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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 12 October, 2016

1. The House met at 11.23 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 Tuesday, 11 October, 2016.

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

3. **Petitions**

(*i*) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Amadi O. Dennis (*Udi/Ezeagu Federal Constituency*):

(*a*) Onoja, Idaiye & Associates (Legal Practitioners) on behalf of Chuks C. Ewoh on his retirement from the service of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN);

(*b*) Jerome A. Eze on the refusal of the Police Service Commission to implement the court judgment of January 29, 2014 (Suit No. NICN/ABJ/CV/309/2012) to reinstate him into the Nigeria Police;

(*ii*) A petition from Alfa Onum on the termination of his appointment by the Nigeria Customs Service, was presented and laid by Hon. Hassan Saleh (*Ado/Ogbadibo/Okpokwu Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
Need for the Federal Government to Declare a State of Emergency on Kidnapping in the Country:
Hon. Babatunde Gabriel Kolawole (*Akoko Southeast/Akoko Southwest 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.

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

Need to Declare a State of Emergency on Kidnaping in the Country:

The House:

Notes that in the last ten years, the incidence of Kidnaping for ransom in the country has escalated to a very disturbing level and has reached a point where no one is safe anymore;

Aware that NYA International, a London-based firm that gathers intelligence on crime, reports that in first half of 2,013 alone, Nigeria had the most kidnap attempts in the world, accounting for 26% of all such recorded incidents, followed by Mexico with 10%, and Pakistan with 7%. And as at 2014, Nigeria was number 5 on the global kidnaping hotspot;

Recalls that prominent people kidnaped amongst others include:

— former President Goodluck Jonathan's foster father, 72 -year-old Inengite Nitabai who was kidnaped from his home in Otuoke, Bayelsa State on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. He was released in March after 35 days in captivity,

— Kaduna State House of Assembly Member, Ibrahim Ismail who was kidnaped on Tuesday, August 23rd and released the next day,

— Margaret Emefiele., wife of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Governor, Godwin Emefiele. Mrs Emefiele was kidnaped on Thursday September 29, 2016, was released on Saturday, October 1, 2016

— former Minister of Environment Laurencia Mallam and her husband Pius Mallam were kidnaped along Bwari/Jere road on Monday, 3rd October, 2016,

— House of Representatives Member from Katsina, Hon Sani Bello Mashi, was also kidnaped alongside his aide at Goburawa village, Birnin Gawri area of Kaduna State on his way to the farm in August this year,

— before that, Mike Ozekhorne, a human-rights lawyer, in August 2013, Archbishop Ignatius Kattey and his wife, September 6, 2013, in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Mrs Kamene Okonjo, mother of former Finance Minister, Mrs Okonjo Iweala who was kidnaped in 2013, Chief Olu Falae, a chieftain of the SDP from Ondo State kidnaped in 2015 and thousands of other unreported cases because of people's distrust in our security agencies;

Cognizant of the fact that some victims are deliberately executed when ransom is not forthcoming or security agents move in, while some are killed even after ransom has been paid, making kidnaping the new face of terrorism;

Worried that presently school children are no longer safe as shown by the kidnaping of 3 female students from Babington Macaulay Junior Seminary School in Ikorodu, Lagos State on Monday, February 29, 2016, and also two principals and students of Lagos State Model College , Igbonla, Epe, Lagos who were kidnaped early hours of Thursday, October 6, 2016;

Also worried that Nigeria is now seen as the kidnap capital of the world having risen from 475 reported cases in 2011, 500 in 2012 to presently over 1,500 cases annually;

Disturbed that these records no doubt affect the tourism and investment potentials of Nigeria which is trying to diversify it revenue base as some countries issue constant travel warnings to their citizens about Nigeria;

Also disturbed about the alleged connivance of some criminal elements in our security agencies with kidnapers in carrying out these dastardly acts;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to urgently convene a national security summit to include all security agencies, all GSM service providers, the Committees on National Intelligence, Army, Air force, Navy, Police and Communications in the National Assembly to provide an effective response to the kidnaping phenomenon in Nigeria; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back to the House within three weeks (*Hon. Babatunde Gabriel Kolawole — Akoko South East/South West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) In Prayer (*ii*), line 1, immediately after the word "Compliance", *insert* the word "Telecommunications" (*Hon. Diri Douye — Yenagoa/Opokuma Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

(*ii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iii*) as follows:
"Urge the Executive arm of Government to as a matter of urgency do include in the 2017 budget a provision to purchase high-tec equipment to track down kidnappers and other criminals" (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba — Kachia/Kagarko Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(*iii*) In Prayer (*ii*), immediately after the word "to", *leave out* all other words, and *insert* the words "monitor and ensure compliance by the Executive and report back to the House periodically" (*Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Lokoja/Kogi/Koton Karfe Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

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Aware that NYA International, a London-based firm that gathers intelligence on crime, reports that in first half of 2,013 alone, Nigeria had the most kidnap attempts in the world, accounting for 26% of all such recorded incidents, followed by Mexico with 10%, and Pakistan with 7%. And as at 2014, Nigeria was number 5 on the global kidnaping hotspot;

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(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to monitor and ensure compliance by the Executive and report back to the House periodically; and

(*iii*) also urge the Executive arm of Government to as a matter of urgency do include in the 2017 budget a provision to purchase high-tec equipment to track down kidnappers and other criminals (**HR. 115/2016**).

5. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

(1) Office of the Surgeon General of the Federation (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 786).

(2) Nigerian Airspace Management Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.787).

(3) Nigerian Postal Service Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.788).

(4) Reversion of Forfeited Assets (Regulation) Bill, 2016 (HB.789).

(5) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB.790).

(6) Annual Budget Conception, Preparation and Presentation Procedure Bill, 2016 (HB.791).

(7) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 792).

(8) Commodity Board Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2016 (HB.793).

(9) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 794).

(10) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.795).

(11) Federal Road Safety Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 796).

(12) Appointment of Judicial Officers (Time Frame) Bill, 2016 (HB. 797).

(13) First Degree and Higher National Diploma Dichotomy Bill (HB. 798).

(14) School Year (Variation) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 799).

(15) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 800).

(16) Safe Transportation of Glass-Bottled Drinks and other Substances Bill, 2016 (HB. 801).

(17) Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 802).

(18) Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 803).

(19) National Emergency Management Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 804).

(20) Factoring Assignments (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 805).

(21) Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 806).

(22) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 807).

(23) Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency Bill, 2016 (HB. 808).

(24) Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 809).

(25) Federal University, Wukari (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB. 810).

(26) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 811).

6. **Consolidation of Bills**

(*i*) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Make the Appointments of Service Chiefs Subject to Confirmation by the National Assembly, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HBs 70 and 149), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to, Among Other Things, Provide for Specific Duties for the Armed Forces Reserve in Order to Serve as a Rapid Response Mechanism with Capacity to Intervene in Emergency and Internal Security where the Nigerian Police is Overwhelmed and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 411) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(*ii*) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Pension Practitioners of Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 726), and a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Pension Practitioners of Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 727) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(*iii*) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Examination Malpractices Act, Cap. E15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Vest further Jurisdiction in other Courts to Try Offences Committed under the Act and for Other Related Matters (HB. 345), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Examination Malpractices Act, Cap. E15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to Review the same and Equal Punishment and Penalty Regime Provided in the Act and also to confer the States and the FCT High Courts with Jurisdiction to Entertain Cases of Violation of the Act and for Other Related Matters (HB. 373) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(*iv*) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Niger Delta Development Commission Act, Cap. N86, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Empower the Minister in Charge of the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs to Make Regulations for Effective Discharge of the Commission's Statutory Responsibilities and for Other Related Matters (HB. 690.), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Niger Delta Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. N86, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to include Anambra as one of the States and for Other Related Matters (HB. 725) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles (Third Party Insurance) Act, Cap. M22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to renew the penalties upwards; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 278) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Harmful Wastes (Special Criminal Provisions, etc.) Act, Cap. H1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Introduce the Requirement of Mens Rea in certain Offences and Increase some Penalties; and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Harmful Wastes (Special Criminal Provisions, etc.) Act, Cap. H1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to introduce the Requirement of Intent in certain Offences and Increase some Penalties; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 283 and 369)** — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, Cap. E1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Quick Recovery Procedures for Stolen Assets; Implement Active Pursuit of Cases, Build Capacity and Improve Trust and Co-operation with Foreign Counterparts; Ensure Adequate Funding of the Commission, Establish the Economic and Financial Crimes Court; a Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act to make the Commission more Independent and Effective in the Enforcement of Economic and Financial Crimes and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 393, 326 and 617)** — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian National Merit Award Act, Cap. N122, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to require that any Awardee that is convicted of a Criminal Offence shall be stripped of the Honour; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 555)** — ***Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian National Merit Award Act, Cap. N122, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to require that any Awardee that is convicted of a Criminal Offence shall be stripped of the Honour; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 555) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ayodele Oladimeji — Ado Ekiti/Irepodun/Ifelodun 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 Governmental Affairs.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Teachers Registration Council Act, Cap. T3, LFN, 2004 to increase the Penalties; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 370)** — ***Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Teachers Registration Council Act, Cap. T3, LFN, 2004 to increase the Penalties; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 370) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Michael Enyong — Uyo/Uruan/Nsit Atai/Ibesikpo Asutan Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Basic Education and Services.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA) Act, Cap. N113, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish a Training School to Provide for Training in Diplomatic Practices, Award of Certificates and Post Graduate Diplomas; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 170)** — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. **Need to Expand Nigeria's Railway Network to Cover Taraba and Adamawa States**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that historically, Nigeria has two main railway lines, one commencing from Lagos in the South-West to the North-West and part of North East of Nigeria; the second from Port Harcourt in the South-South to the North-West and part of North-East;

Also notes that the two (2) rail lines stretched 3,505km of 3ft 6 inches (1,067mm) narrow gauge lines and 479 km of standard gauge lines and that efforts are underway to rehabilitate the narrow gauge network and construct a new standard network;

Further notes that from available information from the Nigeria Railway Corporation, 33 States and FCT Abuja have either been linked or proposed to be linked to the National Network of railway lines except 3 States, namely Kebbi, Adamawa and Taraba;

Aware that there are plans for national integration by the Federal Government to extend the existing railway network having concluded a contract with the CCEEC, a Chinese company for the construction of the Lagos-Calabar coastal rail line from Obudu- Calabar (Cross River State)-Uyo - Ikot Ekpene (Akwa Ibom State)- Aba (Abia State)-Port Harcourt (Rivers State)-Yenagoa -Otuoke-Yenagoa (Bayelsa State)- Ugheli (Delta State)- Benin (Edo State) - Asaba (Delta State) - Ijubu Ode - Shagamu (Ogun State) and terminating at the Lagos Port of Apapa;

Also aware that when completed, the Calabar-Lagos rail line will link all the sea ports, which will create business hubs for commercial activities and the rail line will also traverse Aba and Onitsha, the major economic nerve centres/industrial hubs of the South-East;

Further aware that from Onitsha, one can easily connect Nnewi, counterpart funding of ₦60 billion for this expansion and the expansion from Lagos to Kano of another ₦0 billion making ₦20 billion, has been appropriated in the 2016 Appropriation Acts;

Equally aware of a plan to extend the existing railway line from Kauran Namoda in Zamfara State to Sokoto, in Sokoto State and from Kano - Katsina, Katsina State and this will, to a large extent, expand the railway frontiers and completely open up the North - West to the many advantages of a functioning railway system and since the distance between Sokoto - Birnin Kebbi is only about 140km, the benefit of the extended railway system will certainly be felt in Birnni Kebbi, while Taraba and Anamawa will then be the only states without a rail line in the entire Northern Nigeria;

Convinced that if the railway system is extended to the North Eastern States of Taraba and Adamawa, by the construction of railway system from Markurdi - Abise across River Katsina-Ala in Benue State, through Wukari - Mutum Biyu - Jalingo in Taraba State and with a spur at Mutum Biyu - Garba Chede - Bali - Baruwa with a terminus at Mayo Selbe at the foot of the Mambila Plateau and a straight line from Jalingo - Zing -Mayo-Belwa - Yola - Girei - Song - Gombi - Hong - Mubi - Michika - Madagali (in Adamawa State) - Bama - Maduguri in Borno State, the quality of life, standard of living, economic output and gross domestic product (GDP) of the region will greatly improve, thus reducing the poverty level bedeviling the people and which contributed to the Boko Haram insurgency;

Also convinced that a railway terminus at the of Mambila Plateau at Mayo-Selbe will provide a means of transporting the immense Bauxite deposit at Nguroje on the Mambila Plateau which is the critical raw material for the production Alumina, a mineral resource that is currently being imported from India at a huge cost by the Aluminum Smelter Company ALSCON, Ikot Abasi, the biggest smelter plant in Africa and its extension from Mutum Biyu to Mayo Selbe in Taraba State will make evacuation of heavy construction equipment for building the Mambila Hydro Dam, easier;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the Federal government to, as a matter of urgency, ensure that the proposed railway expansion in Nigeria covers Makurdi -Abise across River Katstina-Ala-Wukari - Mutum Biyu - Jalingo in Taraba State and with a spur at Mutum Biyu and from Mutu Biyu - Garba Chede - Bail - Baruwa - Mayo Selbe at the foot at the Mambila Plateau and for the line to extend from Jalingo - Zing (in Taraba State) - Mayo - Belwa - Yola -Girei - Song - Gombi- Hong-Mubi - Michika - Madagali (in Adamwa State) - Bama - Maiduguri in Borno State;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Government through the Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of Finance and the Nigerian Railway Corporation to ensure that the cost of implementing the proposed extension be captured in the year 2017 budget proposal; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Land Transport to within two (2) weeks invite the Hon. Minister of Transportation and the Director General of the Nigerian Railway Corporation to brief the Committee on the state of the railway expansion projects and planned/proposed railway projects in Nigeria, and report back to the House for further legislative action (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim — Fufore/Song Federal Constituency and* 1 *other*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 116/2016).

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

14. Need to Establish more Federal Technical Colleges and Improve Technical Education in Nigeria
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that a country can only be regarded as economically developed when it has largely reduced unemployment, inequality, poverty, hunger, and disease among its citizens;

Also aware that a key route to industrial development of any nation is acquisition of technical and vocational skills by its citizens, hence the establishment of a number of technical and vocational schools across the nation;

Observes that those schools are inadequate and unevenly sited, thereby denying majority of Nigerians access to technical education, and this is adversely affecting the productivity of the economy and greatly contributed to the current economic recession;

Concerned that if this scenario is not rectified by establishing more Technical Colleges and improving the existing ones, Nigeria will continue to suffer developmental and economic challenges;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to increase the number of Technical Colleges and site them evenly across the country; and

(*ii*) also urge the Committee on Basic Education and Services to ensure compliance and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Sunday Adepoju — Ibarapa East/Ido Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iii*) as follows:
"Urge the Ministry of Education to train and retrain teachers in all Technical Colleges to ensure maximum delivery of competent, efficient and effective services to the students" (*Hon. Darlington Nwokocha — Isialangwa North/Isialangwa South Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(*ii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iv*) as follows:
"Urge the Ministry of Education, and Universal Basic Education Commission and other related agencies to mandatorily engage the students and graduans from Technical Colleges in the construction of various school buildings across the country" (*Hon. Darlington Nwokocha — Isialangwa North/Isialangwa South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Aware that a country can only be regarded as economically developed when it has largely reduced unemployment, inequality, poverty, hunger, and disease among its citizens;

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Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to increase the number of Technical Colleges and site them evenly across the country;

(*ii*) also urge the Committee on Basic Education and Services to ensure compliance and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action;

(*iii*) further urge the Ministry of Education to train and retrain teachers in all Technical Colleges to ensure maximum delivery of competent, efficient and effective services to the students; and

(*iv*) equally urge the Ministry of Education, and Universal Basic Education Commission and other related agencies to mandatorily engage the students and graduans from Technical Colleges in the construction of various school buildings across the country (**HR. 117/2016**).

15. **Need to Address the High Rate of Stillbirths among Nigerian Women**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

16. **Need for Electronic Animal Identification System to Minimize Cattle Rustling In the Country**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that in recent times, crimes related to cattle rustling have increased across many States to the extent that gunmen with automatic weapons storm settlements with a misplaced sense of military frenzy, killing people, destroying property and livelihood and taking away cattle;

Also notes that prompted by these incessant cattle rustling cases, a taskforce named the "Task Force on Cattle Rustling and Associated Crimes" was constituted and charged with the responsibilities of pre-emptive intelligence gathering, anti-cattle rustling and allied crimes patrols, as well as investigation and possible prosecution of the reported incidents of cattle rustling;

Aware that various attempts by the Government to put an end to the menace have not yielded much positive results as plethora of attacks still plague cattle owners and communities at large;

Cognizant that it is imperative for the Government to device modern means to fight the menace, one of which is the introduction of "electronic animal identification system", owing to the fact that the system is becoming more common in livestock rearing in the western world, and as a result of this identification and verification process, more cattle are being individually identified, which has led to reduction of cattle rustling;

Also cognizant that robust animal identification and tracking system will not only aid in the fight to eradicate cattle rustling, but would also allow lifetime traceability, as well as the compartmentalization and regionalization of disease outbreak under the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) standards so that trade could continue on animal products from other parts of the country;

Concerned that the gap between minor violence and full-scale war is very narrow with regard to cattle rustling as both herdsmen and members of the communities face mounting insecurity, loss of lives and means of livelihood on a daily basis;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to formulate policies to incorporate Electronic Animal Identification System among the measures aimed at eradicating cattle rustling; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to ensure compliance and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ali Isa — Balanga/Biliri Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out all the words in Prayer (*i*), and *insert* as follows:
"Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to work in partnership with private organizations in formulating the policies to incorporate electronic Animal Identification System" (*Hon. Saheed Akinade-Fijabi — Ibadan Southwest/Ibadan Northwest Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Motion — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that in recent times, crimes related to cattle rustling have increased across many States to the extent that gunmen with automatic weapons storm settlements with a misplaced sense of military frenzy, killing people, destroying property and livelihood and taking away cattle;

Also noted that prompted by these incessant cattle rustling cases, a taskforce named the "Task Force on Cattle Rustling and Associated Crimes" was constituted and charged with the responsibilities of pre-emptive intelligence gathering, anti-cattle rustling and allied crimes patrols, as well as investigation and possible prosecution of the reported incidents of cattle rustling;

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17. Consideration of Reports

(*i*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Alabi Peter Akubo:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Alabi Peter Akubo against the Nigerian Communications Commission on alleged unlawful termination of employment and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):
"Dismiss the petition for lack of merit as Alabi Peter Akubo failed to prove his case upon which he was dismissed from the service" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):
"Urge the Nigerian Communications Commission to hand him over to the Police for proper investigation on the alleged crime as anything on the contrary will amount to exposing the unwary public to his machinations (*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 Alabi Peter Akubo against the Nigerian Communications Commission on alleged unlawful termination of employment 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.

(*ii*) ***Committee on Public Petitions:***
Report on the Petition by Igwenagu O. Ngene and Associates:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Igwenagu O. Ngene and Associates on behalf of the People of Mbulu Owo, in Owo Community of Nkanu East Local Government Area of Enugu State against the 82 Division, Nigerian Army, Enugu on the unwarranted invasion, displacement, threat and ejection of the Community by Soldiers from the Division, and approve the recommendation therein (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:
"Urge the Federal Ministry of Defence and the Chief of Defense Staff to direct the Chief of Army Staff to instruct the General Officer Commanding, 82 Division of the Nigeria Army to stop forthwith all Military operations and occupation of any kind in the said land situated at Idoko, Mbulu-Owo in Owo Community of Nkanu East Local Government Area of Enugu State (*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 Igwenagu O. Ngene and Associates on behalf of the People of Mbulu Owo, in Owo Community of Nkanu East Local Government Area of Enugu State against the 82 Division, Nigerian Army, Enugu on the unwarranted invasion, displacement, threat and ejection of the Community by Soldiers from the Division, and approved the only 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*:**
Report on the Petition by Mrs Jane Okoye:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Jane Okoye against the University of Benin on alleged wrongful termination of appointment and approve the recommendation therein (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"Urge the University of Benin Authority to re-instate Mrs Jane Okoye to service and pay all her entitlements from the date of the illegal termination of appointment to the date of reinstatement (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
In the Recommendation, line 2, immediately after the words "date of the", *leave out* the word "illegal" and *insert* the word "purported" (*Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari — Yabo/Shagari Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that the Recommendation as amended, stand 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 Mrs Jane Okoye against the University of Benin on wrongful termination of her appointment and approved the only Recommendation as amended 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 Fred Agbaje Chambers:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Fred Agbaje Chambers on behalf of ACP Fausat Azeez Oduwole on the failure of the Nigeria Police to comply with Court Judgment and approve the Recommendation therein (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*)

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation*:**
"Urge the Inspector General of Police to reinstate Fausat Azeez to her duty post and honour all the decisions of the National Industrial Court in respect of ACP Fausat Azeez (*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 Fred Agbaje Chambers on behalf of ACP Fausat Azeez Oduwole on the failure of the Nigeria Police to comply with Court Judgment and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

18. Adjournment
That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 13 *October*, 2016 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Jibril Umar Buba — Deputy House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.34 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker