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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 14 June, 2016

1. The House met at 11.14 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, 9 June, 2016.

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

3. **Announcement**

(*a*) ***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

(*i*) Staff and Students of Total Child International Schools, Dutse Makaranta, Abuja; and

(*ii*) Members of The Nigerian Women Trust Fund, Gwarimpa, Abuja.

(*b*) ***Establishment of National Institute for Legislative Studies Liaison Office*:**
Mr Speaker announced the establishment of National Institute for Legislative Studies Liaison office in Room 214, Senate Building, National Assembly Complex. He noted that the office will assist Members in their legislative business.

4. **Petitions**
Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Rita Orji (*Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*):

(*i*) Olayinka Ibidapo and one other on behalf of Youth Coalition for Change on the allegations of attempt to frustrate the indigenous Marine Companies and encourage money laundry by certain interest groups in the oil and gas sector;

(*ii*) Kofi Bartels on his constant harassment by the Department of State Service and the confiscation of his international passport and residence permit card by the Nigerian Immigration Service;

(*iii*) Nkwere Charles Ekele on the termination of his appointment by the Federal Civil Service Commission;

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(*iv*) Ugwa Arinze Augustine on the termination of his appointment by the Federal Civil Service Commission; and

(*v*) Ndukwu Ugochukwu & Co., on behalf of Structures and Projects Limited on the outstanding rent owed by the National Assembly, on their property since 2012.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(*i*) ***Death of Two Former National Football Coaches — Stephen Keshi and Chief Shuaibu Amodu*:**
Hon. Samuel I. Onuigbo (*Ikwuano/Umuahia North/Umuahia 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 VIII, Rules 46 (3) and 49 to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

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

The Death of Two Former National Football Coaches — Stephen Keshi, CON and Amodu Shuaibu:

The House:

Notes the sudden death of two former National football coaches withing a space of four days, with Stephen Okechukwu Keshi dying on Tuesday, 7 June, 2016 while Alhaji Amodu Shuaibu died on Saturday, 11 June, 2016, in Benin City, the Edo State capital, both were aged 54 and 58 years respectively;

Also notes that Stephen Keshi and Mahmoad EL-Gohary, an Egytian were the only Africans who had won the Nations Cup both as players and coaches with Stephen Keshi winning it in 1994 as a player and in 2013 as a coach, he was also an international gaffer, having coached Togo and Mali National teams;

Observes that Amodu was the National coach on four different occasions during which the team won Bronze medals twice at the AFCON (African Cup of Nations) in Mail 2002 and Angola 2010, he also qualified the Super Eagles on two occasions for the FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan 2002 and South Africa 2010. Amodu was also the Nigerian Football Federation Technical Adviser until his demise;

Aware that these two iconic Nigerians served the country meritoriously as coaches, and now their demise is not only a huge loss to Nigeria and their families but to the International Community as well and we can understand the pains both families and Nigerians are currently going through;

Also aware that Nigerians and the international community as a whole have lost the experiences of these patriots and heroes of football, whose services have been lost forever;

Worried by the information, that Amodu Shuaibu was being owed arrears of salaries running into many months and was equally being owed by the Edo State Government, having worked as the Director of the State Youth Football Development Agency, a position from which he resigned only last year;

Concerned that these iconic Nigerians who exercised leadership in football administration and impacted positively on the nation and the world in ways that their outstanding accomplishments brought happiness to Nigerians even in the periods of economic and political adversities died at a time like this when football as a sport enjoyed by Nigerians is taking a nose dive;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Sports to liaise with the Nigerian Football Federation (NFF) to ensure immediate payment of the entitlements due to the families of Stephen Keshi and Amodu Shuaibu as a conscious effort towards cushioning any pains and financial pressures on the families; and

(*ii*) urge the Federal Government to immortalize these outstanding football icons who had served the country selflessly, so as to encourage the younger ones to always give their best for the development of the country (*Hon. Samuel I. Onuigbo — Ikwuano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted the sudden death of two former National football coaches withing a space of four days, with Stephen Okechukwu Keshi dying on Tuesday, 7 June, 2016 while Alhaji Amodu Shuaibu died on Saturday, 11 June, 2016, in Benin City, the Edo State capital, both were aged 54 and 58 years respectively;

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Concerned that these iconic Nigerians who exercised leadership in football administration and impacted positively on the nation and the world in ways that their outstanding accomplishments brought happiness to Nigerians even in the periods of economic and political adversities died at a time like this when football as a sport enjoyed by Nigerians is taking a nose dive;

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(*ii*) urge the Federal Government to immortalize these outstanding football icons who had served the country selflessly, so as to encourage the younger ones to always give their best for the development of the country (**HR. 01/2016**).

A minute silence was observed in honour the deceased.

Motion referred to the Committee on Sports.

(*ii*) ***Need to Address Geometric Increase in the Price of Fertilizer in the Country*:** Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun (*Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

(*a*) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and

(*b*) suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) and 49 to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

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

Need to Urgently Address Geometric Increase in the Price of Fertilizer in the Country:

The House:

Notes that fertilizer is one of the core agricultural inputs depended upon by farmers for an increased yield globally and Nigeria in particular;

Also notes that the former administration changed the fate of fertilizer distribution in Nigeria, through the introduction of the Growth Enhancement Scheme (GES) whereby each farmer is on contact with the e-Wallet with the involvement of the organised private sector. The policy based on results was adjudged to have brought a good measure of transparency in accessing fertilizer through the elimination of middlemen;

Further notes that the success of the GES metamorphosed into greater output from the agricultural sector as fertilizers were available and affordably sold for between ₦3,000 and ₦3,500 only;

Aware of the importance of agriculture in the drive for the diversification of our economy and averting the looming famine, due to shortage of some essential agricultural products;

Disturbed that the once available agricultural input which used to get to farmers directly at an affordable price has become unavailable and unaffordable to the framers, in spite of its necessity for the anticipated increase in agric yield as a catalyst in achieving a diversified economy for Nigeria. This is to the extent that a 50 kg bag of UREIR fertilizer now goes for around ₦7,800, while that of N-P-K- 15-15-15 goes for around ₦9,000 only;

Concern that, if this situation is allowed without check, unavailability and unaffordability of fertilizers can lead to a very serious problem for the agricultural sector which has potential for causing a serious macro-economic problem for our economy;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to undertake an investigative oversight on this matter and report back to the House within four weeks (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Insert a new Prayer (*ii*) as follows:
"Call on the Federal Ministry of Finance to prioritize the release of funds to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to implement the growth enhancement scheme" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

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Also noted that the former administration changed the fate of fertilizer distribution in Nigeria, through the introduction of the Growth Enhancement Scheme (GES) whereby each farmer is on contact with the e-Wallet with the involvement of the organised private sector. The policy based on results was adjudged to have brought a good measure of transparency in accessing fertilizer through the elimination of middlemen;

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Resolved to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to undertake an investigative oversight on this matter and report back to the House within four weeks; and

(*ii*) call on the Federal Ministry of Finance to prioritize the release of funds to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to implement the growth enhancement scheme" (**HR. 02/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Agricultural Production Services.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Domestication and Enforcement in Nigeria of the Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreement between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Kingdom of Sweden and for Other Related Matters (HB. 443) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

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

Order deferred by leave of the House.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Council on Aging so as to Provide Social Welfare Services for the Elderly and for Purposes of designing Developmental Programmes and activities for the Advancement of elderly Persons in Nigeria and a Bill for an Act to Establish Unemployed Youths, Elderly and Indigent Sustainability Allowances Trust Fund which will be Funded with 30% of the Money accruing from the Communications Services Tax and such Fund will be Utilized and Managed for the Emergency need services of Nigerians among which are payment of stipends to the Unemployed, Subsidizing Infant Drugs and Hypertension Drugs, Diabetics Drugs; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 84 and 526) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Council on Aging so as to Provide Social Welfare Services for the Elderly and for Purposes of designing Developmental Programmes and activities for the Advancement of elderly Persons in Nigeria and a Bill for an Act to Establish Unemployed Youths, Elderly and Indigent Sustainability Allowances Trust Fund which will be Funded with 30% of the Money accruing from the Communications Services Tax and such Fund will be Utilized and Managed for the Emergency need services of Nigerians among which are payment of stipends to the Unemployed, Subsidizing Infant Drugs and Hypertension Drugs, Diabetics Drugs; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 84 and 526) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpor — Aniocha North/Aniocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South 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 Women Affairs and Social Development, Youth Development, and Telecommunications.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Enhance Political inclusion and participation of Young People in Governance in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 556) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Enhance Political inclusion and participation of Young People in Governance in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 556) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe — Ahiazu Mbaise/Ezinihitte Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Special Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of the 1999 *Constitution.*

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Dietitians Council of Nigeria to Regulate the Profession of Dietetics; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 547) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Dietitians Council of Nigeria to Regulate the Profession of Dietetics; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 547) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere 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 Health Institutions.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Electoral Offences Tribunal for the Purpose of trying Electoral Offences; and a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Electoral Offences Commission charged with the Responsibility of Prohibition and Prosecution of Electoral Offences; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 504 and 546) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Electoral Offences Tribunal for the Purpose of trying Electoral Offences; and a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Electoral Offences Commission charged with the Responsibility of Prohibition and Prosecution of Electoral Offences; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 504 and 546) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. John Dyegh — Gboko/Tarka 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 Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend Section 27 (2) (*a*) and (*b*) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004(HB. 576) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend Section 27 (2) (*a*) and (*b*) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004(HB. 576) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim — Fufore/Song 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 Commerce.

13. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly: Order XII, Rule 94

***Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars Bill*, 2015 (HB. 79):**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived, or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*;

Also notes that the Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars Bill, 2015 was passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 79 and read the first time on Wednesday, 17 November, 2015.

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Bill Committed to Committee of the Whole, pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94.

14. Call on the National Universities Commission to Accredit the National Institute for Nigerian Languages as a Degree Awarding Institution

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Institute for Nigerian Languages (NINL), Aba, Abia State was established in 2004 to promote the study and use of Nigerian languages and its establishment Act empowers it to award degrees, diplomas and other certificates to persons who have satisfied the stipulated requirements;

Aware that the Institute has a well-equipped library, offices and lecture halls, and boasts of five Professors and numerous Doctors of Philosophy (PhD) holders as part of its staff, but up till now, the Institute has not been duly recognized by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and thus operates as a non-degree awarding institution;

Concerned that the inability of the Institute to access funds from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) owing to its non-degree awarding status is inhibiting the growth and development of the institute;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the National Universities Commission (NUC) to give due recognition to the National Institute for Nigerian Languages as a degree awarding institution, and grant it autonomy to access funds from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND); and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure compliance (*Hon. Solomon Adaelu — Obingwa/Osisioma/Ugunagbo Federal Constituency and* 1 *other*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out all the Prayers and *insert* a new Prayer as follows:
"Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to look into the matter and report back within a reasonable time" (*Hon. Aminu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agree to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the National Institute for Nigerian Languages (NINL), Aba, Abia State was established in 2004 to promote the study and use of Nigerian languages and its establishment Act empowers it to award degrees, diplomas and other certificates to persons who have satisfied the stipulated requirements;

Aware that the Institute has a well-equipped library, offices and lecture halls, and boasts of five Professors and numerous Doctors of Philosophy (PhD) holders as part of its staff, but up till now, the Institute has not been duly recognized by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and thus operates as a non-degree awarding institution;

Concerned that the inability of the Institute to access funds from the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) owing to its non-degree awarding status is inhibiting the growth and development of the institute;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to look into the matter and report back within a reasonable time (**HR. 03/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.

15. Need to Revisit the Policy of Renewal of the Nigerian Passport on a Five (5) Yearly Basis:
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Recalls that before the introduction of the E-Passport, the Nigerian passport had a 5 years validity period, subject to revalidation for another 5 years only; indicating that Nigeria International Passport had life span of 10 years,

Also recalls that the process of renewal of the old passport was very simple and efficient; as it required mere stamping by an authorized Immigration official, indicating a new expiration date;

Convinced that the 10 years lifespan of the passport sits very well with international best practices because countries issue traveling visas which vary from 2 weeks to 10 years,

Concerned that the Nigeria Immigration Service, for reason only known to it decided to limit the validity of the new Nigeria Passport to 5 years without any option of renewal, therefore, instead of renewal of the passport on expiration, a new one is to be issued;

Also concerned that this arbitrary change in policy is inflicting untold hardships and inconveniences to Nigerians, at home and abroad;

Wonders about the benefits of this change of policy, other than the selfish intentions of the Nigeria Immigration services increase its internally generated revenue profile and by extension increase the funds, it is permitted to offset its operational costs;

Aware that millions of Nigeria who are residing in Countries where Nigeria passports cannot be procured due to absence of Nigeria Consular Office or Embassy, are stranded abroad because of the expiration of their passports;

Worried that the policy has compelled Nigerians who are frequent travelers to passport without visa complimenting each other;

Resolves to:

Urge the minister of interior and the Nigerian Immigration Services to initiate measures aimed at reverting to the 10 years lifespan policy for the Nigerian International passport (*Hon. Samson Olusunbo Olugbemi — Oluloye Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the Prayer and *insert* a new Prayer as follows:
"Mandate the Committee on Interior to interface with the Nigerian Immigration Service with a view to easing the problems faced by Nigerians in the issuance, extension and renewal of Nigerian Passports" (*Hon. Nnanna Igbokwe — Ahiazu Mbaise/Ezinihitte Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Recalled that before the introduction of the E-Passport, the Nigerian passport had a 5 years validity period, subject to revalidation for another 5 years only; indicating that Nigeria International Passport had life span of 10 years,

Also recalled that the process of renewal of the old passport was very simple and efficient; as it required mere stamping by an authorized Immigration official, indicating a new expiration date;

Convinced that the 10 years lifespan of the passport sits very well with international best practices because countries issue traveling visas which vary from 2 weeks to 10 years,

Concerned that the Nigeria Immigration Service, for reason only known to it decided to limit the validity of the new Nigeria Passport to 5 years without any option of renewal, therefore, instead of renewal of the passport on expiration, a new one is to be issued;

Also concerned that this arbitrary change in policy is inflicting untold hardships and inconveniences to Nigerians, at home and abroad;

Wondered about the benefits of this change of policy, other than the selfish intentions of the Nigeria Immigration services increase its internally generated revenue profile and by extension increase the funds, it is permitted to offset its operational costs;

Aware that millions of Nigeria who are residing in Countries where Nigeria passports cannot be procured due to absence of Nigeria Consular Office or Embassy, are stranded abroad because of the expiration of their passports;

Worried that the policy has compelled Nigerians who are frequent travelers to passport without visa complimenting each other;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Interior to interface with the Nigerian Immigration Service with a view to easing the problems faced by Nigerians in the issuance, extension and renewal of Nigerian Passports (**HR. 04/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Interior.

16. **Need for the Independent National Electoral Commission to Release Outstanding Voters' Cards not released before the last General Elections:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria practices a presidential democracy which involves direct voting by eligible citizens for candidates of their choice in general elections;

Also notes that the Electoral Act, 2010 empowers the Independent National Electoral Commission to make Voters' Cards available to registered voters well ahead of voting days;

Worried that the manner INEC handled the distribution of voters' cards during the 2015 general elections disenfranchised millions of Nigerians nationwide;

Also worried that while some States got a large percentage of voters' cards, other States like Lagos with higher voters got far less voters' cards, culminating in mass disenfranchisement of eligible voters;

Further worried that uneven distribution of voters' cards may, in some cases, produce unpopular candidates resulting in triumph of the minority over the majority, which is antithetical to all known democratic tenets.

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Independent National Electoral Commission to immediately embark on distribution of voters' cards not distributed before the last elections;

(*ii*) also urge INEC to embark on continuous registration of voters and distribution of voters' cards;

(*iii*) call on the Federal Government to ensure provision of funds for INEC to cope with its enormous responsibilities as at when due;

(*iv*) mandate the Committees on Electoral and Political Party Matters, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance with this resolution (*Hon. Shadimu Mutiu Alao — Oshodi-Isolo II Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria practices a presidential democracy which involves direct voting by eligible citizens for candidates of their choice in general elections;

Also noted that the Electoral Act, 2010 empowers the Independent National Electoral Commission to make Voters' Cards available to registered voters well ahead of voting days;

Worried that the manner INEC handled the distribution of voters' cards during the 2015 general elections disenfranchised millions of Nigerians nationwide;

Also worried that while some States got a large percentage of voters' cards, other States like Lagos with higher voters got far less voters' cards, culminating in mass disenfranchisement of eligible voters;

Further worried that uneven distribution of voters' cards may, in some cases, produce unpopular candidates resulting in triumph of the minority over the majority, which is antithetical to all known democratic tenets.

Resolved to:

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(*ii*) also urge INEC to embark on continuous registration of voters and distribution of voters' cards;

(*iii*) call on the Federal Government to ensure provision of funds for INEC to cope with its enormous responsibilities as at when due;

(*iv*) mandate the Committees on Electoral and Political Party Matters, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance with this resolution (**HR. 05/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters.

17. Sectoral Debate

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do continue the Sectoral debate on the Diversification of the Nigerian Economy, pursuant to Order XVI of the Standing Orders" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned.

18. Consideration of Reports

(*i*) *Committee on Federal Capital Territory*:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on the Breach of the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service Act, 2015 and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**

"That the Stop-Gap collaboration between the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) and the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) for collection of taxes continues, but the timelines submitted by the Honourable Minister be revised, such that the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service (FCTIRS) can take off in October, 2016, and that FCTA reports progress to the Committee on attainment of set targets" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Recommendation (*i*) and *insert* a new Recommendation as follows:

"That the collection of taxes accruing to the FCT by the FIRS being illegal should be immediately stopped, and FIRS should ensure the winding down of such operations by September, 2016" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to

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

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**

"That all appointments and engagements by the previous Board and/or the Chairman of the Board stand nullified, as his appointment was never ratified by the National Assembly" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**

"That the House should support the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service (FCTIRS) by making adequate budgetary provision in the FCT Statutory Budget, for the take-off of the Service" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Recommendation (*iii*) (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):
"That the FCTIRS should ensure full deployment of platforms and technology to ensure adequate coverage of all areas of revenue without further delay" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):
"That the FCTIRS should engage the services of qualified and competent consultants and tax practitioners as specified in Section 7 (2) (*g*) and (*h*) of the FCT Internal Revenue Service Act, 2015, to enhance its operations" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out Recommendation (*v*) (*Hon. Jones Onyereri —Nkwerre/Isu/ Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made —Agreed to.

Recommendation (vi):
"That the process for selection of consultants should be open and competitive in compliance with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya 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 Federal Capital Territory on the Breach of the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service Act, 2015 and approved Recommendation (*i*) as amended, approved Recommendation (*ii*), rejected Recommendation (*iii*), approved Recommendation (*iv*), rejected Recommendation (*v*), and approved Recommendation (*vi*) of the Report.

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

(*ii*) ***Committee on Interior:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Interior on the Criminal Act of Assault and Battery allegedly visited upon Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpor by men and Officers of the Nigeria Prisons Service and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

Recommendation (i):
"That from the testimonies of 6 (six) credible witnesses, it is established beyond reasonable doubt that: SIP Idaa Odeh with service number 40258 assaulted Hon. Onyemaechi Mrakpor and is therefore guilty of an offence under Section 16 of the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2004:

(*a*) SIP Idaa Odeh with service number 40258 should be arrested and tried by the Attorney General of the Federation in accordance with Section 16 of Legislative Houses (Powers and privileges) Act (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(*b*) he should be dismissed from the service with immediate effect (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:
(*i*) *Leave out* all the words in Recommendation (*i*) (*b*) (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(*ii*) *Insert* a new Recommendation (*i*) (*b*) as follows:
"That Officer ACG Shehu Usman Kangiwa should be arrested and tried alongside SIP Idaa Odeh in accordance with Section 16 of Legislative Houses Powers and Privileges Act" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Recommendation (ii):
"That Corporal Esther Hassan, ASP Sunday Akoh of the Nigeria Police and Adeboye I. O. of the Department of State Services should be disciplined and immediately reprimanded and redeployed" (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):
"That training and re-training of all resident security agencies in the National Assembly is needed" (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):
"That the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2004 should be amended as a matter of urgency to the effect that only the President, Vice President and Chief Justice of Nigeria (CJN) or a visiting President can come into the premises of the National Assembly with moderate convoy, and penalties should be provided for offenders" (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):
"That a complete overhaul of the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms is urgently needed" (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vi):
"That all the security personnel currently serving at the National Assembly gates, including Sergeant-at-Arms staff, should be redeployed" (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vii):
"That the Committee on Legislative Compliance should ensure strict compliance with all the recommendations and report back to the House within 2 (two) weeks" (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko 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 Interior on the Criminal Act of Assault and Battery allegedly visited upon Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpor by men and Officers of the Nigeria Prisons Service, and approved Recommendation (*i*) as amended, and approved Recommendations (*ii*) - (*vii*).

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

19. Adjournment
That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 15 *June*, 2016 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.36 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker