



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 23 October, 2018

1. The House met at 11.32 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, 18 October, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**

Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of Members of *Legislative Council, Igueben Local Government Area*, Igueben, Edo State.

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

(i) ***Killings, Abduction and Destruction of Property in Kajuru and Chikun Local Government Areas of Kaduna State:***

Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde (*Chikun/Kajuru 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.

Killings, Abduction and Destruction of Property in Kajuru and Chikun Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Kaduna State:

The House:

Notes that Kasuwan magani, a community in Kajuru LGA of Kaduna State hosts a large weekly market which usually attracts people from different parts of the State and the country;

Also notes that on Thursday, 18 October, 2018, which was a market day, this community was thrown into crisis which started in the market and spread to other areas of the community;

Further notes that the Paramount Ruler of Adara community, the Agom Adara who, on receiving the report of the crisis made a visit to the area, and while on his way back, he was abducted with his wife and driver by armed men while three other persons in his entourage lost their lives; though his wife was released later;

Aware that on Sunday, 21 October, 2018, which was a market day in Kujama town in Chikun LGA, some hoodlums suddenly launched an attack on marketers in the guise of retaliation of what happened in Kasuwan magani, Kajuru some days earlier, and caused panic to neighbouring towns of Rido, Sabon Tasha and Janruwa; with irate youths barricading the roads, causing mayhem, which led to the death of some people and burning of cars;

Saddened that as a result of this crisis, over fifty (50) persons lost their lives while property worth millions of Naira were destroyed and many families rendered homeless;

Disturbed at the rate by which lives and property of our citizens are being destroyed at the slightest provocation with absolute disregard for human life, as barely eight months ago, similar crisis was recorded in the same community with several lives and property destroyed;

Commends the timely intervention of the Executive Governor of Kaduna State and the security agencies in bringing the situation under control;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the families and persons affected by the crisis;
- (iii) also urge the security agencies to intensify effort for the release of the abducted paramount ruler; and
- (iv) call on the Nigeria Police to carry out thorough investigation in order to arrest the perpetrators of these crises and bring them to book (*Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde — Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Kasuwan magani, a community in Kajuru LGA of Kaduna State hosts a large weekly-market which usually attracts people from different parts of the State and the country;

Also noted that on Thursday, 18 October, 2018, which was a market day, this community was thrown into crisis which started in the market and spread to other areas of the community;

Further noted that the Paramount Ruler of Adara community, the Agom Adara who, on receiving the report of the crisis made a visit to the area, and while on his way back, he was abducted with his wife and driver by armed men while three other persons in his entourage lost their lives; though his wife was released later;

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- (iv) call on the Nigeria Police to carry out thorough investigation in order to arrest the perpetrators of these crises and bring them to book (**IIR. 57/10/2018**).

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

- (ii) ***Need to Prevent the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) from degenerating into a theater of war:***

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 Prevent the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) from Degenerating into a Theater of War:

The House:

Cognizant that the Governing Council of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) announced the suspension on Thursday, 18 October, 2018, of Professor Usman Yusuf, over allegations of fraud and severe infraction, including but not limited to, public procurement infringements, unlawful staff posting, defiance of Council directives, violation of Federal Government's Treasury Single Account (TSA) policy and superfluous arrogation of projects;

Aware that the Council had issued the NHIS Executive Secretary queries dated May 25, 2018 and June 4, 2018 respectively, prior to the suspension;

Also aware that the latest pandemonium is coming barely five months after the NHIS Executive Secretary was reinstated by President Muhammadu Buhari in controversial circumstances after an indefinite suspension by the Ministry of Health in July 2017, over similar alleged gross misconduct, corruption and nepotism;

Notes that the suspended Executive Secretary, challenged the authority of the Council to suspend him and forcefully broke into the Abuja Head Office of the Scheme on Monday, 22 October, 2018 with the aid of about 50 heavily armed policemen, who manhandled and overpowered the security men as well as staff with the use of tear-gas;

Concerned that this very critical sector, on which the hope of our universal health delivery is hinged, has degenerated into a theater of war with so many scandals in recent times;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services and Public Procurement to investigate the cycle of crises and report back within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Diri Douye — Yenagoa/Kolokuma/Opokuma Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the Prayer and *insert* a new Prayer as follows:

"Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the crisis in the National Health Insurance Scheme, including its operations and report back within four (4) weeks" (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Agwu/Oji-River Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

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Concerned that this very critical sector, on which the hope of our universal health delivery is hinged, has degenerated into a theater of war with so many scandals in recent times;

Resolved to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the crisis in the National Health Insurance Scheme, including its operations and report back within four (4) weeks (**HR. 58/10/2018**).

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it take more than 2 matters of urgent public importance" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(iii) *Call on the Federal Government to Immediately Take Actions to Prevent a Calamity in Umunwanwa Umuopara in Umuahia South Local Government Area of Abia State:*
Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo (*Ikwuanano/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 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.

Call on the Federal Government to Immediately Take Actions to Prevent a Calamity in Umunwanwa Umuopara in Umuahia South Local Government Area (LGA) of Abia State:

The House:

Notes that Umunwanwa is a town in Umuahia South Local Government Area of Abia State and has the Petroleum Product Management Company (PPMC) pipeline passing through it, which has been devastated by erosion menace;

Also notes that the destructive effect of erosion in Umunwanwa is threatening lives, property and economic activities in the area; posing serious danger to the town;

Aware that the recent ugly petroleum pipeline explosion that resulted in the death of about 150 people in Osisioma, Osisioma Local Government Area of Abia State, was reported to have exhibited similar dangerous signals which were brought to the attention of the Federal Government and the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation, but were ignored;

Cognizant that Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) states that the primary reason a government exist is for the protection of lives and property;

Concerned on the need for the nation to move away from the season of disaster, because the lives of Nigerians are precious;

Resolve to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to direct the Ecological Fund Office to immediately carry out Environmental Impact Assessment of the erosion sites affected in Umunwanwa and embark on control measures to prevent avoidable disaster;
- (ii) also call on the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to take immediate measures to prevent any calamity from the exposure of the pipeline in the area; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Climate Change, Environment and Habitat, and Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to visit the erosion sites in Umunwanwa and make recommendations to bring permanent solution to the problems of erosion and pipelines exposure in the area and report back within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Samuel Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwuano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

(HR. 59/10/2018).

Motion referred to the Committees on Climate Change, Environment and Habitat, and Petroleum Resources (Downstream), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

5. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Education, Kano; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1538) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Education, Kano; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1538) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader).

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.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Education, Misau, Bauchi State; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1541) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Education, Misau, Bauchi State; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1541) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader).

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. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Education (Technical), Ako, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1519) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Education (Technical), Ako, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1519) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Adekoya Adesegun Abdel-Majid — Ijebu North/Ijebu East/Ogun Waterside 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 Tertiary Education and Services.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend Section 1 (3) of the Federal Universities of Technology Act, Cap. F23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, by Providing for the Power of the Universities to establish Technology Park for the Conduct of Invention and Innovation in Technology; and for Related Matters (HB. 1433) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. Consideration of Report

Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on Implementation of the New External Capital Raising of US\$2.786 Billion from the International Capital Market and the External Capital Raising of US\$82.54 Million to Refinance the Balance of US\$500 Million Matured Eurobond in the International Capital Market and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"Approve the issuance of US\$2.786 Billion from the International Capital Market approved in the 2018 Appropriations Act" (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"Approve the issuance of US\$82.54 Million to refinance the balance of US\$500 Million matured Eurobond in the International Capital Market" (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

“Urge the Federal Government to reduce or limit it’s request for more external borrowing and source for other means of generating revenue internally” (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on Implementation of the New External Capital Raising of US\$2.786 Billion from the International Capital Market and the External Capital Raising of US\$82.54 Million to Refinance the Balance of US\$500 Million Matured Eurobond in the International Capital Market and approved Recommendations (i) - (iii) of the Report.

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

10. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 24 October, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Ahmed Idris — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.41 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker