



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 20 February, 2018

1. The House met at 11.16 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, 15 February, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following visitors in the Gallery:
 - (i) Staff and Students of *Aunty Moji International Academy*, Sabon-Gari, Bwari, Abuja;
 - (ii) Staff and Students of *Jewel Model Schools*, Kubwa, Abuja; and
 - (iii) Staff and Students of *St Gregory's Catholic Nursery/Primary School*, Sabon-Shere, Gauraka, Suleja, Niger State.
4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
Need to Investigate the Non-Inauguration of the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) Board and the alleged fraudulent diversion of the sum of ₦62.3 billion by its Past Boards:
Hon. Prestige Ossy (*Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
 - (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
 - (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

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

Need to Investigate the Non-Inauguration of the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) Board and the alleged fraudulent diversion of the sum of ₦62.3 billion by Its Past Boards:

The House:

Notes that the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund Act established a Management Board which has general control on the administration and management of the NSITF and its Funds, and the Employee Compensation Scheme;

Aware that the Federal Government made an announcement for the Constitution of an NSITF Management Board which is yet to be inaugurated;

Also aware that the EFCC had discovered various acts of fraudulent diversion of funds from the Federal Government and private sector contributions amounting to ₦62.3 billion as at 2015, allegedly perpetrated by the past Boards and Management Staff of NSITF;

Worried that the perpetuation of this alleged fraud and the non-inauguration of the NSITF Board has thrown the Agency into a state of confusion and left it dead to its responsibilities to the general public;

Concerned that the general public, including several stakeholders such as the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) have called for a quick intervention into the non-inauguration of the NSITF Board and alleged diversion of funds by the past Board and Management Staff of the NSITF;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity to conduct an investigative hearing into the non-inauguration of the NSITF Board and the allegations of diversion of Funds by the past Boards as well as determine the true financial position of the NSITF from the periods of 2011 to date and report back within six (6) weeks (*Hon. Prestige Ossy — Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In the Prayer, immediately after the words “the NSITF Board”, *insert* the words “and other newly appointed boards” (*Hon. Mukaila Olayiwola Kazzim — Abeokuta North/Obafemi-Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (ii) as follows:
“Refer the matter to the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the investigation of the non-remittance of the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund contributions by the Federal, States and Local Governments” (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund Act established a Management Board which has general control on the administration and management of the NSITF and its Funds, and the Employee Compensation Scheme;

Aware that the Federal Government made an announcement for the Constitution of an NSITF Management Board which is yet to be inaugurated;

Also aware that the EFCC had discovered various acts of fraudulent diversion of funds from the Federal Government and private sector contributions amounting to ₦62.3 billion as at 2015, allegedly perpetrated by the past Boards and Management Staff of NSITF;

Worried that the perpetuation of this alleged fraud and the non-inauguration of the NSITF Board has thrown the Agency into a state of confusion and left it dead to its responsibilities to the general public;

Concerned that the general public, including several stakeholders such as the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) have called for a quick intervention into the non-inauguration of the NSITF Board and alleged diversion of funds by the past Board and Management Staff of the NSITF;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity to conduct an investigative hearing into the non-inauguration of the NSITF Board, and other newly appointed boards; and the allegations of diversion of Funds by the past Board as well as determine the true financial position of the NSITF from the periods of 2011 to date and report back within six (6) weeks (**HR. 58/2018**).

5. Presentation of Reports

(i) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by Rayfield Associates:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Rayfield Associates on behalf of Global Spectrum Energy Services Limited against the Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) on the denial of Contract for Towage Services at the Calabar Port" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by Bello Ahmed and Two Others:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Bello Ahmed and two Others against the Nigeria Prisons Service on Appeal for Intervention and Urgent Redress" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by Vettal Mega Service Limited:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Vettal Mega Service Limited against Opi/Oriental Energy/Shell over an unfair treatment and oppressive conduct meted to them" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petition by Mr Ebi Tubotu:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Ebi Tubotu against the Nigeria Police Force and Airtel Nigeria Limited on Alleged Unwarranted Arrest, Torture, Humiliation and Unlawful Detention and Violation of his Fundamental Human Rights" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petition by Ordinary President (Dr) Ahmed Isah:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ordinary President (Dr) Ahmed Isah on behalf of Samuel David and Eight others against the Chairman, Suleja Local Government Area of Niger State on the forceful Demolition of Houses belonging to Original Inhabitants of the Old Army Barracks, Suleja, Niger State" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petition by Osita Nwankwo:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Osita Nwankwo against the Chief of Army Staff on the wrongful retirement from service" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petition by Olumuyiwa Ogunlami and Co.:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Olumuyiwa Ogunlami and Co. on behalf of Delfino Anthonia Mekanda and three Other Family Members against the Federal Government and the Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos on the Refusal of the Federal Government to pay all the compensation on their Land acquired for the Establishment of the University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos State, also joined in the petition are the Attorney-General of the Federation, the Surveyor-General of the Federation and the Federal Ministry of Education" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

6. **Consolidation of Bills:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, Cap. R3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Reduction in the Membership of the Council and to Provide for the Payment of all Monies Received by the Council into the Federation Account in Accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the

Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Related Matters (HB. 650 and HB. 948), be further consolidated with a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, Cap. R3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Re-enact the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Bill; and for Related Matters (HB. 1220), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, Cap. R3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Payment of all Monies received by the Council into the Federation Account in accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999; and for Related Matters (HB. 1283) (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Code Act, Cap. C38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to criminalize any interference in the Duty and Authority of the Senate or the House of Representatives; and for Related Matters (HB. 1274) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish FCT Directorate of Road Traffic and Motor Vehicle Administration Services (DRTMVAS) to be saddled with the Responsibility of Road Traffic Management and Motor Vehicle Administration Services within the Federal Capital Territory (FCT); and for Related Matters (HB. 1279) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish FCT Directorate of Road Traffic and Motor Vehicle Administration Services (DRTMVAS) to be saddled with the Responsibility of Road Traffic Management and Motor Vehicle Administration Services within the Federal Capital Territory (FCT); and for Related Matters (HB. 1279) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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 Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Allocation of Revenue (Federation Account, etc.) Act, Cap. A15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish the Excess Revenue Fund Account; and for Related Matters (HB. 1277) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Allocation of Revenue (Federation Account, etc.) Act, Cap. A15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish the Excess Revenue Fund Account; and for Related Matters (HB. 1277) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Lovette Ederin Idisi — Ethiope East/Ethiope West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Finance, and Justice.

10. **Need to Restore the Oron-Calabar Ferry Services**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. Need to Educate and Encourage Herdsmen on the benefits of Ranching instead of the Proposed Cattle Colonies in every State of the Federation

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the incessant clashes between herdsmen and farmers that have caused serious security challenges in Nigeria;

Aware that most of those clashes stem from the practice of herdsmen roaming across the length and breadth of the country in search of grazing pastures for their cattle and as a result, trespassing into, and damaging crops in farms;

Also aware that the grazing practice of herdsmen is not only exposing them to danger as they fall prey to cattle rustlers and kidnappers, but also results in conflicts with farmers whose crops are trampled upon by the cattle;

Also notes the Federal Government's proposal to establish cattle colonies in every State in Nigeria to cater for herdsmen and their cattle as a lasting solution to the continuous clashes which, in most cases, result in senseless and avoidable loss of lives and properties;

Concerned that the decision to establish cattle colonies in each State could be in violation of Section 42 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and the Land Use Act as those colonies will remain the exclusive reserve of the individual State governments and as such, would not guarantee total freedom to the herdsmen;

Observes that cattle rearing is not an exclusive preserve of the Fulanis as other tribes also engage in the business;

Determined to provide a lasting solution to the incessant conflicts between herdsmen and farm owners, hence modern breeding practices should be encouraged;

Convinced that ranching will offer longer lasting solution to the recurring conflicts between herdsmen and farmers, if the herdsmen would be fully sensitized and educated about the benefits of the program, as it would enable them assume full ownership of those ranches.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to consider a soft or subsidized loan scheme for herds owners to buy lands as a means of encouragement for them to ranch;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources to liaise with State Ministries of Agriculture to speedily educate and encourage the herdsmen on the benefits of ranching; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Agriculture Production and Services to ensure implementation and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Mohammed Ogoshi Onawo — Awe/Doma/Keana Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

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

“Further urge the Federal Government to work out the modalities for the establishment of cattle breeding settlements with interested State Governments as a lasting solution to the incessant clashes between herdsmen and farmers” (*Hon. Tahir Olawale Raji — Epe Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(ii) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (i), and *insert* as follows:

“Herdsmen should be encouraged to apply for land and pay the premium like any other Nigerian” (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Nafada/Dukku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

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

“Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources should liaise with State Ministries of Agriculture and Water Resources to embark on massive construction of Dams and irrigation schemes within their States for ranching” (*Hon. Nasir Ahmed — Nasarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

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

“Mandate Committee on Agricultural Production and Services, to examine all issues in relation to herdsmen settlements, ranches, colonies etc and advice the House appropriately” (*Hon. Abubakar Husaini Moriki — Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the incessant clashes between herdsmen and farmers that have caused serious security challenges in Nigeria;

Aware that most of those clashes stem from the practice of herdsmen roaming across the length and breadth of the country in search of grazing pastures for their cattle and as a result, trespassing into, and damaging crops in farms;

Also aware that the grazing practice of herdsmen is not only exposing them to danger as they fall prey to cattle rustlers and kidnappers, but also results in conflicts with farmers whose crops are trampled upon by the cattle;

Also noted the Federal Government's proposal to establish cattle colonies in every State in Nigeria to cater for herdsmen and their cattle as a lasting solution to the continuous clashes which, in most cases, result in senseless and avoidable loss of lives and properties;

Concerned that the decision to establish cattle colonies in each State could be in violation of Section 42 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and the Land Use Act as those colonies will remain the exclusive reserve of the individual State governments and as such, would not guarantee total freedom to the herdsmen;

Observed that cattle rearing is not an exclusive preserve of the Fulanis as other tribes also engage in the business;

Determined to provide a lasting solution to the incessant conflicts between herdsmen and farm owners, hence modern breeding practices should be encouraged;

Convinced that ranching will offer longer lasting solution to the recurring conflicts between herdsmen and farmers, if the herdsmen would be fully sensitized and educated about the benefits of the program, as it would enable them assume full ownership of those ranches.

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to consider a soft or subsidized loan scheme for herds owners to buy lands as a means of encouragement for them to ranch;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources to liaise with State Ministries of Agriculture to speedily educate and encourage the herdsmen on the benefits of ranching;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Government to work out the modalities for the establishment of cattle breeding settlements with interested State Governments as a lasting solution to the incessant clash between herdsmen and the farmers; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Agriculture Production and Services to ensure implementation and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 59/2018**).

12. Need to Apply the "No Work, No Pay" Rule on the Non-Academic Staff Unions of Public Universities as a Result of their Incessant Strike Actions which Continuously Disrupt Academic Activities in Universities

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. Need to Control the Proliferation of Universities in Nigeria

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

14. Need for Adequate Funding of Research Institutes in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that research institutes in Nigeria have been under funded over the years by the Federal Government;

Recalls that on March 4, 2016, Research Experts under the aegis of Academic Staff Union of Research Institutions (ASURI) protested in Abuja over inadequate of government funding of the Research Institutes;

Aware that all the developed nations in the world are paying attention to research and training at various sectors ranging from science and technology to agriculture;

Also aware that the bulk of the researches being carried out at various Research Institutions in Nigeria are largely funded by interested individuals and Non- governmental Organizations (NGOs) from within and outside Nigeria, whereas the outcome of such research work are mostly kept in various institutions libraries and laboratories without their being used for developmental purposes;

Concerned that direct and indirect jobs can be created for the teeming unemployed youths by virtue of adequate funding of the Research Institutions in Nigeria by the Federal Government;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to dedicate at least ten (10) percent of the total annual budget for research institutions in Nigeria;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to set up a Task Force to monitor the utilisation of the funds; and

- (iii) mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, Science and Technology, Labour, Employment and Productivity, Agricultural Colleges and Institutions to organize a joint Session on funding Research Institutions in Nigeria (*Hon. Abdul Raheem Olajide Jimoh — Lagos Mainland Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (i), immediately after the words “at least”, *leave out* the word and figure “ten (10)” and *insert* the word and figure “one (1)” (*Hon. Muhammad Sani Abdu — Alkaleri/Kirfi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Notes that research institutes in Nigeria have been under funded over the years by the Federal Government;

Recalls that on March 4, 2016, Research Experts under the aegis of Academic Staff Union of Research Institutions (ASURI) protested in Abuja over inadequate of government funding of the Research Institutes;

Aware that all the developed nations in the world are paying attention to research and training at various sectors ranging from science and technology to agriculture;

Also aware that the bulk of the researches being carried out at various Research Institutions in Nigeria are largely funded by interested individuals and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) from within and outside Nigeria, whereas the outcome of such research work are mostly kept in various institutions libraries and laboratories without their being used for developmental purposes;

Concerned that direct and indirect jobs can be created for the teeming unemployed youths by virtue of adequate funding of the Research Institutions in Nigeria by the Federal Government;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to dedicate at last one (1) percent of the total annual budget for research institutions in Nigeria;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to set up a Task Force to monitor the utilisation of the funds; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, Science and Technology, Labour, Employment and Productivity, Agricultural Colleges and Institutions to organize a joint Session on funding Research Institutions in Nigeria (**HR. 60/2018**).

15. Consideration of Reports

(i) ***Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values:***

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, Cap. N11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Competition in Nigeria, to Promote Efficiency and Expand Opportunities for Nigerian Participation in World Markets while at the same time Recognizing the Role of Foreign Competition in Nigeria; and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(ii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by 1st Synergy Resources Limited against Salini Nigeria Limited:
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by 1st Synergy Resources Limited against Salini Nigeria Limited on alleged economic sabotage through tax evasion and money laundering activities amounting to over ₦100,000,000,000 (One Hundred Billion Naira) from 2001 to date 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):

“That the sum of Forty-two Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twelve Naira, Five Kobo (₦42,726,712.05) being the total amount arrived at by the Consultant, Olayiwola Adesina and Co. (Chartered Accountants), Salini Nigerian Limited and Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS) be paid as tax to FIRS” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

“That 5% of the recommendation (i) be paid to the Petitioner in line with Whistle Blowing Policy” (*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 1st Synergy Resources Limited against Salini Nigeria Limited on alleged economic sabotage through tax evasion and money laundering activities amounting to over ₦100,000,000,000 (One Hundred Billion Naira) from 2001 to date 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.

(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Veronica Umar:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Veronica Umar against the Nigeria Police Force on the alleged misconduct and unlawful termination of her appointment and approve the recommendation therein” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

“That Veronica Umar be reinstated in line with the recommendation held by the Nigeria Police Force” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Veronica Umar against the Nigeria Police Force on the alleged misconduct and unlawful termination of her appointment and approved the Recommendation of the report.

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

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Lieutenant Colonel Chris Ugokwe (rtd):

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Lieutenant Colonel Chris Ugokwe (rtd) on alleged injustice meted on him by the Federal Capital Territory Directorate of Land (AGIS) 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 Federal Ministry of Federal Capital Territory to allocate a parcel of land to Lieutenant Colonel Chris Ugokwe (rtd) in any part of Abuja where he can commence development on compassionate grounds” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In the Recommendation, immediately after the word “development”, *leave out* the words “on compassionate grounds” (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that the Recommendation as amended stands part of the Report — Agreed to.

- (ii) In the Recommendation, immediately after the words “(rtd) in” insert the words “a commensurate area in Abuja” (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that the Recommendation as amended stands part of the Report — Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceeding.

(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 Lieutenant Colonel Chris Ugokwe (*rtd*) on alleged injustice meted on him by the Federal Capital Territory Directorate of Land (AGIS) and approved the Recommendation as amended.

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

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

Report on the Petition by Olufemi Erinoluwa:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Olufemi Erinoluwa against CNC Quarry Nigeria Limited and Jackson for dishonest and fraudulent conduct and refusal to pay for services to the Company and approve the recommendation therein” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

“That since Olufemi Erinoluwa has been paid, the Committee lack the competence to award him damages as it is only a Court of competent jurisdiction that can make that award” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in the Recommendation, and *insert* the following:

“That the petition be dismissed for lack of merit” (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that the Recommendation as amended stands part of the Report — Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceeding.

(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 Olufemi Erinoluwa against CNC Quarry Nigeria Limited and Jackson for dishonest and fraudulent conduct and refusal to pay for services to the Company and approved the Recommendation as amended.

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

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

Report on the Petition by Aba Landlords Protection and Development Association (ALPADA):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Aba Landlords Protection and Development Association (ALPADA) against Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC) for unlawful charges by NEPA/PHCN/EEDC on estimated crazy bills and maintenance and approve the recommendation therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"Urge the Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission to monitor the activities of the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company in Aba to ensure that customers are not overbilled or short changed through dubious practices" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In the Recommendation, immediately after the word "changed", *leave out* the words "through dubious practices" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that the Recommendation as amended stands part of the Report — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Recommendation (ii) as follows:

"Also urge the Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission to mandate the distribution companies in Nigeria to provide timelines or schedules for the deployment of prepaid meters throughout Nigeria" (Hon. Babajimi Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that the new Recommendation stands part of the Report — 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 Aba Landlords Protection and Development Association (ALPADA) against Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC) for unlawful charges by NEPA/PHCN/EEDC on estimated crazy bills and maintenance and approved the Recommendation as amended, and approved additional Recommendation (ii).

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

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

Report on the Petition by Nkwere Charles Ekele and Ugwa Arinze Augustine:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Nkwere Charles Ekele and Ugwa Arinze Augustine against the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) on alleged unlawful termination of appointment and approve the recommendation therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"Urge the Federal Civil Service Commission to reinstate Nkwere Charles Ekele and Ugwa Arinze Augustine back to the Service as they have not violated any of its Rules" (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 Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Nkwere Charles Ekele and Ugwa Arinze Augustine against the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) on alleged unlawful termination of appointment and approved the Recommendation.

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

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

Report on the Petition by Ozegbe David Abiaboh:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ozegbe David Abiaboh against the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs on Removal of his name from the Nominal Roll, stoppage of salary and non-issuance of letter of reinstatement and approve the recommendation therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)***Recommendation (i):**

"Urge the Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs to reinstate Ozegbe David as he was only suspended and not dismissed" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That his salary from October, 2010 when he was suspended till date be paid to him" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"That his name should be restored to the nominal roll" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

"Alternatively, a letter of release should be granted to Ozegbe David" (*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 Ozegbe David Abiaboh against the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs on Removal of his name from the Nominal Roll, stoppage of salary and non-issuance of letter of reinstatement and approved Recommendations (i) - (iv) of the Report.

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

(ix) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Evaristus D. Egbegu & Co.:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Evaristus D. Egbegu & Co. against the Inspector General of Police and the Police Service Commission for refusal to comply with Court Order and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

Recommendation:

“Urge the Inspector General of Police to comply with the judgment of the Federal High Court delivered on 19 February, 2009 in Suit No. CS/114/2006 between Evaristus Egbegbu v. IGP and 3 Others reinstating Evaristus D. Egbegu with full benefits and without loss of seniority” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in the Recommendation, and *insert* the following:

“That the House deprecates the flagrant disrespect for court order by the Inspector-General of Police and the rule of law; and urge the Inspector-General of Police and Police Service Commission to comply with the judgment of the Federal High Court delivered on 19 February, 2009 in Suit No. CS/114/2006 between Evaristus Egbegbu v. IGP and 3 Others reinstating Evaristus D. Egbegu with full benefits and without loss of seniority” (*Hon. Pwajok Edward Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that the Recommendation as amended stands part of the Report — 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 Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Evaristus D. Egbegu & Co. against the Inspector General of Police and the Police Service Commission for refusal to comply with Court Order and approved the Recommendation as amended.

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

16. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 21 February, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.28 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker