



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 13 November, 2018

1. The House met at 11.30 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 Thursday, 8 November, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

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



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

5th November, 2018

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

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

**PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO DECLINE ASSENT TO THE
INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED BIOCHEMIST AND MOLECULAR
BIOLOGIST OF NIGERIA BILL, 2018**

Pursuant to Section 58 (4) of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), I hereby convey to the House of Representatives, my decision, on 5th November, 2018 to decline Presidential Assent to the Institute of Chartered Biochemist and Molecular Biologists of Nigeria Bill, 2018 recently passed by the National Assembly, for the following reasons:

- (a) *the provision of section 13 (3) to give the Chartered Biochemist and Molecular Biologist of Nigeria power to approve academic programs and even close down programmes in tertiary institution would infringe on the mandate of the National Universities Commission and the National Board for Technical Education;*
- (b) *there are certain drafting and administrative issues in the Bill including the failure in Sections 13 (8), 14 and 20 (2) to designate a Chairman for both the Practice and Publicity Committee and or specific process for how a Chairman will emerge for either of the Education, Practice or Publicity Committees. This can lead to confusion in the administration of the Council.*

Please accept; Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. Announcement

Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:

- (i) Staff and Students of ***Eagle House Education Centre***, Kuje, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of ***Destiny Christian Academy***, Airport Road, Abuja; and
- (ii) Staff and Students of ***People's Pride Academy***, Orozo, Abuja.

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

River Surge in Ogbaru Federal Constituency, Anambra State:

Hon. Chukwuka Onyema (Ogbaru 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.

River Surge in Ogbaru Federal Constituency, Anambra State:

The House:

Notes that the entire Ogbaru Federal Constituency of Anambra State was submerged by flood as a result of River surge in the area;

Also notes that the Federal Government of Nigeria declared a national emergency in some States, including Anambra State as a result of this year's flood;

Aware that several people in the community, including a mother of twins and the son of late Chief Stephen Osita Osadebe lost their lives;

Also aware that houses, farmlands, agricultural produce and other properties worth millions of Naira, especially seedlings preserved for the next farming season were also destroyed;

Cognizant that it is absolutely not possible to relocate the ancestral homes of the indigenes without adequate provision in the IDP Camps;

Worried over the Federal Ministry of Environment's argument that it could no longer do any work on the river erosion sites in Ogbaru Federal Constituency consequent upon the Resolution of this House for lack of fund, despite the provisions by the Ecological Funds;

Concerned that there is a possibility of epidemics outbreak in the affected communities due to the resultant water pollution;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to send relief materials, including seedlings, Cassava Stem, drugs/vaccines and medical personnel to Ogbaru Federal Constituency to help alleviate their problems;
- (iii) also urge the management of the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons and related bodies on IDP matters to strictly comply with the building code in the construction of IDP Camps;
- (iv) further urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to declare a national emergency on river erosion in Ogbaru Federal Constituency of Anambra State and accord them the required attention;
- (v) still urge the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and Social Development to support the family of the deceased mother of the twin babies; and
- (vi) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back within eight (8) weeks (*Hon. Chukwuka W. Onyema — Ogbaru Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 76/11/2018).

Motion referred to the Committee on Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

6. Presentation of Bill

Companies and Allied Matters Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1566) was read the *First Time*.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Prohibit the killing and Exportation of Donkeys or its Carcasses or Derivatives out of Nigeria given their Depletion in Numbers; the threat of Extinction, and other Aesthetic, Ecological, Historical, Recreational, and Scientific values to the Nigerian Nation and its People in order to preserve them for use particularly in Transportation; and for Related Matters (HB. 1306) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Prohibit the killing and Exportation of Donkeys or its Carcasses or Derivatives out of Nigeria given their Depletion in Numbers; the threat of Extinction, and other Aesthetic, Ecological, Historical, Recreational, and Scientific values to the Nigerian Nation and its People in order to preserve them for use particularly in Transportation; and for Related Matters (HB. 1306) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Garba Datti Muhammed — Sabon Gari Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services.

8. **Privilege (Standing Order Six, Rule 4)**

Hon. Ali Isa JC (*Balanga/Biliri Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to publications in *The Nation* newspaper of Monday, 12 November, 2018, *Leadership*, and *Peoples Daily* newspapers of Tuesday, 13 November, 2018, concerning the report of the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness which was considered on the Floor of the House on Thursday, 8 November, 2018. He expressed dismay at the false allegations levelled against the Committee and the House by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Arewa Youths Integrity Forum and some other individuals. He viewed the publications as misrepresentation of facts aimed at deliberately vilifying the House, and prayed that the allegations be considered a breach of the privilege of the Committee and that of the House.

Ordered: Hon. Ali Isa JC to avail the House with all relevant documents on the matter.

9. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 14 November, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 12.50 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker