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Wednesday, 20 July, 2016

1. The House met at 11.24 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, 19 July, 2016.

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

3. **Announcements**

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

(*a*) Members of Students' Representative Assembly, Students' Union, Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Sokoto State;

(*b*) Members of Arts Education Students Association (AESA), Adekunle Ajasin University Chapter, Akungba Akoko, Ondo State;

(*c*) Students of Liberty Chambers, Fiat Justitia Ruat Coelum, Faculty of Law, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, Kaduna State.

(*ii*) ***Transition of Madam Deborah Olayonu*:**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Olayonu O. Tope Danlad (*Ifelodun/Offa/Oyun Federal Constituency*), informing the House of the demise of his mother, Madam Deborah Olayonu on Tuesday, 19 July, 2016, at the age of 86. He prayed the House to observe a minute silence in her honour.

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

(*iii*) ***Appointment of new Chairman, Committee on Appropriations*:**
Mr Speaker announced the appointment of Hon. Mustapha Bala Dawaki (*Dawaki Kudu/Warawa Federal Constituency*) as the new Chairman, Committee on Appropriations.

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(*iv*) ***Review of the* 2016 *Appropriations Act*:**
Mr Speaker named membership of a Special Committee to review the 2016 Appropriations Act as follows:

(1)	Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun	—	*Chairman*
(2)	Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila	—	*Member*
(3)	Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba	—	*Member*
(4)	Hon. Leo Ogor	—	*Member*

4. Personal Explanation (Order Eight, Rule 5)
Rising on Order Eight, Rule 5, Hon. Ahmad Usman Babba Kaita (*Kankia/Ingawa/Kusada Federal Constituency*) recalled that on Tuesday, 12 July, 2016, Mr Speaker read a communication from the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, forwarding the budgets of some government agencies and corporations for the consideration of the National Assembly pursuant to the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007. He noted that the President deserves special commendation since that was the first time a President will forward the budgets of all such government organizations for consideration by National Assembly in full compliance with the law.

Mr Speaker noted the observation.

5. Petition
A Petition from C. U. Okoi & Associates (Legal Practitioners) on behalf of aggrieved Dockworkers of Calabar Port, on non-payment of salaries and allowances by the management of K-Marine Limited, was presented and laid by Hon. Ekpenyong Essien Ayi (*Calabar South/Akpabuyo/Bakassi Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4 (4))
(*i*) ***Communal Crisis which Claimed Lives and Properties in Eboh, Ababene, Iyamitet, Obubra Village, Uwakande and Onyadama Communities of Cross River State*:**
Hon. Mike Etaba (*Obubra/Etung 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 (4) 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 (4) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

Communal Crisis which Claimed Lives and Properties in Eboh, Ababene, Iyamitet, Obubra Village, Uwakande and Onyadafyla Communities of Cross River State:

The House:

Notes that many people are feared killed in some communal clashes in Cross River State, South- South Nigeria. Fighting is said to have broken out between four communities in Cross River Central Senatorial District since the beginning of the year;

Deeply worried that the people of Eboh, Ababene, Iyamitet, Obubra village, Onyadama and Uwakande communities are facing serious crisis resulting from violence arising out of communal and boundary issues resulting to the burning of houses, farm lands destroyed and their access to basic amenities of life such as electricity, portable water also cut off, making life in the communities unbearable and undesirable;

Accordingly resolves to:

(*i*) Observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;

(*ii*) condemn in strong terms the communal crisis which claimed lots of lives and properties worth millions of Naira destroyed;

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Emergency Preparedness to as a matter of urgency liaise with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to dispatch relief materials to displaced constituents whose homes and businesses are badly affected in Obubra Local Government Area of Cross River State; and

(*iv*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure that NEMA provides relief materials to cushion the untold hardship of women and children in the affected communities (*Hon. Mike Etaba — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that many people are feared killed in some communal clashes in Cross River State, South- South Nigeria. Fighting is said to have broken out between four communities in Cross River Central Senatorial District since the beginning of the year;

Deeply worried that the people of Eboh, Ababene, Iyamitet, Obubra village, Onyadama and Uwakande communities are facing serious crisis resulting from violence arising out of communal and boundary issues resulting to the burning of houses, farm lands destroyed and their access to basic amenities of life such as electricity, portable water also cut off, making life in the communities unbearable and undesirable;

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(*iv*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure that NEMA provides relief materials to cushion the untold hardship of women and children in the affected communities (**HR. 50/2016**).

(*ii*) ***Sales of Recruitment Form into the Nigeria Peace Corps:***
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 (4) 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 (4) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

Sales of Recruitment form into the Nigeria Peace Corps:

The House:

Recalls that a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC), to Empower, Develop and Provide Alternative Employment for the Youth, to Facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Services, National Building; and for Other Related Matters, was passed recently (9 June, 2016) by this House;

Notes that this same Bill is pending in the Senate and awaiting Third Reading;

Worried that the sales of recruitment forms for the recruitment of Nigerian youths into the Nigerian Peace Corps is ongoing, by a body that has not been fully accorded legal status by the Act of National Assembly;

Also worried about the various costs attached to the recruitment process; recruitment form costs ₦1,500; submission fee ₦200; processing fee ₦500; training fee ₦40,000;

Regrets that the sales of this recruitment forms is illegal, a scam and exploitation of unemployed youths of this country at time many Nigerians are passing through hard times;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the powers of the Nigerian Peace Corps to sell recruitment forms (*Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde — Chikun/Kajuru Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Recalled that a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC), to Empower, Develop and Provide Alternative Employment for the Youth, to Facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Services, National Building; and for Other Related Matters, was passed recently (9 June, 2016) by this House;

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Also worried about the various costs attached to the recruitment process; recruitment form costs ₦1,500; submission fee ₦200; processing fee ₦500; training fee ₦40,000;

Regretted that the sales of this recruitment forms is illegal, a scam and exploitation of unemployed youths of this country at time many Nigerians are passing through hard times;

Resolved to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the powers of the Nigerian Peace Corps to sell recruitment forms (**HR. 51/2016**).

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4(4) to enable it take more than two Matters of Urgent Public Importance"(*Hon. Ibrahim Sadiq — Fufore/Song Federal Constituency*) — *Agreed to*.

(*iii*) ***Age Discrimination by Employers in the Labour Market*:**
Hon. Abdulrazak Sa'ad (*Toungo/Ganye/Jada/Mayo Belwa 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 (4) 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 (4) *to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to*.

Age Discrimination by Employers in the Labour Market:

The House:

Notes that there is perceived social injustice/oppression by employers in the labour market known as AGE DISCRIMINATION. A practice where youths in a particular age range are considered unemployable on the grounds of age, despite still being able and willing to work;

Worried that age discrimination in Nigeria is now assuming an alarming proportion with employers such as EFCC and other agencies of government and indeed the private sector setting ridiculously low maximum age limits as 22, 25 and 27 for recruitment;

Also worried that if all the social and economic programmers so far introduced by the current administration do not take these unemployed youth into cognizance, how then do we intend to reduce the social ills bedeviling our nation?;

Concerned that the doors appears to be shut against unemployed youth in the age range between thirty and forty (30-40) and by implication, the poor who constitute the majority as the target;

Cognizant that age discrimination would only be ideal in a society where the system work. A society that ensures that children start their education when they should and transmit from o,!e level of education to another in smooth succession without loss of time for instance on account of poverty;

Recalls that the unemployment crisis long predates the current administration;

Also recalls that at certain point in our history, EMBARGO was placed on employment for a long period by successive governments without any social policies or intervention in place like the present administration, where youths at that time were affected;

Realizing that help has come, courtesy of President Mohammadu Buhari, the unemployed youths in the age range of 30 to 40 have been alienated further widening the gap between the rich and the poor;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Ministry of Labour and Productivity needs to reverse this trend because this will portend great danger for our society as social ills to a large extend are no doubt linked to unemployment;

(*ii*) also urge the private sector to equally reverse the trend considering the fact that it plays a major factor in reducing the unemployment in the country; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, and Labour and Productivity to ensure compliance (*Hon. Abdulrazak Sa'ad Namdas — Toungo/Ganye/Jada/Mayo Belwa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that there is perceived social injustice/oppression by employers in the labour market known as AGE DISCRIMINATION. A practice where youths in a particular age range are considered unemployable on the grounds of age, despite still being able and willing to work;

Worried that age discrimination in Nigeria is now assuming an alarming proportion with employers such as EFCC and other agencies of government and indeed the private sector setting ridiculously low maximum age limits as 22, 25 and 27 for recruitment;

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(*i*) Urge the Ministry of Labour and Productivity needs to reverse this trend because this will portend great danger for our society as social ills to a large extend are no doubt linked to unemployment;

(*ii*) also urge the private sector to equally reverse the trend considering the fact that it plays a major factor in reducing the unemployment in the country; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, and Labour and Productivity to ensure compliance (**HR. 52/2016**).

7. **Presentation and First Reading of Bills**
The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

(1) Labour Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 693).

(2) Vigilante Groups of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (HB. 718).

(3) Chartered Institute of Contract Projects and Facilities Management (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 719).

(4) Chartered Institute of Warehousing and Materials Management (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (720).

(5) Nigerian Authors Trust Fund Bill, 2016 (721).

(6) Federal Highways Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 722).

(7) Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 723).

(8) Nigeria Entertainment Trust Fund Bill, 2016 (HB. 724).

(9) Niger Delta Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 725).

(10) Chartered Institute of Pension Practitioners of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 726)

(11) Bureau of Public Enterprises Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 728).

(12) National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 729).

(13) Nigerian Airspace Management Agency Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 730).

(14) Nigerian Shippers Council Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 731).

(15) National Maritime Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 732).

(16) Raw Material Research and Development Council Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 733).

(17) National Sugar Development Council Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 734).

(18) Nigerian Postal Service Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 735).

(19) Nigerian Ports Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 736).

(20) Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 737).

(21) Securities and Exchange Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 738).

(22) Nigeria Tourism Development Corporation Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 739).

(23) Nigerian Communications Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 740).

(24) National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 741).

(25) Nigerian Customs Service Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 742).

(26) Nigerian Broadcasting Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 743).

(27) National Insurance Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 744).

(28) News Agency of Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 745).

(29) Nigerian Copyright Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 746).

(30) Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 747).

(31) Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 748).

(32) Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 749).

(33) Federal Inland Revenue Service Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 750).

(34) Nigeria Immigration Service Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 751).

(35) Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 752).

(36) Central Bank of Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 753).

(37) Radio Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 754).

(38) Federal Housing Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 755).

(39) Nigerian Television Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 756).

(40) National Automotive Design and Development Council Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 757).

(41) Nigerian Nuclear Regulatory Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 758).

(42) National Board for Technical Education Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 759).

(43) Federal Mortgage Bank Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 760).

(44) National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 761).

(45) Industrial Training Fund Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 762).

(46) Corporate Affairs Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 763).

(47) Standards Organization of Nigeria Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 764).

(48) Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016 (HB. 765).

(49) Chartered Pension Institute of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (HB. 727).

8. **A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the Total Sum of ₦241,455,285,471 (Two Hundred and Forty-One Billion, Four Hundred and Fifty-Five Million, Two Hundred and Eighty- Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Naira) only, of which the Sum of ₦52,982,280,360 (Fifty-Two Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty Two Million, Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the Sum of ₦34,388,260,823 (Thirty-Four Billion, Three Hundred and Eighty-Eight Million, Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Three Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs while the balance of ₦154,084,744,288 (One Hundred and Fifty-Four Billion, Eighty-Four Million, Seven Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-Eight Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year Commencing from 1 January and ending on 31 December, 2016 (HB. 567) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the Total Sum of ₦241,455,285,471 (Two Hundred and Forty-One Billion, Four Hundred and Fifty-Five Million, Two Hundred and Eighty- Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Naira) only, of which the Sum of ₦52,982,280,360 (Fifty-Two Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty Two Million, Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the Sum of ₦34,388,260,823 (Thirty-Four Billion, Three Hundred and Eighty-Eight Million, Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Three Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs while the balance of ₦154,084,744,288 (One Hundred and Fifty-Four Billion, Eighty-Four Million, Seven Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-Eight Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year Commencing from 1 January and ending on 31December, 2016 (HB. 567) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and passed.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Incorporate Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, 1944, into Nigerian Law, to establish the Nigerian Search and Rescue Services; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 319) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Incorporate Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, 1944, into Nigerian Law, to establish the Nigerian Search and Rescue Services; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 319) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ekpenyong Essien Ayi — Calabar South/Akpabuyo/Bakassi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill committed to the Committee of the Whole.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Immigration Border Patrol Agents as a Specialized Directorate in the Nigerian Immigration Service to Patrol, Maintain Surveillance, Conduct Borderline Watch and Prevent Persons from Entering or Leaving Nigeria without Permission; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 524) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Immigration Border Patrol Agents as a Specialized Directorate in the Nigerian Immigration Service to Patrol, Maintain Surveillance, Conduct Borderline Watch and Prevent Persons from Entering or Leaving Nigeria without Permission; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 524) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Saheed Akinade-Fijabi — Ibadan Southwest/Ibadan Northwest 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 Interior.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 in order to Abrogate the State Joint Local Government Account; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 588) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 in order to Abrogate the State Joint Local Government Account; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 588) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Afe Olowookere — Akure North/Akure South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

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

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Inland Waterways Authority Act, Cap. N47, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Specify the Tenure of the Secretary and Empower the Authority to Receive Donations; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 267) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Shipping Policy Act, Cap. N75, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to include the Representative of the Nigerian Shippers Council in the Membership of the Authority; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 649) —*Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Shipping Policy Act, Cap. N75, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to include the Representative of the Nigerian Shippers Council in the Membership of the Authority; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 649) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu 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 Ports, Harbour and Waterways.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Enable effect to be given in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention); and for Other Related Matters (HB.500)** — ***Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Enable effect to be given in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention); and for Other Related Matters (HB.500) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Yakub Abiodun Balogun — Lagos Island II Federal Constituency and* 1 *other*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Treaties, Protocols and Agreements, and Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and Initiatives on North East Zone.

15. **Urgent Need for Rehabilitation/Dualisation of Idah/Ajaka, Ugwolawo, Ejule, Ogidibeje (Agbeji/Ayangba) Junction Road**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Idah/Ajaka, Ugwolawo, Ejule, Ogidibeje (Agbeji/Ayangba) junction road dates back to the colonial era but was last re-constructed in the 1970s;

Also notes that the road has deteriorated so severely despite many attempts by the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to patch it up and the palliative steps taken by the Kogi State Government;

Aware that the design for its reconstruction had been completed but the contract is yet to be awarded for construction work to commence due to lack of provision for it in the appropriation proposals;

Also aware that the road traverses communities with abundant cashew nut plantations, the largest in sub-Saharan Africa, sesame seed, talc, etc.;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing to include the reconstruction of the Road in any supplementary budget of 2016 or the 2017 budget proposal; and

(*ii*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure adherence (*Hon. Emmanuel Makoji Egwu — Idah/Igalamela/Ibaji/Ofu Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(**HR. 53/2016**).

Motion referred to Committees on Works, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5). (HR../2016)

16. Call for Installation of Close Circuit Television CCTV) in all Prisons in the Country as well as Re-Enforcement of their Perimeter Fencing
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the occasional occurrences of jail breaks in some prisons in parts of the country, especially the recent Koton Karfi, Ekiti and Kuje experiences;

Also notes the danger that such ugly incidents pose to national security and public safety given the fact that the nation's prison facilities lack monitoring devices and believing strongly that the trend must not be allowed to continue;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the Federal Ministry of Interior to, as matter of urgency begin the installation of Close Circuit Television(CCTV) and other surveillance devices in the prison formations in the Country and reconstruct/re-enforce their perimeter fences; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Interior to monitor and report back to the House the level of compliance (*Hon. Anayo Nnebe —Awka North/Awka South Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 54/2016).

Motion referred to Committee on Interior, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

17. Urgent Need to Save Nigeria's Agro-Industry from Imported Processed Grains
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Recalls that in 1988, the Federal Government banned the importation of barley concentrates and barley malt used in brewing beer and malt drinks, in line with the country's import substitution and forex policies to save the huge foreign exchange being expended by the brewing industry on cereal which grows in abundance in Nigeria;

Notes that the ban led to the rapid expansion of sorghum production and malting in Nigeria from which a robust farming and processing value-chain developed;

Also notes that in 2008, Nigeria topped the list in the world in sorghum production with 11 million tons as producers of sorghum, malting and sorghum-based malt extract created a sorghum value-chain ranging from farming, processing and storage, thereby generating employment, both on and off-farm;

Concerned that a 5 percent waiver granted to importers for brewing raw materials is adversely affecting sorghum farmers and sorghum malting plants, as the importation of barley concentrates and barley malt by multi-national brewing firms from their parent companies, increases the rate of capital flight and supports jobs in the European Union (EU-subsidized) agricultural sector;

Also concerned that given the unrestricted importation of malted barley and the already high rate of unemployment in Nigeria, jobs and livelihoods are being placed under threat from the imminent closure of sorghum malting plants which are operating at less than 10 percent of installed production capacities;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the Federal Government to re-impose a ban on the importation of malted barley in order to save the sorghum farmers and sorghum processing industries in the country and also impose a 10 percent tax on barley concentrates to discourage their importation; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Finance to investigate the frequent changes in policy on import substitution by the Federal Government, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Oladipupo O. Adebutu — Ikenne/Sagamu/Remo North Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Recalled that in 1988, the Federal Government banned the importation of barley concentrates and barley malt used in brewing beer and malt drinks, in line with the country's import substitution and forex policies to save the huge foreign exchange being expended by the brewing industry on cereal which grows in abundance in Nigeria;

Noted that the ban led to the rapid expansion of sorghum production and malting in Nigeria from which a robust farming and processing value-chain developed;

Also noted that in 2008, Nigeria topped the list in the world in sorghum production with 11 million tons as producers of sorghum, malting and sorghum-based malt extract created a sorghum value-chain ranging from farming, processing and storage, thereby generating employment, both on and off-farm;

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(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Finance to investigate the frequent changes in policy on import substitution by the Federal Government, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 55/2016**).

18. Need to Put in Place Measures to Ensure Effective Monitoring of Commercial Banks

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

19. Urgent Need to Establish a Nigerian Consulate in the State of Texas, United States of America
Motion made and Question proposed: —

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has an Embassy in the United States (US) situated in Washington D.C. and two Consulates in New York and Atlanta, Georgia, which are cumulatively meant to service the entire Nigerian population residing in the US;

Also notes that there are over 376, 000 Nigerians resident in the USA, thereby making Nigeria the largest source of Africans resident in the US;

Observes however, that despite the large population of Nigerians resident in the State of Texas, there is no Consulate to facilitate the renewal of their e-passports, thereby occasioning great suffering to them;

Observes consequently, that Nigerians all over the US have to travel to Washington, D.C, New York or Atlanta, Georgia to renew their e-passports and in the process, spend an average of $1,000 in expenses, excluding the cost of the renewal;

Concerned about the immense suffering being inflicted on Nigerians resident in cities like Houston, Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth, Arlington, Plano, Lewisville and others in the State of Texas who have to spend a minimum of 16 hours travel time to renew their e-passports;

Cognizant that a Nigerian e-passport is a right for all Nigerians living both at home and abroad;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the Federal Government to urgently establish a Consulate in Texas to ease the sufferings of Nigerians resident there and other nearby cities; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Foreign Affairs to ensure adherence (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question negatived.

20. Adjournment
That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 21 *July*, 2016 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.31 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker