



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 9 May, 2018

1. The House met at 11.22 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, 8 May, 2018.
The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:
 - (i) Staff and Students of *Wesley Nursery and Primary Schools*, Zone 3, Wuse, Abuja;
 - (ii) Staff and Students of *New Era International School*, Masaka, Karu, Nasarawa State;
 - (iii) Staff and Students of *Godscare Academy*, New Nyanya, Karu, Nasarawa State; and
 - (iv) Members of Students' Representative Assembly, *Usmanu Danfodiyo University*, Sokoto State.
4. **Petitions**
Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Vanguard Against Corruption (VAC), Ibadan Nigeria, on the conflict of interest of NECONDE Energy Limited, in the management of Oil Mining Lease (OML) 42;
 - (b) Samuel Umeadi Moge kwu, on the non-compliance with the Resolution of the House of Representatives to reinstate him by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(i) ***Twin Bomb Blast in Mubi and the Need for Immediate Action to Prevent Recurrence:***
Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar (*Mubi North/Mubi South/Maiha Federal Constituency and 2 others*) 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.

Twin Bomb Blast in Mubi and the Need for Immediate Action to Prevent Recurrence:

The House:

Notes that on Tuesday, 1 May, 2018, two suspected suicide bombers shattered the relative peace in Mubi and environs through a Twin bomb explosion at a Mosque within the popular second-hand clothes market known as *Kasuwan yan Gwonjo*, where over twenty-nine (29) innocent people were officially confirmed dead but the grave diggers said they buried eighty-five (85) people and over fifty (50) others have been hospitalised and property worth millions of Naira were destroyed;

Aware that the recent attacks have seriously brought back fears not only in Mubi but the entire Adamawa North Senatorial District and this will definitely affect businesses in the area especially in Mubi being the commercial centre of the State;

Also notes the prompt response by the Chairmen of Mubi North and Mubi South Local Government Areas (LGAs) in providing immediate medical services and ambulances to evacuate the seriously injured victims to the Federal Medical Centre, Yola;

Cognizant of the action taken by the State Government to facilitate the treatment of victims of the attack;

Further notes and appreciates the directives given by the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims, and the visit of the Chief of Army Staff to Mubi on Sunday, 6 May, 2018 to assess the security situation in the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemned this dastardly act;
- (ii) observe a minute silence for the repose of the souls of the deceased;
- (iii) urge the security agencies especially the Army, Air Force, Police, DSS and Immigration Service to beef up security in Mubi and the entire Adamawa North Senatorial District;
- (iv) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and Presidential Committee on North East Initiative (PCNI) to as a matter of urgency provide relief materials to the affected community as directed by the Vice-President;

- (v) further urge the National Orientation Agency, Traditional Councils, Local Government Councils to intensify enlightenment campaign and synergy between the security agencies/traditional institution in ensuring adequate security in the Senatorial District; and
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Army, National Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Initiatives on North East to monitor implementation of the resolutions (*Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu Abubakar — Mubi North/Mubi South/Maiha Federal Constituency and 2 others*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on Tuesday, 1 May, 2018, two suspected suicide bombers shattered the relative peace in Mubi and environs through a Twin bomb explosion at a Mosque within the popular second-hand clothes market known as *Kasuwan yan Gwonjo*, where over twenty-nine (29) innocent people were officially confirmed dead but the grave diggers said they buried eighty-five (85) people and over fifty (50) others have been hospitalised and property worth millions of Naira were destroyed;

Aware that the recent attacks have seriously brought back fears not only in Mubi but the entire Adamawa North Senatorial District and this will definitely affect businesses in the area especially in Mubi being the commercial centre of the State;

Also noted the prompt response by the Chairmen of Mubi North and Mubi South Local Government Areas (LGAs) in providing immediate medical services and ambulances to evacuate the seriously injured victims to the Federal Medical Centre, Yola;

Cognizant of the action taken by the State Government to facilitate the treatment of victims of the attack;

Further noted and appreciates the directives given by the Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims, and the visit of the Chief of Army Staff to Mubi on Sunday, 6 May, 2018 to assess the security situation in the area;

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- (v) further urge the National Orientation Agency, Traditional Councils, Local Government Councils to intensify enlightenment campaign and synergy between the security agencies/traditional institution in ensuring adequate security in the Senatorial District; and
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Army, National Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Initiatives on North East to monitor implementation of the resolutions (**HR. 165/05/2018**).

A minute in silence was observed in honour of the departed souls.

(ii) Devastating Rainstorm and Floods at Kwadon District, Yamaltu/Deba Local Government Area, Gombe State:

Hon. Abubakar Ahmad Yunusa (*Yamaltu/Deba 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.

Devastating Rainstorm and Floods at Kwadon District, Yamaltu/Deba Local Government Area, Gombe State:

The House:

Notes the destruction caused in Kwadon Community, Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency on 30 April, 2018 by heavy rain fall and wind storm, and the consequent displacement of the people;

Also notes that the entire community has been groaning under the devastating effect of the floods which led to the displacement of people who lost all their property worth millions of Naira;

Worried that many of the affected victims in the community are yet to be provided with shelter or any form of relief materials by the Government;

Concerned that many families and communities displaced by the disaster have taken refuge in other neighbouring communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to as a matter of urgency provide relief materials and medications to the affected victims; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to visit the affected community and assess the extent of damages caused by the flood and report back within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Abubakar A. Yunusa — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 166/05/2018).

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

6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency with a view to Conducting Research in Areas of Ethno-Medical and Veterinary Surveys, so as to Develop Comprehensive Inventory of Medicinal, Aromatic and Pesticidal Plants, Animal parts, Minerals and other Bio-Diversities used in Natural Medicine in Nigeria and to Provide Research, Develop, Promote, Collate, Document and Preserve Nigeria's Indigenous (Traditional) Healthcare Systems, Medications and Non-Medications Healing Arts, Sciences, Technologies, Bio-Resources and Facilitate their Integration into the National Healthcare Delivery System; and for Related Matters (HB. 1219 and HB. 1383) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency with a view to Conducting Research in Areas of Ethno-Medical and Veterinary Surveys, so as to Develop Comprehensive Inventory of Medicinal, Aromatic and Pesticidal Plants, Animal parts, Minerals and other Bio-Diversities used in Natural Medicine in Nigeria and to Provide Research, Develop, Promote, Collate, Document and Preserve Nigeria's Indigenous (Traditional) Healthcare Systems, Medications and Non-Medications Healing Arts, Sciences, Technologies, Bio-Resources and Facilitate their Integration into the National Healthcare Delivery System; and for Related Matters (HB. 1219 and HB. 1383) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency and 1 other).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Health Institutions, and Healthcare Services.

7. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria College of Aviation Technology (NCAT), Zaria and Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT), Zaria and Establish the Federal University of Land and Air Transport, Zaria, to Provide Training and Teaching Instruction in every aspect of Education and such other fields of Applied Learning relevant to the needs of the Development of Education in Nigeria, Matters of Administration and Discipline of Students; and for Related Matters (HB. 1195) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Council for Social Works to Regulate the Practice of Professional Social Work in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 161) — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Council for Social Works to Regulate the Practice of Professional Social Work in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 161) (Veto Override) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Debate adjourned.

9. **Alleged Mismanagement of the Save Schools Initiative (SSI) Funds in the North-East Zone**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Recalls that a global intervention Fund named Save Schools Initiative (SSI), under the leadership of the former British Prime Minister, Mr Gordon Brown was launched four years ago in the wake of horrific abduction of students of the Government Secondary School, Chibok;

Aware that an undisclosed amount of funds were collected for the purpose of enhancing physical security around vulnerable schools against further abduction of students in boarding Secondary Schools in the North East Zone;

Regrets that there is no evidence that such schools in the North East Zone are now secured and protected by trained Security Personnel or fortified with CCTV Cameras, high perimeter fence, heavy duty electricity generators, etc. as provided for in the original concept of the Save Schools Initiative;

Also regrets that the absence of security infrastructure in the North East Zone Schools has recently led to another incident of abduction of Students of the Government Secondary School, Dapchi, Yobe State, which brought about embarrassment and attendant trauma on the Nigerian nation;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on the North-East Zone to investigate the extent of the funds collected, its management, custodian(s), and whether or not the funds have been applied for the purpose for which they were collected and report back within 8 weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Shuaibu Abdulrahman — Miah/Mubi North/Mubi South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Recalled that a global intervention Fund named Save Schools Initiative (SSI), under the leadership of the former British Prime Minister, Mr Gordon Brown was launched four years ago in the wake of horrific abduction of students of the Government Secondary School, Chibok;

Aware that an undisclosed amount of funds were collected for the purpose of enhancing physical security around vulnerable schools against further abduction of students in boarding Secondary Schools in the North East Zone;

Regretted that there is no evidence that such schools in the North East Zone are now secured and protected by trained Security Personnel or fortified with CCTV Cameras, high perimeter fence, heavy duty electricity generators, etc. as provided for in the original concept of the Save Schools Initiative;

Also regretted that the absence of security infrastructure in the North East Zone Schools has recently led to another incident of abduction of Students of the Government Secondary School, Dapchi, Yobe State, which brought about embarrassment and attendant trauma on the Nigerian nation;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on the North-East Zone to investigate the extent of the funds collected, its management, custodian(s), and whether or not the funds have been applied for the purpose for which they were collected and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (IIR. 167/05/2018).

10. Alleged Extortion of International Inbound Travelers to Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that consistent with international best practices, the Nigeria Customs Service has exempted personal and household effects accompanying international inbound travelers to Nigeria from import duties, subject to a value of ₦50,000.00;

Aware that the operational manual of the Nigeria Customs Service clearly provides for the modality for assessment and valuation of all items imported into Nigeria, including personal and household effects accompanying international inbound travelers to Nigeria;

Alarmed that there have been strong expression of public disapproval, anger and outcry from international inbound travelers to Nigeria on alleged excessive and arbitrary valuation of their personal and household effects by Officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service, which they claimed, are usually reduced below the ₦50,000.00 threshold, on payment of illicit sums of money to such officials;

Concerned that the strong expression of public disapproval, anger and outcry from international inbound travelers to Nigeria could foist a lasting negative impression on the entire Nigeria Customs Service, undermine its effectiveness and above all, reverse the nation's progress on the World Bank rating of ease of doing business;

Convinced that in view of series of allegations of arbitrary charges, extortions, bribery, corruption and abuse of office against Officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service there is need for investigation, in order to restore the confidence of the Nigerian tax payers.

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the outcry from international inbound travelers to Nigeria on allegations of arbitrary charges, extortions, bribery, corruption and abuse of office against Officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service, and also interface with the management of the Customs Service to review the operational manual of the Nigeria Customs Service with respect to treatment and valuation of personal and household effects of international Inbound travelers to Nigeria and to report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, *line 1, Leave out* the following "Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee", and *insert* as follows "Mandate the Committees on Customs and Excise, and Interior" (*Hon. Olabode Ayorinde — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that consistent with international best practices, the Nigeria Customs Service has exempted personal and household effects accompanying international inbound travelers to Nigeria from import duties, subject to a value of ₦50,000.00;

Aware that the operational manual of the Nigeria Customs Service clearly provides for the modality for assessment and valuation of all items imported into Nigeria, including personal and household effects accompanying international inbound travelers to Nigeria;

Alarmed that there have been strong expression of public disapproval, anger and outcry from international inbound travelers to Nigeria on alleged excessive and arbitrary valuation of their personal and household effects by Officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service, which they claimed, are usually reduced below the ₦50,000.00 threshold, on payment of illicit sums of money to such officials;

Concerned that the strong expression of public disapproval, anger and outcry from international inbound travelers to Nigeria could foist a lasting negative impression on the entire Nigeria Customs Service, undermine its effectiveness and above all, reverse the nation's progress on the World Bank rating of ease of doing business;

Convinced that in view of series of allegations of arbitrary charges, extortions, bribery, corruption and abuse of office against Officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service there is need for investigation, in order to restore the confidence of the Nigerian tax payers.

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Customs and Excise, and Interior, to investigate the outcry from international inbound travelers to Nigeria on allegations of arbitrary charges, extortions, bribery, corruption and abuse of office against Officers and men of the Nigeria Customs Service, and also interface with the management of the Customs Service to review the operational manual of the Nigeria Customs Service with respect to treatment and valuation of personal and household effects of international Inbound travelers to Nigeria and to report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 168/05/2018**).

11. Need for the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to Comply with the Provisions of Section 50 (1) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Act

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria was established under the Central Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, Cap. C4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Also aware that Section 50 (1) of the CBN Act provides that "the Bank shall, within two months after the close of each financial year, transmit to the National Assembly and the President a copy of its annual accounts certified by the Auditor";

Further aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has not been complying with the above provisions, thereby rendering the law nugatory and of no effect;

Notes with concern the need for the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to comply with the Provisions of Section 50 (1) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, Cap. C4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Concerned that non-compliance by the CBN with the above provisions has greatly undermined the image, reputation and effectiveness of the Bank and as well undermine the oversight function of the National Assembly;

Regrets the apparent breach of the CBN Act which constitutes an illegality and should not be allowed to stand;

Also concerned that unless this illegality or anomaly by the CBN is immediately and urgently addressed, the whole essence of the said section of the Act would be defeated and rendered useless and nugatory;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to comply with the provisions of Section 50 (1) of the CBN Act and ensure that it transmits to the National Assembly a copy of its annual Accounts certified by the Auditor;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Banking and Currency, and Legislative compliance to ensure compliance; and
- (iii) transmit the Resolution of the House to the Senate for concurrence (*Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria was established under the Central Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, Cap. C4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Also aware that Section 50 (1) of the CBN Act provides that "the Bank shall, within two months after the close of each financial year, transmit to the National Assembly and the President a copy of its annual accounts certified by the Auditor".

Further aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has not been complying with the above provisions, thereby rendering the law nugatory and of no effect;

Noted with concern the need for the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to comply with the Provisions of Section 50 (1) of the Central Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Act; Cap. C4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Concerned that non-compliance by the CBN with the above provisions has greatly undermined the image, reputation and effectiveness of the Bank and as well undermine the oversight function of the National Assembly;

Regretted the apparent breach of the CBN Act which constitutes an illegality and should not be allowed to stand;

Also concerned that unless this illegality or anomaly by the CBN is immediately and urgently addressed, the whole essence of the said section of the Act would be defeated and rendered useless and nugatory;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to comply with the provisions of Section 50 (1) of the CBN Act and ensure that it transmits to the National Assembly a copy of its annual Accounts certified by the Auditor;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Banking and Currency, and Legislative compliance to ensure compliance; and
- (iii) transmit the Resolution of the House to the Senate for concurrence (HR. 169/05/2018).

12. Need to Stop the Proposed Sale of the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Limited (NLNG)

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes a proposal by the Federal Government to sell the multi-billion dollar Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Limited (NLNG) to raise funds to reflate the Nigerian economy;

Also notes that the proposal was as a result of the recommendation of a Ministerial Retreat in 2016 for an ambitious fiscal stimulus plan involving the generation and injection of massive foreign capital, estimated at between \$10 and \$15 billion (about ₦4.72 trillion) into the economy to help the recession recovery process;

Aware that the Minister of Budget and National Planning, Udoma Udo Udoma, stated that one of the ways to fund the plan would be through the sale of some national assets and the proceeds reinvested in the economy to raise the needed capital for infrastructural development;

Also aware that the NLNG is one of the most successful ventures that Nigeria has embarked upon when it's started from train one through to the sixth train and now the seventh train in the offing;

Worried that the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) and the Nigerian Labour union among other organizations, have seriously frowned at this move and warned the Federal Government against the proposed sale of national assets, especially the NLNG;

Cognizant that resuscitating the Nigerian economy from the recession is the actual reason for the proposed sale of the NLNG even though there are other options the government may adopt to resuscitate the economy;

Also cognizant that the Government has the option of borrowing on long term against the dividends in the NLNG; convert its Joint Venture Holdings in some multinational oil corporations into incorporated Joint Venture Companies, encourage wealthy Nigerians who can afford to buy and therefore rooting for the sale of national assets, to invest in the economy, or to set up their own LNG projects, considering the huge reserves of natural gas in the country;

Further cognizant that Nigerian workers will be at the receiving end if the sale is allowed to go unchallenged;

Concerned that it is not in any conventional economic reality for any nation to resort to selling off its assets during challenging times, as this exhibits leadership laxity and policy myopia;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to suspend the proposed sale of the NLNG as doing so will not be in the interest of the nation's economy; and

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Gas Resources to ensure compliance. (*Hon. Randolph Iwo Oruene Brown — Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
“call for the investigation of the alleged sale of the NLNG Gas” (*Hon. Nnam-Obi Uchechukwu — Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni/Ahoada West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) Leave out Prayer (i) and insert a new Prayer (i) as follows:
“Urge the Federal Government to suspend the proposed sale of her 49% share capital in NLNG as doing so will not be in the interest of the nation's economy.” (*Hon. Albert Abiodun Adeogun — Ife Central/Ife East/Ife North/Ife South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted a proposal by the Federal Government to sell the multi-billion dollar Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Limited (NLNG) to raise funds to reflate the Nigerian economy;

Also noted that the proposal was as a result of the recommendation of a Ministerial Retreat in 2016 for an ambitious fiscal stimulus plan involving the generation and injection of massive foreign capital, estimated at between \$10 and \$15 billion (about ₦4.72 trillion) into the economy to help the recession recovery process;

Aware that the Minister of Budget and National Planning, Udoma Udo Udoma, stated that one of the ways to fund the plan would be through the sale of some national assets and the proceeds reinvested in the economy to raise the needed capital for infrastructural development;

Also aware that the NLNG is one of the most successful ventures that Nigeria has embarked upon when it's started from train one through to the sixth train and now the seventh train in the offing;

Worried that the Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission (RMAFC) and the Nigerian Labour union, among other organizations, have seriously frowned at this move and warned the Federal Government against the proposed sale of national assets, especially the NLNG;

Cognizant that resuscitating the Nigerian economy from the recession is the actual reason for the proposed sale of the NLNG even though there are other options the government may adopt to resuscitate the economy;

Also cognizant that the Government has the option of borrowing on long term against the dividends in the NLNG, convert its Joint Venture Holdings in some multinational oil corporations into incorporated Joint Venture Companies, encourage wealthy Nigerians who can afford to buy and therefore rooting for the sale of national assets, to invest in the economy, or to set up their own LNG projects, considering the huge reserves of natural gas in the country;

Further cognizant that Nigerian workers will be at the receiving end if the sale is allowed to go unchallenged;

Concerned that it is not in any conventional economic reality for any nation to resort to selling off its assets during challenging times, as this exhibits leadership laxity and policy myopia;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to suspend the proposed sale of her 49% share capital in NLNG as doing so will not be in the interest of the nation's economy;
- (ii) call for the investigation of the alleged sale of the NLNG Gas; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Gas Resources to ensure compliance (H.R. 170/05/2018).

13. **Need to Check the Presumptive Diagnosis and Treatment of Malaria in Private and Public Health Sectors in Nigeria**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria is one of the Countries highly burdened by Malaria, with episodes of malaria attacks accounting for approximately 20% of all hospital admissions, 30% of outpatient visits and 10% of hospital deaths;

Also notes that the burden of this disease strains the resources of the health system as spending on malaria treatment and prevention accounts for nearly 50% of health expenditures in Nigeria;

Observes that to effectively diagnose and treat malaria, the World Health Organization (WHO) currently recommends a confirmatory blood test for all suspected cases of malaria and prescription of artemisinin based combination therapy upon confirmation of malaria positivity;

Concerned that despite the policies that recommended parasitological testing before treatment for malaria and the increased availability of malaria rapid diagnostic tests to facilitate diagnosis, presumptive diagnosis and treatment remains widespread in Nigeria;

Worried that nearly 60% of Nigerians seek treatment for malaria at drug shop outlets in private health care sector and that minority of the vendors composed of licensed pharmacies which are either owned or staff by formally trained pharmacists and mainly found in urban centers, while majority vendors, who are informally trained loosely regulate proprietary and patient medicine shops, are usually the only source of drugs in rural areas;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to scale up parasitological diagnosis in all health care systems, through strategic awareness and behavioral change;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Health to promote awareness on the use of rapid diagnostic test in rural communities where malaria microscopy is not readily available;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Health to synergize with the patent medicine dealers who are the first contact of most rural dwellers to ensure adequate diagnosis before treatment by making stock rapid diagnostic tests constantly and also use them when necessary before treating their patients, who present with fever; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to ensure compliance (Hon. Ezekiel Awalu Adaji — Ohimini/Otukpo Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria is one of the Countries highly burdened by Malaria, with episodes of malaria attacks accounting for approximately 20% of all hospital admissions, 30% of outpatient visits and 10% of hospital deaths;

Also noted that the burden of this disease strains the resources of the health system as spending on malaria treatment and prevention accounts for nearly 50% of health expenditures in Nigeria;

Observed that to effectively diagnose and treat malaria, the World Health Organization (WHO) currently recommends a confirmatory blood test for all suspected cases of malaria and prescription of artemisinin based combination therapy upon confirmation of malaria positivity;

Concerned that despite the policies that recommended parasitological testing before treatment for malaria and the increased availability of malaria rapid diagnostic tests to facilitate diagnosis, presumptive diagnosis and treatment remains widespread in Nigeria;

Worried that nearly 60% of Nigerians seek treatment for malaria at drug shop outlets in private health care sector and that minority of the vendors composed of licensed pharmacies which are either owned or staff by formally trained pharmacists and mainly found in urban centers, while majority vendors, who are informally trained loosely regulate proprietary and patient medicine shops, are usually the only source of drugs in rural areas;

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- (iv) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to ensure compliance (HR. 171/05/2018).

14. Consideration of Reports

(i) **Committee on Justice:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Extradition Act, Cap. E25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1187) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE EXTRADITION ACT, CAP. E25, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE RULE AGAINST DOUBLE JEOPARDY AS RECOGNISED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION, PROVIDE PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS TO AVOID EXTRADITION OF PERSONS IN CASES OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY AND TO EFFECT APPROPRIATE MODIFICATIONS ON THE ACT TO CONFORM WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1999 CONSTITUTION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1187)

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 1: Amendment of the Principal Act.**

The Extradition Act, Cap. E25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 2: Amendment of Sections 6.**

Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by respectively substituting for the words "a magistrate", and "the magistrate" in line 2, the words "a judge of the Federal High Court", and "the judge of the Federal High Court" (*Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 3: Amendment of Section 7.**

Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended —

- (a) in the sectional notes by substituting for the word, "magistrate", the words, "the Federal High Court";
- (b) in subsection (3) by substituting for the word, "magistrate" in line 2, the words "a judge of the Federal High Court" (*Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 4: Amendment of Section 8.**

Section 8 of the Principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (1) by respectively substituting for the word "the magistrate" in lines 2 and 4, the words "the judge of the Federal High Court";
- (b) in subsection (3) by substituting for the words "a magistrate" in line 1, the words "a judge of the Federal High Court";
- (c) in subsection (5) by respectively substituting for the words "a magistrate" and "the magistrate", the words "a judge of the Federal High Court", and "the judge of the Federal High Court";

- (d) in paragraph (b) of subsection (5) by substituting for the words "the magistrate" in line 3, the words "the judge of the Federal High Court" (*Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Amendment of Section 9.

- (a) in the sectional note by substituting for the word "magistrate", the words "a judge of the Federal High Court";
- (b) in subsection (1) by respectively substituting for the words "magistrate", in lines 1, 2 and "the magistrate" in lines 4 and 5, the words, "a judge of the Federal High Court", and "the judge of the Federal High Court";
- (c) in subsection (2) by respectively substituting for the words "the magistrate" in line 1, the words "the judge of the Federal High Court";
- (d) in subsection (3) by respectively substituting for the words "the magistrate" in line 2 and 3, the words "the judge of the Federal High Court";
- (e) in paragraph (d) of subsection (3), substituting for the words "the magistrate" in line 6, the words "the judge of the Federal High Court";
- (f) in subsection (4) by substituting for the words "the magistrate" in line 2, the words "the judge of the Federal High Court";
- (g) in paragraph (c) subsection (4) by substituting for the words "the magistrate" in line 6, the words "the judge of the Federal High Court";
- (h) in subsection (5) by substituting for the words "the magistrate" in line 2, the words "the judge of the Federal High Court";
- (i) in paragraph (b) subsection (5) by substituting for the words "the magistrate" in line 2, the words "the judge of the Federal High Court";
- (j) in subsection (7) by respectively substituting for the words "the magistrate" in lines 1 and 2, the words "the judge of the Federal High Court";
- (k) by inserting a new subsection (6A) immediately after the existing subsection (6) as follows:

"(6A) Where a claim of mistaken identity is raised by a person who is the defendant in an extradition case and no evidence is led by the plaintiff or the requesting country to satisfactorily rebut the claim of mistaken identity as raised by the defendant, the court shall dismiss the application for extradition order and accordingly order the defendant discharged" (*Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Amendment of Section 15.

Section 15 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following new paragraph "(e)" after the existing paragraph "(b)", that is:

- “(c) No person surrendered to Nigeria in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be arrested, detained, extradited, proceeded against or otherwise dealt with in Nigeria or any other country within the Commonwealth or country that have same Extradition Agreement with Nigeria, if the proceeding relates to an offence for which he has been previously convicted or acquitted in the requested country for which extradition is sought by the Nigerian authorities” (*Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Amendment of Section 21.

Section 21 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting interpretation of “Magistrate” therefrom (*Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Amendment of the Second Schedule.

The Second Schedule is amended by deleting the word “Magistrate” therefrom (*Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as Extradition Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the extant extradition Act to give effect to the rule against double jeopardy as recognized under the Constitution, provide procedural safeguards to avoid extradition of person in cases of mistaken identity and to effect appropriate modifications on the Act to conform with the provisions of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as amended (*Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Extradition Act, Cap. E25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Give Effect to the Rule Against Double Jeopardy as Recognised under the Constitution, Provide Procedural Safeguards to Avoid Extradition of Persons in Cases of Mistaken Identity and to Effect Appropriate Modifications on the Act to Conform with the Provisions of the 1999 Constitution and for Related Matters (HB. 1187) (*Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Extradition Act, Cap. F25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1187) and approved Clauses 1 - 9, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(ii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by Bar. Uchenna Oparaugo and Austine C. Uwabuto:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Bar. Uchenna Oparaugo and Austine C. Uwabuto on behalf of Godwin Ogbogu against Key Stone Bank on the alleged unlawful transfer of the sum of \$180,000 (One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars) against timely order and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"That the matter be referred to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)/ Interpol in view of the International link of the transaction" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu 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 Bar. Uchenna Oparaugo and Austine C. Uwabuto on behalf of Godwin Ogbogu against Key Stone Bank on the alleged unlawful transfer of the sum of \$180,000 (One Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars) against timely order and approved the Recommendation of the report.

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

(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by Iyoha Iyoke & Co.:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Iyoha Iyoke & Co. on behalf of Ambrose O. Imien against the Medical Department of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) on the wrongful dismissal of Ambrose O. Imien. and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

“Urge the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) to reverse the dismissal of Ambrose O. Imien and convert same to retirement as at the date of his terminal benefits on an employment category 2, steps higher than his status as at April 1999” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

“Further urge the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) to ensure that his arrears of salary and allowances are paid him from April 1999 to date” (*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 Iyoha Iyoke & Co. on behalf of Ambrose O. Imien against the Medical Department of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA) on the wrongful dismissal of Ambrose O. Imien, and approved Recommendations (i) and (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:

Petition by the Coalition of Civil Society Organisation for Justice and Equity;

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by the Coalition of Civil Society Organisation for Justice and Equity against the Nigeria Police Force and approve the recommendation therein” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

“Urge the Inspector General of Police to vacate/unseal the premises of the Peace Corps of Nigeria, within 21 days in compliance with the High Court Order, and in obedience to recommendations of the Attorney General of the Federation” (*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 the Coalition of Civil Society Organisation for Justice and Equity against the Nigeria Police Force and approved the Recommendation of the report.

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

15. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 15 May, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.46 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 14 March, 2018, No. 81, page 2,276, item (iv), in the Report, *leave out* the words "twenty-five" wherever it appears and *insert* the words "fifty-eight".

