



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 16 October, 2018

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, 11 October, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

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



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

8th October, 2018

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

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (REPEAL AND RE-ENACTMENT) BILL, 2018

I forward herewith, for your kind consideration and re-enactment, the Environmental Impact Assessment Bill, 2018 to repeal the EIA Cap. E12, Laws of the Federation, 2004.

It is my hope that the House of Representatives will consider and pass the Bill in the usual expeditious manner.

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

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

4. **Announcements**

(a) **Visitors in the Gallery:**

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of Staff and Students of *Starfield College*, Kado, Abuja.

(b) **Notification of Vacancies:**

(i) Mr Speaker read the following notification to the House:

Honourable Members,

NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY IN THE SEAT OF TORO FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, HELD BY HON. LAWAL YAHAYA GUMAU

I write to notify Honourable Members of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Section 68 (1) (a) and 68 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, that the Seat of Toro Federal Constituency of Bauchi State held by Hon. Lawal Yahaya Gumau has become vacant.

2. *This vacancy is as a result of his election as Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He has since taken Oath as Senator representing Bauchi South Senatorial District. By virtue of this, he has fulfilled the conditions of Section 68 (1) (a) of the Constitution, requiring me, therefore, to give effect to the vacation of his seat as Honourable Member.*

3. *This notification is in fulfillment of Section 68 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, and for the records.*

(Signed)

Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara

(ii) Mr Speaker also read the following notification to the House:

Honourable Members,

NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY IN THE SEAT OF KANKIA/KUSADA INGAWA FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY, HELD BY HON. AHMED BABBA KAITA

I write to notify Honourable Members of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Section 68 (1) (a) and 68 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, that the Seat of Kankia/Kusada Ingawa Federal Constituency of Katsina State held by Hon. Ahmed Babba Kaita has become vacant.

2. This vacancy is as a result of his election as Senator of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. He has since taken Oath as Senator representing Katsina North Senatorial District. By virtue of this, he has fulfilled the conditions of Section 68 (1, (a) of the Constitution, requiring me, therefore, to give effect to the vacation of his seat as Honourable Member.

3. This notification is in fulfillment of Section 68 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, and for the records.

(Signed)

Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara

(c) **Bereavement:**

Mr Speaker read the following communications from:

- (i) Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta (*Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*), announcing the death of a former member, Hon. Chinonyerem Macebuh (*Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency, 1999 — 2007*) on Thursday, 4 October, 2018.
- (ii) Hon. Pally Iriase (*Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency*), announcing the death of his father, Pa Isaiah Iriase, on Sunday, 2 September, 2018 at the age of 110.

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

(d) **Ad-hoc Committees:**

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the following *Ad-hoc* Committees:

- (i) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Circumstance Leading to the Invasion of Kofar Ruwa and Singha Markets by the Nigeria Customs Service in Kano, Kano State (HR. 48/10/2018):***

(1)	Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. Kolawole Babatunde Gabriel	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Chidoka Obinna	—	Member
(4)	Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai	—	Member
(5)	Hon. Magaji Dau Aliyu	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Ismail Ahmed Gadaka	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha	—	Member

- (ii) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Award of Pipeline Surveillance Contracts by the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) in Bayelsa State (HR. 34/07/2018):***

(1)	Hon. Chidozie Nwankwo	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. Garba Durbunde	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Darlington Nwokocha	—	Member
(4)	Hon. Dickson Tarkighir Dominic	—	Member
(5)	Hon. Kehinde Odeneye	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Ekpoattai Owoidighe Ime	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Musa Ado Tsamiya	—	Member

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

- (i) ***Need to Curb the Unending Cycle of Severe Flooding and Grief in Bayelsa State:***

Hon. Diri Douye (*Yenagoa/Kolokuma/Opokuma 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 Curb the Unending Cycle of Severe Flooding and Grief in Bayelsa State:

The House:

Notes that floods, one of the most common hazards facing humanity, are caused by a variety of factors, including a sudden rain, over flowing rivers, tidal surges, as well as dam failures, and can result in severe humanitarian crises;

Also notes with utmost concern, that flooding is a scourge in many communities in Nigeria and is exacerbated by poor infrastructure and poor implementation of development plans;

is also aware that this year's floods affected twelve (12) States, about 80 Local Government Areas (LGAs) have been identified as frontline zones, affecting 2.92 million people (over two hundred people dead) and displacing in excess of 1.5 million of them, resulting in pressing humanitarian needs and diseases such as cholera as major risk, according to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA);

Cognizant that the report by the Nigeria Meteorological Agency's (NiMet's) 2018 Seasonal Rainfall Prediction, SRP, indicated that so much water would overflow the banks of West Africa's two major rivers, Niger and Benue into numerous cities and communities once it rains, unless adequate provisions are made to accommodate the huge volume of water, especially in the areas that are contiguous to these rivers, flooding;

Regrets that notwithstanding such early warnings from the Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency that the Benue and Niger Rivers were close to reaching the levels of that of 2012 which caused the death of more than 350 people and wiped out scores of homes, farms and other property, the Federal Government, far from being proactive, has continued to function more as an information bureau, providing statistics of casualties, rather than perform its core constitutional mandate to protect citizens by anticipating and mitigating disasters, as well as, responding appropriately during emergencies;

Distressed that Bayelsa State is one of the worst affected and the floods have damaged agricultural lands, homes, power and telecommunication supplies, with no fewer than 300,000 persons displaced while the numbers keep growing even as water levels continue to rise daily;

Also distressed to report that the floods have sacked 49 communities across the eight Local Government Areas of Bayelsa State; including but not limited to Sampou, Kaiama, Odi, Opokuma, Sabagreal and Igbedi in Kolokuma/Okpokuma Local Government Area, a substantial part of the State capital, Yenagoa and its environs, especially Tombia, Akempai, Agudama- Ekpetiama, Akemfa; as well as Ofonibiri, Amasoma, Ekowe, Olugbobiri, Angiama, Otuan, Oporoma in Southern Ijaw Local Government; Imiringi, Ayama-Ogbia and Otuogidi in Ogbia, and Trofani, Adagbabiri, Odonni, Sagbama, Toru-Orua and Bolou-Orua in Sagbama Local Government Area; Tamogbene, Foutorugbene I-IV, Aleibiri, Obrigbene Ayamassa, Peretcrugbene, Amanagbene and Ekeremor in Ekeremor Local Government, Egwe-ama in Brass Local Government among others, with patients removed from hospitals and residents rendered homeless, due to submerged markets, schools, hospitals, churches and farmland with crops nearing harvest;

Commends the resolve and exemplary leadership of the Governor of Bayelsa State, His Excellency, Seriake Henry Dickson, first for closing all schools in Bayelsa with immediate effect to enable their managements take the students back to their parents for safe custody, again for converting the schools to IDP camps and strongly support his appeal to the Federal Government to significantly increase the level of humanitarian assistance to the state and declare it a national disaster zone as it did on the 18th of September, 2018, in respect of Delta, Kogi, Anambra and Niger States;

Also commends and appreciates the initiative of NEMA to setup a State office in Yenagoa and for the evacuation of displaced person to the Internal Displaced Persons (IDPs) camps and urge the agency to further scale up its intervention to mitigate such terrible calamity, prevent the outbreak of epidemics and avert the collapse of social order;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Ecological Fund Office and related agencies of Government to be more proactive in their strategy to tackle the seasonal menace of flooding, investment in better drainage and improvements to infrastructure to aid the development of communities in coastal areas, better maintenance of dams as well as the construction of dykes to keep flooding in check;
- (ii) also urge NEMA to redouble its efforts in bringing succor to Bayelsa State and similarly deluged States to avert greater humanitarian crisis and epidemics;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Government to establish permanent Shelter Centers in the eight Local Government Areas of the State to deal with the dilemma of accommodating displaced persons during floods, given that Bayelsa is prone to this phenomenon due to its below sea level status; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Environment and Habitat to interface with the National Emergency Management Agency, the Ecological Fund and other related MDAs to ensure that the national emergency and disaster response preparedness is sharpened and aligned to international best practices and report back within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Diri Douye — Yenagoa/Kolokuma/Opokuma Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Agreed to.

The House:

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- (ii) ***The Execution of Voluntary Health Workers, Saifura Khorsa and Hauwa Liman by Boko Haram Sect and the urgent need to Rescue the Remaining Health Workers, Alice Loksha in Captivity:***
 Hon. Chike John Okafor (Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo 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.

The Execution of Voluntary Health Workers, Saifura Khorsa and Hauwa Lima by Boko Haram Sect and the Urgent Need to Rescue the Remaining Health Worker, Alice Loksha in Captivity:

The House:

Notes that on Thursday, 1 March, 2018, three selfless citizens of Nigeria who are voluntary health workers with the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Saifura Khorsa, Hauwa Mohammed Liman and Alice Loksha, were abducted by Boko Haram set in Rann, Kala Balge Local Government Area of Borno State;

Also notes that these health workers; apart from being mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and constituents, were voluntary health workers providing healthcare and humanitarian assistance to devastated victims of boko haram sect in Rann, Kala Balge Local Government Area;

Aware that the moment the news of the abduction of these health workers got to the Federal Government, it immediately opened up a negotiation channel with the sect for the safe release of the abductees; while it also received briefs from UNICEF and ICRC;

Further notes that despite the negotiation initiated by the Federal Government for the safe release of these innocent Nigerians, the Boko Haram sect has decided to tow this part of tragic execution of two of the captives;

Cognizant that the remaining abductees, Alice Loksha, together with Leah Sharibu who was kidnapped in February 19, 2018, alongside dozens of her schoolmates in Oapchi, Yobe State, are still under captivity as the sect threatened to use them as slaves;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;

- (ii) urge the Federal Government to as a matter of priority expedite negotiations for the safe release of the remaining abductees;
- (iii) also urge the Federal Government to intensify efforts in collaborating with other countries of the world to acquire advanced technology equipments for terrorism information gathering and satellite full imagery devices that can help in the fight against terrorism; and
- (iv) further urge the nation's development partners not to relent in their aid and support for counter terrorism in Nigeria (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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- (iv) further urge the nation's development partners not to relent in their aid and support for counter terrorism in Nigeria (**HR. 52/10/2018**).

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Provisions of the Electoral Act, No 6 of 2010; and for Related Matters (HB. 1544) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Provisions of the Electoral Act, No 6 of 2010; and for Related Matters (HB. 1544) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

7. Bills for Acts to Provide Legal Framework to Establish the following Federal Medical Centres:

- (a) Federal Medical Centre, Abakaliki (HB. 1390);
- (b) Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta (HB. 1391);
- (c) Federal Medical Centre, Asaba (HB. 1392);
- (d) Federal Medical Centre, Azare (HB. 1393);
- (e) Federal Medical Centre, Bida (HB. 1394);
- (f) Federal Medical Centre, Birnin-Kebbi (HB. 1395);
- (g) Federal Medical Centre, Birnin-Kudu (HB. 1396);
- (h) Federal Medical Centre, Ebute-Meta (HB. 1397);
- (i) Federal Medical Centre, Yola (HB. 1399);
- (j) Federal Medical Centre, Gusau (HB. 1400);
- (k) Federal Medical Centre, Ado Ekiti (HB. 1401);
- (l) Federal Medical Centre, Jalingo (HB. 1402);
- (m) Federal Medical Centre, Katsina (HB. 1403);
- (n) Federal Medical Centre, Keffi (HB. 1404);
- (o) Federal Medical Centre, Lokoja (HB. 1405);
- (p) Federal Medical Centre, Makurdi (HB. 1406);
- (q) Federal Medical Centre, Nguru (HB. 1407);
- (r) Federal Medical Centre, Owerri (HB. 1408);
- (s) Federal Medical Centre, Owo (HB. 1409);
- (t) Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia (HB. 1410); and
- (u) Federal Medical Centre, Yenagoa (HB. 1411) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed. "That Bills for Acts to Provide Legal Framework to Establish the following Federal Medical Centres:

- (a) Federal Medical Centre, Abakaliki (HB. 1390);
- (b) Federal Medical Centre, Abokuta (HB. 1391);
- (c) Federal Medical Centre, Asaba (HB. 1392);
- (d) Federal Medical Centre, Azare (HB. 1393);
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- (h) Federal Medical Centre, Ebute-Meta (HB. 1397);
- (i) Federal Medical Centre, Yola (HB. 1399);
- (j) Federal Medical Centre, Gusau (HB. 1400);
- (k) Federal Medical Centre, Ado Ekiti (HB. 1401);
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- (n) Federal Medical Centre, Keffi (HB. 1404);
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- (p) Federal Medical Centre, Makurdi (HB. 1406);
- (q) Federal Medical Centre, Nguru (HB. 1407);
- (r) Federal Medical Centre, Owerri (HB. 1408);
- (s) Federal Medical Centre, Owo (HB. 1409);
- (t) Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia (HB. 1410); and
- (u) Federal Medical Centre, Yenagoa (HB. 1411) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen — Zaria 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 Healthcare Institutions.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Security Trust Fund to Provide for the Maintenance of a Trust Fund that will cater for the Procurement of Military Security Infrastructure and Technology for Security Agencies in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1475) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Security Trust Fund to Provide for the Maintenance of a Trust Fund that will cater for the Procurement of Military Security Infrastructure and Technology for Security Agencies in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1475) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Dunga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency and 7 others*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Defence, and National Security and Intelligence.

9. **Approval of the Request for Virement of Funds to Finance the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and Security Agencies towards the Preparation for the 2019 General Elections**

Motion made and Question proposed.

The House:

Recalls that on Wednesday, 18 July, 2018, a communication from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria requesting for Virement of Funds in the Appropriation Act, 2018 was read at Plenary;

Notes that the request was in respect of Virement of Funds to finance INEC and Security Agencies towards the preparation for the 2019 General Elections for which no provisions were made in the 2018 Appropriation Act;

Aware that the Virement has become necessary in order to appropriate funds to enable the relevant Agencies commence preparation towards a free and fair election in 2019;

Also notes that the total amount of Virement being proposed for the INEC and other Security Agencies is ₦831,259,220,255.00 the breakdown of which is as follows:

1.	Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)	₦234,507, 272,393.00,
2.	Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA)	₦46,948,839,426.00,
3.	Department of State Security Service (DSS)	₦50,791,852,568.00,
4.	Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC)	₦82,834,042,256.00,
5.	Nigeria Police Force (NPF)	₦351,562,210,645.00,
6.	Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS)	₦64,615,002,968.00,
Grand Total		₦831,259,220,255.00;

Resolves to:

Approve the Virement of the Sum of Eight Hundred and Thirty-One Billion, Two Hundred and Fifty-Nine Million, Two Hundred and Twenty Thousand, and Two Hundred and Fifty-Five Naira (₦831,259,220,255.00) only to fund the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and Security Agencies towards the preparation for the 2019 General Elections (*Hon. Mustapha Bala Dawaki — Dawakin Kudu/Warawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

10. Consideration of Reports

(i) *Committee on Environment and Habitat:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Environment and Habitat on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2006; and for Related Matters (HB. 964) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South 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 NATIONAL OIL SPILL DETECTION AND RESPONSE AGENCY (ESTABLISHMENT ACT) 2006, AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH (HB. 964)

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Amendment of 2006 No. 15.

The National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act 2006 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is hereby amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Redesignation of National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency.

- (1) The long title of the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2006 is hereby re-designated as the "National Oil Pollution Management Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2018".
- (2) Accordingly, any reference in the Act to "National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency" shall be construed as the "National Oil Pollution Management Agency".
- (3) The re-designation of the enactment specified in sub-section (1) of this section shall not affect anything done or purported to be done under the designated enactment (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 3: Amendment of section 1.**

Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by substituting for the existing subsection (1) a new subsection as follows:

- “(1) There is established an Agency to be known as the National Oil Pollution Management Agency (in this Bill referred to as “the Agency”) with responsibility for preparedness, detection and response to all oil spillages and oily wastes in Nigeria as set out in section 5 of this Bill” (Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 4: Amendment of section 2.**

Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (2) (b) by substituting for the existing paragraph (b) a new paragraph (b) as follows:

- “(b) one representative each of the following Federal Ministries not below the rank of Director:
- (i) Environment,
 - (ii) Petroleum Resources,
 - (iii) Defence,
 - (iv) Transportation,
 - (v) National Emergency Management Agency,
 - (vi) Oil Producers' Trade Section of Lagos Chambers of Commerce (OPTS),
 - (vii) Ecological Fund Office as a member of the Board, and
 - (viii) Federal Ministry of Water Resources (Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 5: Amendment of section 5.**

Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by:

- (a) substituting for the existing preamble, a new preamble as follows:

“Objectives of the Agency.”

5. The objectives of the agency shall be to monitor and regulate Tiers 1 and 2 oil spill as well as activate the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan for Nigeria (in this Bill referred to as “the Plan”) in the event of a Tier 3 oil spill”.

(b) substituting for the existing paragraph (a), a new paragraph as follows:

“(a) establish a viable national operational organization that ensures a safe, timely, effective and appropriate response to all oil spills and oil Pollution as well as other hazardous and noxious substances in the petroleum sector” (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Amendment of section 6.

Section 6 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the existing one a new section as follows:

“Functions of the Agency.

6. (1) The Agency shall:

- (a) be responsible for surveillance and enforce compliance with all existing environmental legislation in the petroleum sector including those relating to prevention, detection and general management of oil spills and oily wastes.
- (b) enforce compliance with the provisions of international agreements, protocols, conventions and treaties relating to oily waste and oil spill response management and such other related agreements as may from time to time come into force;
- (c) receive reports of oil spillages, leakages from pipelines, storage facilities and co-ordinate oil spill response activities throughout Nigeria;
- (d) ensure the remediation of oil impacted sites irrespective of the cause of the spillage;
- (e) co-ordinate the implementation of the Plan as may be formulated, from time to time, by the Federal Government;
- (f) co-ordinate the implementation of the Plan for the removal of hazardous and noxious substances as may be issued by the Federal Government;
- (g) ensure that all oil industry operators in Nigeria subscribe to and be bonafide members of Clean Nigeria Associates (CNA) or any other similar association by whatever name called; and.
- (h) perform such other functions as may be required to achieve the aims and objectives of the Agency under this Bill or any plan as may be formulated by the Federal Government pursuant to this Bill.

Penalties.

- (2) (a) A facility owner is by this Bill to report an oil spill to the Agency in writing, by fax or electronic mail not later than 24 hours after the occurrence of an oil spill in default of which the failure to report shall attract penalty in the sum of ₦2,000,000 for each day of failure to report the occurrence.
- (3) (i) The failure to commence clean-up operations on the impacted site within two weeks after the completion of the Joint Investigation Visit (JIV) in accordance with the polluter pays principle, shall constitute an offence and on conviction, the facility owner shall be liable to a fine not less than ₦5,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (ii) Where applicable, failure to submit an action plan for remediation and restoration within 2 weeks after the completion of post clean up assessment shall constitute an offence, and on conviction the facility owner shall be liable to a fine not less than ₦5,000,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (4) The notice under subsection (2) of this section shall be deemed to have been made, if sent by telephone, or in writing by fax, electronic mail or delivered at the nearest/zonal or field office of the Agency close to the impacted site or the National Control and Response Centre within the time stipulated in subsection (2) of this section" (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Insertion of new sections 8 and 9.

- (1) There shall be inserted immediately after section 7 of the Principal Act, the following new sections:

"Abandonment/Decommissioning of drill sites and oil facilities.

8. (1) The Agency shall monitor the process of decommissioning or abandonment of drill sites and oil facilities as well as oil industry operational areas in accordance with the procedure and guidelines issued by the Agency.
- (2) The decommissioned/abandoned drill sites shall be cleaned-up, remediated and restored to its natural or near natural states by the oil facility owner.
- (3) The Agency shall be notified in writing to commence the decommissioning and abandonment of any oil facilities or installations within its area of operation.
- (4) Failure to request or notify the Agency on the commencement of such activities within the period of two (2) months will attract penalties prescribed in the Agency's regulation, guidelines or standards.

Pipelines and other oil facilities integrity monitoring and testing.

9. (1) The Agency shall periodically inspect the records of assets and integrity tests conducted by facility owners to ensure that such assets are safe to store or convey oil effectively to minimize potential for oil spills.
- (2) The Agency shall provide a programme for the assessment and monitoring of the oil facilities to enhance its performance for distribution, storage and transportation of the upstream, midstream and downstream products.
- (3) The existing sections 8 and 9 of the Principal Act shall be renumbered as sections 10 and 11 respectively" (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 8: Amendment of section 11.**

Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended by:

- (a) inserting immediately after paragraph (b), a new paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) as follows:
- “(c) 2.5 per cent of the ecological fund annually for the management of oil spill disasters and remediation of oil impacted sites arising from third party interference;
- (d) 0.5 per cent of operations funds of oil companies for the enforcement of environmental legislation in the petroleum sector;”
- (e) such counterpart funding as may be provided, from time to time by a State or Local Government;
- (f) loans and grants-in-aid from national, bilateral and multilateral agencies;
- (g) rents, fees, fine and other internally generated revenues from services provided by the Agency; and
- (h) all other sums accruing to the Agency from time to time (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 9: Amendment of section 19.**

Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended by:

- (a) inserting the following new paragraph (b) immediately after subsection (1) (a), that is:
- “(b) inspect oil and gas facilities with a view to ensuring full compliance with existing environmental legislation on oil and gas pollution”;

- (b) inspect oil and gas facilities with a view to ensuring full compliance with existing environmental legislation on oil pollution and spills";
- (c) by deleting the existing subsection (3) (d) (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: Amendment of section 26.

Section 26 of the Principal Act is amended by:

- (a) renumbering the existing section as subsection (1):

"Regulations.

26. (1) The Agency may, with the approval of the Governing Board make such regulations as in its opinion are necessary or expedient for giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill and for the due administration of its provisions.

- (b) adding the following new subsections (2), (3) and (4) immediately after subsection (1) to read:

"(2) The Agency may in pursuance of the provision of subsection (1) of this section make regulations setting specifications and standard relating to the:

- (a) use of dispersant;
- (b) engagement or invitation of any oil spill responder by oil companies;
- (c) establishment of a benchmark for oil spill contingency planning;
- (d) development of framework to guide operators in Oil Spill Contingency Planning; and
- (e) most appropriate means of preventing and combating various oil spills and its attendant oil pollution.

(3) Any person who contravenes the regulations made pursuant to subsection (2) of this section commits an offence and shall on conviction, be liable to a fine not less than ₦500,000 or to imprisonment for a term not less than two years or to both such fine and imprisonment and additional fine of ₦50,000 for every day the offence subsists.

(4) Where an offence under subsection (2) of the section is committed by a body corporate, it shall on conviction be liable to a fine not less than ₦2,000,000 and additional fine of 10% of the original fine for every day the offence subsists" (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 10 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11: Insertion of new sections 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33.

- (1) There shall be inserted immediately after section 26 of the Principal Act, the following new sections:

"Power to enter premises.

29. (1) An officer of the Agency may, in the course of his duty, at any reasonable time and on production of his certificate of designation if so required:

- (a) in collaboration with relevant agencies, enter and search with a warrant issued by a court, any premises including land, vehicle, tent, vessel, floating craft including Maritime Tankers, Barges of Floating Production, Storage, Offload (FPSO) and oil and gas facilities or any inland waters and other structure, at all times, for the purposes of conducting inspection, searching and taking samples for analysis which he reasonably believes, carries out activities or stores goods which contravene environmental standards or legislation relating to oil spill/ and oily wastes management
- (b) examine any article found pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, which appears to him to be an article to which this Bill or the regulations made under apply or anything which he reasonably believes is capable of being used to the detriment of the environment in the petroleum sector;
- (c) take a sample or specimen of any article to which this Bill or the regulations apply or which he has power to examine under paragraph (b) of this subsection;
- (d) open and examine, pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, any container or package which he reasonably believes may contain anything to which this Bill or its regulations apply or which may help in his investigations;
- (e) examine any book, document or other record found pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, which he reasonably believes may contain any information relevant to the enforcement of this Bill or the regulations and make copies thereof or extracts there from;
- (f) seize and detain for such time as may be necessary for the purpose of this Bill, any articles by means of or in relation to which he reasonably believes any provision of this Bill or the regulations has been contravened; and

- (g) obtain an order of a court to suspend activities, seal and close down premises including land, vehicle, tent well head, vessel, floating craft and oil gas facilities or any inland waters and other structure whatsoever.
- (2) A written receipt shall be given for any article or thing seized under subsection (1) of this section and the reasons for such seizure shall be stated on such receipt.
- (3) An article seized under this Bill shall be kept or stored in such a place as the officer of the Agency may direct and shall be returned to the owner or the person from whom it was seized if the article upon analysis or examination is found to conform with the requirements of this Bill or regulations made under it.
- (4) An article seized by an officer of the Agency in pursuance of this Bill or the regulations made under it, may be submitted to an analyst for analysis or examination and the analyst upon making such analysis or examination shall, issue a certificate or report in the prescribed form, setting forth the result of such analysis or examination and the officer of the Agency shall, on demand, deliver a copy of such certificate or report to the owner of the article if the article is to be subject of a proceeding under this Bill or regulations thereunder.
- (5) In this section, the expression "article" to which this Bill or regulations made under it apply are:
 - (a) liquid, soil, vegetation;
 - (b) biological and chemical samples; and
 - (c) such other articles or samples as may be determined by the Agency.

Offences and penalties.

30. (1) A person who obstructs an officer of the Agency in the performance of his duties under sections 5, 6 and 7 of this Bill commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not less than ₦300,000 for an individual or to imprisonment for a term not less than 2 years or to both fine and imprisonment, and an additional fine of ₦30,000 for each day the offence subsists and in the case of a body corporate, it shall be liable on conviction for a fine of ₦5,000,000 and an additional fine of ₦500,000 for each day the offence subsists.

Conduct of proceedings.

31. (1) A suit shall not be commenced against the Agency before the expiration of a period of one month, after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on the Agency by the intending plaintiff or his agent.

- (2) Subject to the provisions of section 174 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, (which relates to the power of the Attorney-General of the Federation to institute, continue or discontinue criminal proceedings against any person in a court of law), the Agency may, with the consent of the Attorney-General of the Federation, institute criminal proceedings in respect of offences under this Bill or regulations made under this Bill.
- (3) In a judicial proceeding for an offence under this Bill or any regulation made under it, the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Act or depending on the venue, the Criminal Procedure Code shall, with such modification as the circumstance may require, apply in respect of such matter to the same extent as they apply to the trial of offences generally.

Existing laws.

32. (1) Any written law in force immediately before the coming into force of this Bill relating to oil, oily wastes pollution management and gas leakages in the petroleum sector shall have effect subject to modifications as may be necessary to bring into conformity with the provisions of this Bill and where the provision of any such law is inconsistent with any provision of this Bill, the provision of this Bill shall prevail, and that other law shall be void to the extent of its inconsistency.
- (2) Any written law in force immediately before the coming into force of this Bill conferring oil, oily wastes pollution management and gas leakages functions on any other establishment or agency in the petroleum sector is hereby repealed to the extent of its duplication.

Requisition, etc.

33. (1) In the exercise of its functions under this Bill, the Agency may demand by requisition from any person or organization, any available equipment, facilities or personnel which may assist in a speedy and effective cleaning and rescue operation during an oil spill disaster.
- (2) Any person or organization that:
- (a) willfully obstructs or impedes the Agency or any person acting under the authority of the Agency in the exercise of any powers or duties under this Bill; or
 - (b) without reasonable excuse fails to:
 - (i) render assistance or release any available equipment, facility or personnel required for cleaning and rescue operation or other oil spill disaster curtailment activities; or

- (ii) comply with a directive of the Agency, is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not less than ₦500,000 or imprisonment for a term of 2 years or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (3) The Agency shall ensure that the Polluter provides reasonable compensation for loss or damage arising from the use of any equipment, facility or personnel required under this section of this Bill."
- (4) The existing sections 27 and 28 of the principal Act shall be renumbered as sections 34 and 35 respectively.

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of New Clauses 32 and 33 (1) - (2) (Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 11 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 12: Amendment of section 27.

There shall be substituted for the existing section 27 of the Principal Act, the following new section, that is:

"Interpretation.

32. In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Agency" means the "National Oil Pollution Management Agency" established under section 1 of this Bill (Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Agency" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Centre" means the National Control and Response Centre established under section 18 of this Bill (Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Centre" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Governing Board of the Agency;

"Constitution" Constitution of the Federal means Republic of Nigeria (Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Chairman" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Court" means Federal or State High Court (Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Court" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Governing Board" means the National Oil Pollution Management Governing Board of the Agency established under section 2 of this Bill (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Governing Board" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"member" means a member of the Governing Board of the Agency and includes the Chairman (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "member" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibilities for matters relating to environment (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Minister" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Ministry" shall be construed accordingly (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Ministry" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"officer" means any employee of the Agency (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "officer" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"oil" means mineral oil (or any related hydrocarbon) or natural gas as it exists in its natural state in strata, and does not include coal or bituminous shale or other stratified deposits from which oil can be extracted by destructive distillation but including premium motor spirit, automotive gas oil, low/high pour, fuel oil, aviation fuel, kerosene, liquefied petroleum gases and any lubrication oil or grease or other lubricant oil in its natural state before it has been refined or treated (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "oil" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"oil spill responder" includes Clean Nigeria Associates (Oil Companies Cooperative), Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL) or any other oil spill response contractors; and (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "oil spill responder" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"polluter" means owner of a facility through which oil, oily waste or hazardous substances are released or discharged into the environment (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "polluter" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"release" means any spilling, leaking, pump Leaking, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, discarding or disposing into the environment (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "release" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"remediation" means the process of remedying or restoring an area or situation to its natural (or as close to natural as possible) state (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "remediation" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Tier" means operational type spills, less than or equal to 7 tones (50 bbls), that may occur at or near a company's own facilities, as a consequence of its own activities, and (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Tier" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Tier 2" means a larger spill, greater than 7 tones (50 bbls) but less than 700 tones (5000 bbls), in the vicinity of a company's facilities where resources from another company, industry and possible government response agencies in the area can be called in on a mutual aid basis (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Tier 2" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Tier 3" means a larger spill, greater than 700 tones (500bbb) where substantial further resources will be required and support from a Nation (Tier 3) or international cooperative stockpile, like the Oil spill Response Ltd (OSRL, may be necessary. It is likely that such operation would be subject to Government controls or even direction (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Tier 3" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 12 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 13: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 13 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 14: Amendment of the First Schedule.

The First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the word "six" the word "three" in the third line of paragraph 3 therein (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 14 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Explanatory Memorandum:

(This note does not form part of the above Act but is intended to explain its purport)

This Bill amends the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency Establishment, etc.) Act, 2006 to provide, among other things, statutory power for the Agency to charge adequate fines, introduce criminal offences and penalties in order to ensure strict compliance with all existing environmental legislation in the petroleum sector (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Establishment Act) 2006, and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 964) (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South 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 Environment and Habitat on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2006; and for Related Matters (HB. 964) and approved Clauses 1 - 14, 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 Walaris Nigeria Limited:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Walaris Nigeria Limited against the Police Service Commission on Non-payment of Contract Debt for the Construction of 400 Linear Meter Wall Fencing at Troop office/Barracks in Kaduna State (Lot-1203017) 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:

"Urge the Chairman, Police Service Commission to pay the Management of the Walaris Nigeria Limited the sum of ₦8,378,046 with the accrued interest of 10% per annum between 2013 -2018 which amount to ₦4,189,023.09 making a total of ₦12,567,069 as the remaining balance of contract agreement of both parties" (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 Walaris Nigeria Limited against the Police Service Commission on Non-payment of Contract Debt for the Construction of 400 Linear Meter Wall Fencing at Troop office/Barracks in Kaduna State (Lot-1203017) 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 Comrade Kehinde Squad and Co.:

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Comrade Kehinde Squad and Co. against the West African Portland Cement Plc, Lafarge, Ewekoró on the lack of commitment to Safety Work Practices as enshrined in the Global Practices by an Employer which resulted in the death of three Company Workers and also non-commitment to manpower development and approve the recommendations therein.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

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

Report on the Petition by Mr Wodung Adamu Abubakar:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Wodung Adamu Abubakar against the Federal College of Education, Osiele, Abeokuta, Ogun State on the illegal stoppage and termination of his appointment and approve the recommendations 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 (i):

"Urge the Provost, Federal College of Education, Abeokuta, Dr Ajayi to reinstate Mr Wodung Adamu Abubakar back to service as due process was not followed in the termination of his appointment" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That Mr Wodung Adamu Abubakar be promoted to be at par with his colleagues in office and be paid all his salary arrears, benefits and other entitlements" (*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 Mr Wodung Adamu Abubakar against the Federal College of Education, Osiele, Abeokuta, Ogun State on the illegal stoppage and termination of his appointment 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.

11. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 17 October, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.08 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

