speaker appointed a Delegation to condole with Hon. Sanusi Rikiji, the former Speaker, Zamfara State House of Assembly:

(1)	Hon. Garba Datti	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Umar Abdullahi Kamba	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Yusuf Gagdi	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Nasiru Sani Zangon Daura	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Adamu Dala Dogo	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Mani Mai Shinko	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Tajudeen A. Adefisoye	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Aminu Ashiru Mani	—	<i>Member</i>

5. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**(i) **Fire Incident in Oja Tuntun Market, Ile- Ife, Osun State:**

Hon. Ajilesoro Taofeek Abimbola (*Ife Central/Ife East/Ife North/Ife South 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 Incident in Oja Tuntun Market, Ile- Ife, Osun State:

The House:

Notes the devastating and terrible fire incidence that occurred at Oja Tuntun, the biggest market in Ile-Ife metropolis in Osun State, Saturday, 6 July, 2019;

Also notes that the inferno was caused by an electrical fault and spark from a Mosque near the market which spread to the adjoining shops in the area;

Concerned that the unfortunate incidence destroyed a section of the trading centre which generates the highest Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) to the State;

Also concerned that goods and property worth millions of Naira were destroyed;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to as a matter of urgency:
 - (a) visit the Oja Tuntun market in Ile-Ife, Osun State to commiserate with the victims of the fire incidence,
 - (b) provide relief materials to the victims of the fire incidence;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness (when constituted) to come out with a policy/legislation that will enable the National Emergency Management Agency to be pro-active to disaster preparedness (*Hon. Ajilesoro Taofeek Abimbola — Ife Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 17/07/2019).

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

(ii) *Need to Investigate and Monitor the Recruitment of Nigerians by Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government of Nigeria:*

Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi (*Pankshin/Kanke/Kanam Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need to Investigate and Monitor the Recruitment of Nigerians by Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government of Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that Chapter Two of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) creates certain rights including the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy, which seeks to promote the proper exploitation of our human resources and the right, of citizens to participate in all areas of the economy including through recruitment in the public and civil service;

Also notes that the Federal Civil Service, the Public Service and the Public Sector is the single biggest employer of labour in Nigeria accounting for funding of most homes in Nigeria directly and indirectly;

Further notes that the Federal Government is the biggest employer of labour in Nigeria and numerous Nigerians look forward to obtaining gainful employment with it as millions of candidates fill the Federal Civil Service forms with the hope that they will be recruited;

Aware that the Federal Government lacks the capacity to absorb most of these candidates, hence the need for the few openings to be filled competitively based on the federal character principles enshrined in the Constitution;

Also aware rather than adhere to the federal character principles, current recruitment exercises were done based on social, political, ethnic or religious sentiments;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate and monitor the recruitment activities of Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government of Nigeria (*Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi — Pankshin/Kanke/Kanam Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In the Prayer, immediately after the words "of Nigeria", *insert* the words "and report back in three (3) weeks" (*Hon. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori — Numan/Demsa/Lamurde Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In the Prayer, as amended, immediately after the words "*Ad-hoc Committee*", *insert* the words "to comprise of at least thirty-six (36) members representing each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT)" (*Hon. Tyough Robert Aondona — Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Chapter Two of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) creates certain rights including the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy, which seeks to promote the proper exploitation of our human resources and the right, of citizens to participate in all areas of the economy including through recruitment in the public and civil service;

Also noted that the Federal Civil Service, the Public Service and the Public Sector is the single biggest employer of labour in Nigeria accounting for funding of most homes in Nigeria directly and indirectly;

Further noted that the Federal Government is the biggest employer of labour in Nigeria and numerous Nigerians look forward to obtaining gainful employment with it as millions of candidates fill the Federal Civil Service forms with the hope that they will be recruited;

Aware that the Federal Government lacks the capacity to absorb most of these candidates, hence the need for the few openings to be filled competitively based on the federal character principles enshrined in the Constitution;

Also aware rather than adhere to the federal character principles, current recruitment exercises were done based on social, political, ethnic or religious sentiments;

Resolved to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc Committee*, to comprise of at least thirty six (36) members representing each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), to investigate and monitor the recruitment activities of Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government of Nigeria, and report back in three (3) weeks (**HR. 18/07/2019**).

Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate and Monitor the Recruitment of Nigerians by Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government of Nigeria (HR. 18/07/2019):

Mr Speaker constituted the Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Oluwole Oke | — | Chairman |
| (2) | Hon. Cornelius Nnaji | — | Member |
| (3) | Hon. Francis Agbo | — | Member |
| (4) | Hon. Yusuf Gagdi | — | Member |
| (5) | Hon. Aminu Mani | — | Member |
| (6) | Hon. Uju Kingsley | — | Member |

(7)	Hon. Mansur Soro	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Taiwo Oluga	—	Member
(9)	Hon. Iduma Igariwey	—	Member
(10)	Hon. Blessing Onuh	—	Member
(11)	Hon. Mark Gbillah	—	Member
(12)	Hon. Kaoje Bello A.	—	Member
(13)	Hon. Olumide Osoba	—	Member
(14)	Hon. Muhammed Shehu	—	Member
(15)	Hon. Mike Etaba	—	Member
(16)	Hon. Kolawole Lawal	—	Member
(17)	Hon. Abdulkadir Tijjani Jobe	—	Member
(18)	Hon. Joe Edionwele	—	Member
(19)	Hon. Adigun Abass Adekunle	—	Member
(20)	Hon. Ben Igbakpa	—	Member
(21)	Hon. Zaneb Gimba	—	Member
(22)	Hon. Alex Egbona	—	Member
(23)	Hon. Emmanuel Ukpong-Udo	—	Member
(24)	Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman	—	Member

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it take more than 2 matters of urgent public importance” (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(iii) *Invasion of the National Assembly Complex by Members of Islamic Movement of Nigeria (Shi’ite Group), on Tuesday, 9 July, 2019:*

Hon. Ndudi Elumelu Godwin (*Aniocha/Oshimili 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.

Invasion of the National Assembly Complex by Members of Islamic Movement of Nigeria (Shi’ite Group), on Tuesday, 9 July, 2019:

The House:

Notes the tragic and embarrassing invasion of the National Assembly premises by the Shi’ite Groups on Tuesday, 9 July, 2019;

Also notes that the group beat all security and resorted to violence when members of the National Assembly security operatives, the Nigeria Police, the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, and the Sergeant-at-Arms sought to stop them from forcefully gaining entrance into the premises of the National Assembly;

Aware that in the course of the invasion a life was lost, three persons sustained injury and property worth millions of Naira were destroyed;

Worried at the alarming level of insecurity and security breaches in the National Assembly resulting in the entry of unscreened and unwarranted visitors and that the invasion has further exposed the porosity of the Complex;

Concerned that the activities of the Shi'ite group across the country is becoming alarming.

Resolves to:

- (i) beef up security in the National Assembly to avert future occurrence;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to as a matter of urgency engage the Shi'ite group in a dialogue to amicably address their grievances so that the problem does not escalate to unimaginable levels;
- (iii) also urge the relevant authorities to provide adequate compensation to the victims of the attack; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs (when constituted) to ensure that the Nigeria Police Group Personal Accident Insurance Scheme extends the necessary compensation to the affected officers in the 2020 budget proposal (*Hon. Ndudi Elumelu Godwin — Aniocha/Oshimili Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the tragic and embarrassing invasion of the National Assembly premises by the Shi'ite Groups on Tuesday, 9 July, 2019;

Also noted that the group beat all security and resorted to violence when members of the National Assembly security operatives, the Nigeria Police, the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, and the Sergeant-at-Arms sought to stop them from forcefully gaining entrance into the premises of the National Assembly;

Aware that in the course of the invasion a life was lost, three persons sustained injury and property worth millions of Naira were destroyed;

Worried at the alarming level of insecurity and security breaches in the National Assembly resulting in the entry of unscreened and unwarranted visitors and that the invasion has further exposed the porosity of the Complex;

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- (iii) also urge the relevant authorities to provide adequate compensation to the victims of the attack; and

- (iv) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs (when constituted) to ensure that the Nigeria Police Group Personal Accident Insurance Scheme extends the necessary compensation to the affected officers in the 2020 budget proposal (HR. 19/07/2019).

6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Environmental Health Officers (Registration, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 44).
- (2) National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism Bill, 2019 (HB. 45).
- (3) Nigeria Industrial Revolution Plan Bill, 2019 (HB. 46).
- (4) Raw Materials Research and Development Council (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 47).
- (5) Environmental Health Bill, 2019 (HB. 48).
- (6) Explosives Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 49).
- (7) National Programme on Immunization Act (Repeal) Bill, 2019 (HB. 50).
- (8) Petroleum Refineries (Incentives, Regulation and Miscellaneous Provision) Bill, 2019 (HB. 51).
- (9) Investment and Securities Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 52).
- (10) International Trade Commission Bill, 2019 (HB. 53).
- (11) Free Trade Zones Bill, 2019 (HB. 54).
- (12) Federal Institute for Industrial Research Bill, 2019 (HB. 55).
- (13) Terrorism (Prohibition and Prevention) Bill, 2019 (HB. 56).
- (14) Chartered Institute of Treasury Management (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 57).
- (15) Maritime Security Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 58).
- (16) Internet Child Pornography Prevention Bill, 2019 (HB. 59).
- (17) Federal Capital Territory Health Insurance Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 60).
- (18) Socially Displaced Persons Bill, 2019 (HB. 61).
- (19) Social Safety Net Service Bill, 2019 (HB. 62).
- (20) Fiscal Responsibility Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 63).

7. Fuel Tanker Explosion at Ahumbe Community in Gwer-East Local Government Area of Benue State that Claimed Over Fifty (50) Lives

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the unfortunate loss of over fifty lives, including those of passengers of a coaster bus, on 1 July 2019 at Ahumbe Community along Makurdi-Aliade Road in Gwer-East LGA of Benue State when a fuel tanker fully laden with Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) exploded after the tanker fell over on its side allegedly, while trying to avoid a pothole, with dozens of other victims sustaining third degree burns and were rushed to several hospitals within the vicinity for treatment;

Also notes the dilapidated state of Federal roads traversing Benue State like the Makurdi-Naka-Adoka-Ankpa road and the Makurdi- Aliade-Otukpo-9th Mile road which are the main roads linking the Southern and Northern parts of Nigeria have become impassable death traps for decades;

Aware that while contract for the rehabilitation of Makurdi-Naka-Adoka-Ankpa Road has been awarded, even though there is no sufficient provision in the 2019 Budget for work to commence, no progress has been made on the rehabilitation of the Makurdi-Aliade-Otukpo-9th Mile Road where the accident occurred;

Concerned about the huge cost of treatment of the victims, while commending the Benue State Government for agreeing to bear the immediate hospital bills, however the full cost in the long run might be too much for the State to bear, hence the need for the Federal Government and related industry operators to do more about providing assistance to victims in such circumstances and enlightening the citizens about the dangers associated with spilled petroleum products;

Also concerned at the recurrence of the incidents across the country and wonders whether the regulatory authorities do ensure that those very inflammable contents of fuel tankers are properly contained in the event of an accident and if the drivers of those tankers are qualified to drive such cargo and have been trained in immediate safety precautions, especially in populated areas;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute of silence in honour of the victims of the explosion;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), industry operators and related regulatory authorities to provide relief materials and medical treatment for the victims and other affected members of the community;
- (iii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to cause a Supplementary Budget to be made that would include adequate funds for the commencement of work on the Makurdi-Naka-Adoka-Ankpa road and also to make provision in the 2020 budget estimates for the continuation/completion of rehabilitation of the road;
- (iv) further urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include funds in the 2020 budget estimates for rehabilitation of the Makurdi-Aliade-Otukpo - 9th Mile road;
- (v) set-up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the cause of the incident with a view to proffering solutions and preventing recurrence in other parts of the country and report back within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Mark Terseer Gbillah — Gwer East/Gwer West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert a new Prayer (vi) as follows:*

“Urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to declare emergency road rehabilitation of all trunk A roads and also accommodate such in 2020 budget and beyond which should be phased accordingly over a period of three (3) years” (*Hon. Johnson Ganiyu Abiodun — Oshodi/Isolo II Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *In the Prayer (iii), line 4, immediately after the words “road”, insert the words “and mandate the Committee on Appropriations to ensure compliance” (Hon. Dachung Bagos Musa — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency).*

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iii) *Insert a new Prayer (vii) as follows:*

“Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resource (when constituted), to engage the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) on compliance to training of personnel of operation in the oil and gas sector” (*Hon. Abdullahi Saidu Musa — Bida/Gbako/Katcha Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iv) *Insert a new Prayer (viii) as follows:*

“Urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and the Vehicle Inspection Units across the country to increase surveillance and the standard of road worthiness of vehicles to forestall further occurrences” (*Hon. Bulus Solomon Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the unfortunate loss of over fifty lives, including those of passengers of a coaster bus, on 1 July 2019 at Ahumbe Community along Makurdi-Aliade Road in Gwer-East LGA of Benue State when a fuel tanker fully laden with Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) exploded after the tanker fell over on its side allegedly, while trying to avoid a pothole, with dozens of other victims sustaining third degree burns and were rushed to several hospitals within the vicinity for treatment;

Also noted the dilapidated state of Federal roads traversing Benue State like the Makurdi-Naka-Adoka-Ankpa road and the Makurdi-Aliade-Otukpo-9th Mile road which are the main roads linking the Southern and Northern parts of Nigeria but have become impassable death traps for decades;

Aware that while contract for the rehabilitation of Makurdi-Naka-Adoka-Ankpa Road has been awarded, even though there is no sufficient provision in the 2019 Budget for work to commence, no progress has been made on the rehabilitation of the Makurdi-Aliade-Otukpo-9th Mile Road where the accident occurred;

Concerned about the huge cost of treatment of the victims, while commending the Benue State Government for agreeing to bear the immediate hospital bills, however the full cost in the long run might be too much for the State to bear, hence the need for the Federal Government and related industry operators to do more about providing assistance to victims in such circumstances and enlightening the citizens about the dangers associated with spilled petroleum products;

Also concerned at the recurrence of the incidents across the country and wonders whether the regulatory authorities do ensure that those very inflammable contents of fuel tankers are properly contained in the event of an accident and if the drivers of those tankers are qualified to drive such cargo and have been trained in immediate safety precautions, especially in populated areas;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe a minute of silence in honour of the victims of the explosion;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), industry operators and related regulatory authorities to provide relief materials and medical treatment for the victims and other affected members of the community;
- (iii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to cause a Supplementary Budget to be made that would include adequate funds for the commencement of work on the Makurdi-Naka-Adoka-Ankpa road and also to make provision in the 2020 budget estimates for the continuation/completion of rehabilitation of the road, and mandate the Committee on Appropriations (when constituted) to ensure compliance;
- (iv) further urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include funds in the 2020 budget estimates for rehabilitation of the Makurdi-Aliade-Otukpo - 9th Mile road;
- (v) set-up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the cause of the incident with a view to proffering solutions and preventing recurrence in other parts of the country and report back within two (2) weeks;
- (vi) still urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to declare emergency road rehabilitation of all trunk A roads and also accommodate such in 2020 budget and beyond which should be phased accordingly over a period of three (3) years;
- (vii) mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resource (when constituted), to engage the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) on compliance to training of personnel of operation in the oil and gas sector;
- (viii) again urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and the Vehicle Inspection Units across the country to increase surveillance and the standard of road worthiness of vehicles to forestall further occurrences (HR. 20/07/2019).

8. Need to Address the perennial Traffic Gridlock in Apapa

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on Wednesday, 22 May, 2019, President Muhammadu Buhari set up a Presidential Task Force to be chaired by Vice-President, Yemi Osinbajo, SAN to resolve the traffic gridlock on the Lagos/Apapa Expressway;

Also notes that the Presidential Task force, in collaboration with the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA); the Nigeria Police Force, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC); the Truck Transport Union as well as other law enforcement agencies commenced removal of all trucks/trailers on the road;

Aware that Apapa Port was designed to accommodate 33 million metric tons of goods per day, but currently, it is processing not less than 80 million metric tons which has overstretched its infrastructure, thereby resulting in an overarching traffic situation leading to loss of valuables by motorists to armed robbers;

Also aware that experts have cautioned that citing Tank Farms, which are highly combustible, in residential areas poses major threat to lives and properties of the residents;

Acknowledges that the Task Force is steadily clearing the gridlock by regulating the entry of trucks into the road and its environs, but fashioning a long term solution that would create an efficient and friendly management regime in the area that will pave way for economic activities to thrive, may take a longer time to achieve;

Concerned that in spite of the efforts being made by the Presidential Task force, truck drivers still park indiscriminately on the expressway, thereby undermining the laudable efforts of the government and adversely affecting the socio-economic activities of the area which does not have an alternative route for transporting goods from the ports to other parts of the country;

Cognizant of the need for additional truck parks and parking bays in Lagos as well as the commencement of electronic call-up system that would ameliorate the hardship at the port area;

Acknowledges that opening other seaports in Badagry and Lekki Free Trade Zone would help to decongest the ports in Lagos and re-introduction of electronic cargo tracking machines and modern scanners to track goods before arrival, will also help in achieving the desired results.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge all stakeholders especially the leadership of the Truck Owners /Drivers, to comply with the directives of the Presidential Task force in its efforts to ease the traffic gridlock on Apapa Expressway;
- (ii) also urge the Nigeria Customs Service to re-introduce the electronic cargo tracking machines and modern scanners to ease cargo movement in the ports to decongest the Apapa Port;
- (iii) further urge the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to rejuvenate the domestic refineries, invest in new ones and relocate the Tank Farms from Apapa to other areas;
- (iii) equally urge the Ministry of Transportation to ensure that alternative means of transporting goods such as railway and waterway are given urgent attention to assist in the movement of goods in and out of the Port and ensure that palliative measures are carried out on the dilapidated road linking the Apapa/Oshodi Expressway and the Tin Can and Coconut axis; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Land Transport (when constituted) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Egberongbe Mufutau Adewale — Apapa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) Insert a new Prayer (v) as follows:

“Urge the Federal Government to suspend further ongoing expansion project within the Port zone and also to investigate the appropriateness of such expansion project” (*Hon. Babajimi Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) Insert a new Prayer (vi) as follows:

“Urge the Federal Government to expedite action on rail connectivity in the country with the development of the Coastal railway from Calabar - Oron - Eket - Port Harcourt - Warri - Onitsha - Benin - Lagos” (*Hon. Onofiok Luke Akpan — Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubium Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iii) Insert a new Prayer (vii) as follows:

“Urge the Federal Government to encourage and support the development of Seaport in the country like the Ibom Deep Seaports and other Seaports” (*Hon. Onofiok Akpan Luke — Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubium Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iv) Insert a new Prayer (viii) as follows:

“Urge the Federal Government to release fund to enable the Task force set up by it to function properly and get result” (*Hon. Babatunde Hunpe — Badagry Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (v) Insert a new Prayer (ix) as follows:

“That the Managing Director of Nigerian Ports Authority should be mandated to look into the paper work needed to give go ahead to the private operator of Badagry Seaport to commence work immediately as they are seriously waiting to start work” (*Hon. Babatunde Hunpe — Badagry Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (vi) Insert a new Prayer (x) as follows:

“In developing various Sea Ports, there is need to develop dry ports in a place like Ekiti State” (*Hon. Ibrahim Kunle Olarewaju — Moba/Ilejemeje/Ido Osi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (vii) Insert a new Prayer (xi) as follows:

“There is need to ensure proper compliance to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports” (*Hon. Adebayo Balogun — Ibeju-Lekki Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (viii) Insert a new Prayer (xii) as follows:

“Urge the Federal Government to provide supportive road networks for major projects like Lekki Deep Sea Port, Lekki Free Trade Zone, and Dangote Refinery by constructing the Port Harcourt — Lagos Coastal road along with the rail line” (*Hon. Adebayo Balogun — Ibeju-Lekki Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ix) *Insert a new Prayer (xiii) as follows:*

“Urge the Federal Government to eliminate human contact on Gate-in and Gate-out of trucks in Apapa — Lagos, Lagos State” (*Hon. Leke Abejide — Yagba Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (x) *Insert a new Prayer (xiv) as follows:*

“Implication of establishing Container Holding Bays within the perimeter of the Port Areas, should be about 30 to 50 kilometers away from the Port” (*Hon. Leke Abejide — Yagba Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (xi) *Insert a new Prayer (xv) as follows:*

“That Shipping Lines and Terminal Operators should have Automated Delivery Order (D/O) and Terminal Delivery Order (TDO) to the Gate of APMT” (*Hon. Leke Abejide — Yagba Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (xii) *Insert a new Prayer (xvi) as follows:*

“That Moribond Nigeria Ports Authority Gate should be removed as it serves no purpose than adding to the gridlock by delaying time it takes a Truck to Gate-in and Gate-out of the Port” (*Hon. Leke Abejide — Yagba Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

- (xiii) *Insert a new Prayer (xvii) as follows:*

“Urge Federal Government to expand the Nigeria Port Authority (NPA) Gate in Apapa Lagos entry and exit to decongest the area” (*Hon. Kabiru Idris — Kura/Madobi/Garun Malam Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (xiv) *Insert a new Prayer (xviii) as follows:*

“Urge the Nigerian Ports Authority to divert Vessels to the Ports of Warri, Sapele, Onne, and Port Harcourt” (*Hon. Waive Ejinoghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (xv) *Insert a new Prayer (xix) as follows:*

“Urge the Federal Government to expedite action on dredging the Escravos channel to facilitate bigger vessels using the Warri Port” (*Hon. Waive Ejinoghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (xvi) *Insert a new Prayer (xx) as follows:*

“Urge the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) to complete the Osemoto-Oguta-Port in Oguta, Imo State which is at 80 percent completion” (*Hon. Uju Kingsley — Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Oru-West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(xvii) *Insert a new Prayer (xxi) as follows:*

“Urge the Federal Government to implement the development of a Petroleum Product Depot in Niger-Delta Area of either Rivers (Port Harcourt), Warri or Egbema in order to decongest the transportation problems of carry petroleum products to Eastern part of Nigeria” (*Hon. Uju Kingsley — Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Oru-West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(xviii) *Insert a new Prayer (xxii) as follows:*

“Urge the Federal Government to maintain the Apapa - Oshodi - Wharf road - Funsho Williams - Ikorodu road. The corridor will serve as an immediate and short term solution, and embark on second axial road from snake island to Ibafo via Agbara as long term solution” (*Hon. Johnson Ganiyu — Oshodi/Isolo II Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on Wednesday, 22 May, 2019, President Muhammadu Buhari set up a Presidential Task Force to be chaired by Vice-President, Yemi Osinbajo, SAN to resolve the traffic gridlock on the Lagos/Apapa Expressway;

Also noted that the Presidential Task force, in collaboration with the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA); the Nigeria Police Force, the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC); the Truck Transport Union as well as other law enforcement agencies commenced removal of all trucks/trailers on the road;

Aware that Apapa Port was designed to accommodate 33 million metric tons of goods per day, but currently, it is processing not less than 80 million metric tons which has overstretched its infrastructure, thereby resulting in an overarching traffic situation leading to loss of valuables by motorists to armed robbers;

Also aware that experts have cautioned that citing Tank Farms, which are highly combustible, in residential areas poses major threat to lives and properties of the residents;

Acknowledged that the Task Force is steadily clearing the gridlock by regulating the entry of trucks into the road and its environs, but fashioning a long term solution that would create an efficient and friendly management regime in the area that will pave way for economic activities to thrive, may take a longer time to achieve;

Concerned that in spite of the efforts being made by the Presidential Task force, truck drivers still park indiscriminately on the expressway, thereby undermining the laudable efforts of the government and adversely affecting the socio-economic activities of the area which does not have an alternative route for transporting goods from the ports to other parts of the country;

Cognizant of the need for additional truck parks and parking bays in Lagos as well as the commencement of electronic call-up system that would ameliorate the hardship at the port area;

Acknowledged that opening other seaports in Badagry and Lekki Free Trade Zone would help to decongest the ports in Lagos and re-introduction of electronic cargo tracking machines and modern scanners to track goods before arrival, will also help in achieving the desired results.

Resolved to:

- (i) urge all stakeholders especially the leadership of the Truck Owners /Drivers, to comply with the directives of the Presidential Taskforce in its efforts to ease the traffic gridlock on Apapa Expressway;
- (ii) also urge the Nigeria Customs Service to re-introduce the electronic cargo tracking machines and modern scanners to ease cargo movement in the ports to decongest the Apapa Port;
- (iii) further urge the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to rejuvenate the domestic refineries, invest in new ones and relocate the Tank Farms from Apapa to other areas;
- (iii) equally urge the Ministry of Transportation to ensure that alternative means of transporting goods such as railway and waterway are given urgent attention to assist in the movement of goods in and out of the Port and ensure that palliative measures are carried out on the dilapidated road linking the Apapa/Oshodi Expressway and the Tin Can and Coconut axis;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Land Transport (when constituted) to ensure compliance with Prayer (i);
- (v) urge the Federal Government to suspend further ongoing expansion project within the Port zone and also to investigate the appropriateness of such expansion project;
- (vi) urge the Federal Government to expedite action on rail connectivity in the country with the development of the Coastal railway from Calabar - Oron - Eket - Port Harcourt - Warri - Onitsha - Benin - Lagos;
- (vii) urge the Federal Government to encourage and support the development of Seaport in the country like the Ibom Deep Seaports and other Seaports;
- (viii) urge the Federal Government to release fund to enable the Task force set up by it to function properly and get result;
- (ix) also urge the Managing Director of Nigerian Ports Authority to look into the paper work needed to give go ahead to the private operator of Badagry Seaport to commence work immediately as they are seriously waiting to start work;
- (x) recommend that in developing various Sea Ports, there is need to develop dry ports in a place like Ekiti State;
- (xi) also recommend that there is need to ensure proper compliance to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports;
- (xii) urge the Federal Government to provide supportive road networks for major projects like Lekki Deep Sea Port, Lekki Free Trade Zone, and Dangote Refinery by constructing the Port Harcourt — Lagos Coastal road along with the rail line;
- (xiii) urge the Federal Government to eliminate human contact on Gate-in and Gate-out of trucks in Apapa — Lagos, Lagos State;
- (xiv) also urge that the Implication of establishing Container Holding Bays within the perimeter of the Port Areas, should be about 30 to 50 kilometers away from the Port;
- (xv) further recommend that Shipping Lines and Terminal Operators should have Automated Delivery Order (D/O) and Terminal Delivery Order (TDO) to the Gate of APMT;

- (xvi) urge Federal Government to expand the Nigeria Port Authority (NPA) Gate in Apapa Lagos entry and exit to decongest the area;
- (xvii) urge the Nigerian Ports Authority to divert Vessels to the Ports of Warri, Sapele, Onne, and Port Harcourt;
- (xviii) urge the Federal Government to expedite action on dredging the Escravos channel to facilitate bigger vessels using the Warri Port;
- (xix) urge the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) to complete the Osemoto-Oguta- Port in Oguta, Imo State which is at 80 percent completion;
- (xx) urge the Federal Government to implement the development of a Petroleum Product Depot in Niger-Delta Area of either Rivers (Port Harcourt), Warri or Egbema in order to decongest the transportation problems of carry petroleum products to Eastern part of Nigeria;
- (xxi) still urge the Federal Government to maintain the Apapa - Oshodi - Wharf road - Funsho Williams - Ikorodu road. The corridor will serve as an immediate and short term solution, and embark on second axial road from snake island to Ibafo via Agbara as long term solution (HR. 21/07/2019).

9. **Deplorable Condition of the Lagos-Badagry Trans-West African Coastal Highway**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Lagos-Badagry Highway is a Federal Road which connects Nigeria to the Republics of Benin, Togo, Ghana through to Senegal and other neighboring countries, being the Nigerian section of the Trans-West African Coastal Highway that passes through many major federal establishments;

Also notes that its construction began during the Babatunde Fashola Administration and has been on for over a decade as extensive reconstruction of the Lagos portion of the 61-kilometer, 10-lane highway began in 2010, but lingering funding problems have compelled the contractors, the China Civil Engineering and Construction Corporation to stop work on it;

Concerned that owing to its abandonment, the Highway, which is an economic hub of the ECOWAS sub-region has been cut in many major places and there can be no better description of hell than what residents of Okokomaiko, Igbo Elerin, Iba Estate, Ijanikin, Satellite Town and Festac town areas of Lagos State go through, and those who go to buy goods at Badagry and neighbouring countries now find it difficult to transport their wares without incurring losses;

Also concerned that vehicles spend several hours on the road and sometimes containers fall in worse parts of the road, thus making life difficult for the people and so many lives have been lost as many parts of the road is covered with road that can swallow cars and unquantifiable number of persons have been attacked by robbers who cash in on the heavy traffic build-up to dispossess motorists of cash, phones, laptops and other valuables;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing and the Lagos State Government to ensure major upgrade and repair of the road by providing the needed funds for China Civil Engineering and Construction Corporation to complete the work.
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works and FERMA (when constituted) to ensure compliance (Hon. Oghene Eñma Ego — Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Prayer (ii) immediately after the word "FERMA", insert the word "Appropriations" (*Hon. Muraina Saubana Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence immediate palliative work on Okokomaiko - Agbara - Seme Boarder section to be fully funded by the Federal Government of Nigeria" (*Hon. Babatunde Hunpe — Badagry Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Lagos-Badagry Highway is a Federal Road which connects Nigeria to the Republics of Benin, Togo, Ghana through to Senegal and other neighboring countries, being the Nigerian section of the Trans-West African Coastal Highway that passes through many major federal establishments;

Also noted that its construction began during the Babatunde Fashola Administration and has been on for over a decade as extensive reconstruction of the Lagos portion of the 61-kilometre, 10-lane highway began in 2010, but lingering funding problems have compelled the contractors, the China Civil Engineering and Construction Corporation to stop work on it;

Concerned that owing to its abandonment, the Highway, which is an economic hub of the ECOWAS sub-region has been cut in many major places and there can be no better description of hell than what residents of Okokomaiko, Igbo Elerin, Iba Estate, Ijanikin, Satellite Town and Festac town areas of Lagos State go through, and those who go to buy goods at Badagry and neighbouring countries now find it difficult to transport their wares without incurring losses;

Also concerned that vehicles spend several hours on the road and sometimes containers fall in worse parts of the road, thus making life difficult for the people and so many lives have been lost as many parts of the road is covered with road that can swallow cars and unquantifiable number of persons have been attacked by robbers who cash in on the heavy traffic build-up to dispossess motorists of cash, phones, laptops and other valuables;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing and the Lagos State Government to ensure major upgrade and repair of the road by providing the needed funds for China Civil Engineering and Construction Corporation to complete the work;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, FERMA, and Appropriations (when constituted) to ensure compliance;
- (iii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence immediate palliative work on Okokomaiko - Agbara - Seme Boarder section to be fully funded by the Federal Government of Nigeria (**HR. 22/07/2019**).

10. Need for Proactive Measures Towards Disaster Prevention and Management in Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency, Jigawa State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) was established with the mandate to formulate policies on disaster management in Nigeria and coordinate the plans and programmes for efficient and effective response to disasters at the national level, monitor the state of preparedness against disasters, provide relief materials for disaster victims and guide and educate against unforeseen events;

Also notes the heavy rainfall in the recent times and the consequent increase in the volume of water in the dam located in Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency which is periodically opened to release excess water, a development that resulted in over flooding of Yalo, Unguwar Jibrin, Marke, Dabuwaran, Hadin, Dakaiyawa, Arki and Tarshena communities leading to loss of lives and destruction of properties and valuable agricultural products and farmlands;

Aware that the area has a history of annual flooding as a result of which the rainy season has become a nightmarish period for the people as was witnessed in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, hence the need for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to sensitize the people on effective flood management strategies geared towards containing the menace;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Environment and Habitat (when constituted) to ensure that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other related Agencies take proactive steps to protect the lives and properties of the people of Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency in Jigawa State as well as other disaster prone areas in Nigeria (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) was established with the mandate to formulate policies on disaster management in Nigeria and coordinate the plans and programmes for efficient and effective response to disasters at the national level, monitor the state of preparedness against disasters, provide relief materials for disaster victims and guide and educate against unforeseen events;

Also noted the heavy rainfall in the recent times and the consequent increase in the volume of water in the dam located in Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency which is periodically opened to release excess water, a development that resulted in over flooding of Yalo, Unguwar Jibrin, Marke, Dabuwaran, Hadin, Dakaiyawa, Arki and Tarshena communities leading to loss of lives and destruction of properties and valuable agricultural products and farmlands;

Aware that the area has a history of annual flooding as a result of which the rainy season has become a nightmarish period for the people as was witnessed in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, hence the need for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to sensitize the people on effective flood management strategies geared towards containing the menace;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Environment and Habitat (when constituted) to ensure that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other related Agencies take proactive steps to protect the lives and properties of the people of Malian Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency in Jigawa State as well as other disaster prone areas in Nigeria (HR. 23/07/2019).

11. Need to Incorporate the June 12 Struggle in the History Curriculum of Schools in Nigeria
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Administration of President Muhammadu Buhari, recently recognized June 12 as Democracy day in Nigeria;

Aware that June 12 struggle has never featured in History Curriculum of Nigerian Schools because it was never recognized by previous Federal Governments in Nigeria;

Worried that if the importance of June 12 struggle to the emergence of the Fourth Republic in Nigeria's political history is not highlighted, the story could be distorted for the younger generations;

Desirous of incorporating the June 12 struggle in the History curriculum to afford younger generations information on its importance in Nigeria's Political History;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education to incorporate June 12 struggles in the History Curriculum in Nigerian schools;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services (when constituted) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Ohunide Babatunde Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi-Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Prayer (ii) immediately after the word "Committee on", *leave out* the word "Tertiary" and *insert* the word "Basic" (*Hon. Francis Waive — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
"Urge the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC) to include the review of the History Curriculum in its 2019 programme this year" (*Hon. Aishatu Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iii) *Insert* a new Prayer (iv) as follows:
"Urge the Ministry of Education to establish a hall of fame as a mark of recognition to the principal players in the struggle to actualize June 12 mandate given to Late MKO Abiola by Nigerian" (*Hon. Saidu Musa Abdullahi — Bida/Gbako/Katcha Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(iii) *Insert a new Prayer (v) as follows:*

“Urge President Muhammadu Buhari to honour Prof. Humphrey Nwosu, the former Chairman of the National Electoral Commission (NEC)” (*Hon. Ezenwankwo Okwudili — Orumba North/Orumba South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(iv) *Insert a new Prayer (vi) as follows:*

“Urge the Federal Ministry of Education to include the June 12 struggle in the history curriculum of the post primary school system” (*Hon. Satomi Ahmed — Jere Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Administration of President Muhammadu Buhari, recently recognized June 12 as Democracy day in Nigeria;

Aware that June 12 struggle has never featured in History Curriculum of Nigerian Schools because it was never recognized by previous Federal Governments in Nigeria;

Worried that if the importance of June 12 struggle to the emergence of the Fourth Republic in Nigeria's political history is not highlighted, the story could be distorted for the younger generations;

Desirous of incorporating the June 12 struggle in the History curriculum to afford younger generations information on its importance in Nigeria's Political History;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education to incorporate June 12 struggles in the History Curriculum in Nigerian schools;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services (when constituted) to ensure compliance;
- (iii) also urge the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC) to include the review of the History Curriculum in its 2019 programme this year;
- (iv) further urge the Ministry of Education to establish a hall of fame as a mark of recognition to the principal players in the struggle to actualize June 12 mandate given to Late MKO Abiola by Nigerian;
- (v) still urge President Muhammadu Buhari to honour Prof. Humphrey Nwosu, the former Chairman of the National Electoral Commission (NEC); and
- (vi) again urge the Federal Ministry of Education to include the June 12 struggle in the history curriculum of the post primary school system (**HR. 24/07/2019**).

12. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 11 July, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 5.02 p.m.

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 9 July, 2019, item 6 (ii), in the list of *Ad-hoc Committee on the Need for Intervention in the Edo State House of Assembly Crisis*:

- (i) No. 3, immediately after the word "Hon." *insert* the name "Balarabe"
- (ii) No. 6, *leave out* the name "Hon. Luke Opofio Akpan", and *insert* as follows:
 - (6) Hon. Onofio Luke Akpan — *Member*

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker

