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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 2 November, 2016

1. The House met at 11.25 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, 1 November, 2016.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**
***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

(*i*) Staff and Students of ***Divine Mercy Primary & Secondary School***, Asokoro, Abuja; and

(*ii*) Staff and Pupils of ***ECWA Academy***, Wuse II, Abuja.

4. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
(*i*) ***Urgent Need to Avert Loss of Lives and Property at the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State*:**
Hon. Ajisafe Olowookere (*Akure North/Akure 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 Avert Loss of Lives and Property at Federal University of Technology, Akure:

The House:

Notes that the Federal University of Technology, Akure has in the last one month embroiled in crisis as a result of allegation of corruption against the Vice Chancellor by the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU) and the Senior Staff Association of Nigeria Universities (SSANU) of the Federal University of Technology, Akure;

Aware that the protest by the members of these two unions within the University environment daily has paralysed activities in the school and, there is palpable tension that may result in a breach of peace and wanton destruction of lives and property if immediate intervention is delayed;

Concerned that the crisis has hindered the resumption of both the returning and new students, who were supposed to have resumed last week, also the graduating students could not process their documents for enlistment into the National Youth Service Scheme;

Worried that some community leaders, including His Royal Majesty, the Deji of Akure Kingdom have intervened without achieving the desired result;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Minister of Education to immediately call the warring groups to order to avert avoidable loss of lives and property of members of the FUTA Community; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education to intervene and investigate the cause of the crisis, with a view to resolving it (*Hon. Ajisafe Olowookere — Akure North/South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal University of Technology, Akure has in the last one month embroiled in crisis as a result of allegation of corruption against the Vice Chancellor by the Non-Academic Staff Union (NASU) and the Senior Staff Association of Nigeria Universities (SSANU) of the Federal University of Technology, Akure;

Aware that the protest by the members of these two unions within the University environment daily has paralysed activities in the school and, there is palpable tension that may result in a breach of peace and wanton destruction of lives and property if immediate intervention is delayed;

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(*ii*) ***Need to Dislodge Nomadic Herdsmen from further Attacks on Ossissa Community of Delta State*:**
Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani 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 Dislodge Nomadic Herdsmen from Further Attacks on Ossissa Community of Delta State:

The House:

Notes the reported brutal attacks on the Ossissa community of Ndokwa East LGA of Delta State by Nomadic Herdsmen who have laid siege on the community since Saturday, October 22, 2016;

Also notes that the latest attack which occurred from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. on Monday, 31 October, 2016, had scores of indigenes either killed or injured and properties worth hundreds of millions of naira destroyed or set ablaze;

Observes the protracted and coordinated nature of the attacks, which involved the use of sophisticated weapons against vulnerable and defenseless dwellers of Ossissa community;

Also observes the indiscriminate shooting of people, kidnapping of children, raping of women, looting of properties and burning of houses in the community in the last nine (9) days by these marauding herdsmen;

Recalls that in the last three (3) years, similar attacks by militant herdsmen were carried out in the communities of Ogume, Onicha-Ukwuani, and Obinomba, among other communities within the Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency of Delta State, with loss of several lives and valuable properties, and displacement of the human population;

Disturbed that the Federal Government is yet to contain the terror of these militant herdsmen nor identify and prosecute those sponsoring the terror in order to avoid anarchy in the country;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the President and commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to direct the Chief of Army Staff to mobilize the army to dislodge the invading herdsmen in and around all the villages of Ossissa Community in Delta State;

(*ii*) also urge the Inspector-General of Police to urgently secure and maintain peace in the Ossissa Community of Delta State; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, and Public Safety and National Security, to ensure prompt implementation of these resolutions and report back to the House within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the reported brutal attacks on the Ossissa community of Ndokwa East LGA of Delta State by Nomadic Herdsmen who have laid siege on the community since Saturday, October 22, 2016;

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(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, and Public Safety and National Security, to ensure prompt implementation of these resolutions and report back to the House within two (2) weeks (**HR. 164/2016**).

5. Presentation of First Reading Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

(1) Local Industry Patronage Bill, 2016 (HB. 828).

(2) Nigerian Institute of Translators and Interpreters Bill, 2016 (HB. 829).

(3) National Security Agencies Protection of Officers Identity Bill, 2016 ((HB. 830).

(4) National Agency for Population Programs and Development Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB.276).

(5) Nigerian Meteorological Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 831).

6. **Consolidation of Bills**

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 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 (HBs 70, 149 and 411) be further consolidated with a Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Retirement Age of Officers of the Nigerian Armed Forces and for Other Related Matters (HB. 802)" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Advisory Council on Religious Affairs Act, Cap. A8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and Re-enact the National Peace Council to Promote Peace and Religious Harmony in the Country, and a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation, to identify Conflicts, and for the Supervision, Coordination and Monitoring of all Peaceful Resolutions between Governments, Organisations, etc. in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HBs 449 and 74) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Advisory Council on Religious Affairs Act, Cap. A8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and Re-enact the National Peace Council to Promote Peace and Religious Harmony in the Country, and a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation, to identify Conflicts, and for the Supervision, Coordination and Monitoring of all Peaceful Resolutions between Governments, Organisations, etc. in Nigeria, and for Other Related Matters (HBs 449 and 74) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Umar Buba Jibril — Lokoja/Koton-Karfi/Kogi Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned.

***Ordered**: Committee on Rules and Business to further examine the Bill in liaison with the sponsors in view of the sensitivity of its subject matter, and advise the House as soon as possible.*

8. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 3 of the First Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Reflect the Proper Name of "Ogbahu" Local Government Area of Anambra State, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 773) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to among Others, Ensure the Financial Autonomy of Local Government Councils, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 518)** — ***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, to among Others, Ensure the Financial Autonomy of Local Government Councils, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 518) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

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

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Tourism of Nigeria, Charged with Responsibility for Regulating the Profession of Tourism, by Prescribing the Standard of Academic Qualifications and Practical Skills to be Attained by Persons Seeking to be Registered as Members of the Profession in Nigeria, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 712)** — ***Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Tourism of Nigeria, Charged with Responsibility for Regulating the Profession of Tourism, by Prescribing the Standard of Academic Qualifications and Practical Skills to be Attained by Persons Seeking to be Registered as Members of the Profession in Nigeria, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 712) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Gideon Gwani — Kaura 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 Commerce, and Culture and Tourism.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Highways Act, Cap. F13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Enhance the Fines Prescribed under the Act, and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Highways Act, Cap. F13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Prohibit the Blockage of Highways in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HBs 684 and 722)** — ***Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly: Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**

***Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts of Nigeria Bill*, 2015 (HB. 98):**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the

tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*;

Also notes that the Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts of Nigeria Bill was passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 98 and read the first time on Thursday, 19 November, 2015;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Bill committed to the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16.

13. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly: Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**
***Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Bill,* 2016 (HB. 812):**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*;

Also notes that the Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Bill, was passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 812 and read the first time on Wednesday, 19 October, 2016;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Hon. Jones Onyereri — Nkwerre/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Bill committed to the Committee of the Whole, pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16.

14. **Urgent Need to Complete the Owena Multipurpose Dam in Igbara-Oke, Ondo State**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the construction of Owena Multipurpose Dam project that was commenced by the Federal Government, in 2007 is yet to be completed and utilized for the provision of potable water for the people of Ondo State;

Also notes that the Water treatment plant for the Dam has been constructed and ready for the use, thus bringing the government investment on the project so far to about eighteen billion Naira (₦18,000,000,000.00), leaving only the water reticulation as the outstanding project for which Safko Construction Company Nigeria Ltd (SCC) has been paid ₦2,000,000,000.00 (two billion Naira) but has not moved to site;

Aware that the project, when completed, would provide the whole of Ondo Central senatorial zone with potable water but at the moment, its non-completion has left the whole area without potable water which exposes them to the risks of epidemics;

Believes that there is an urgent need to salvage the multibillion Naira equipment at the Dam site that are fast depreciating;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Water Resources to interface with the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Officials of the Benin-Owena River Basin Development Authority, to determine the circumstances surrounding the non-completion of the project, and ensure its inclusion in 2017 Appropriation proposals (*Hon. Ajisafe Olowookere — Akure North/Akure South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 165/2016).

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

15. Call for Reconstruction of Yola-Fufore Road in Adamawa State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Yola - Fufore Federal Road, constructed in 1989, is a 26 kilometers international border road from Yola town to Fufore and to Wuro Kurori where the road links Nigeria - Cameroun border at Gurin town;

Also notes that the road has on it two (2) major bridges across Rivers Pampambi and Beti, the Nigerian Law School, Yola Campus, the Adamawa State Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), AM/FM Station, the headquarters of the Upper Benue River Basin Development Authority (UBRBDA), MOPOL 14 Barracks of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF), and the Adamawa State Agricultural Development Program Store;

Concerned that since its construction in 1989, only two minor repairs have been carried out by the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) in 2003 and 2013, which involved the repairs of the road shoulders from MOPOl 14 Barracks to the Adamawa Broadcasting Corporation FM Station in 2003, and the filling of pot holes from Adamawa State Agricultural Development Program Store (at Mbamba Wuro Ardo Dispensary) to Sebore junction in 2013, covering only five and half (5.5) kilometers of the 26 kilometers road which has now further deteriorated making it a death trap because of the numerous pot holes that cause accidents and has become a hole in the pockets of motorists because of constant repairs and maintenance of their vehicles occasioned by the condition of the road;

Aware that the two (2) bridges at Pambambi and Mayel Betti had earlier collapsed and it took the intervention of the State Government in 2008 and 2009, to reconstruct them and also the three (3) Kilometers road stretch from Mayo, Pambambi to Mararaba Wuro Ardo and from Giere Ibeli Cheuti to Mayel Beti, leaving only 23 kilometers of bad portions of the road unrepaired.

Cognizant that only the intervention of the Federal Government in reconstructing the remaining 23 kilometers of the road can bring reprieve to commuters from years of abandonment of the Road;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, and the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA), to undertake rehabilitation of the road, as a palliative measure, to alleviate the hardships being faced by residents and commuters; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Works, and Appropriations to ensure that the reconstruction of the road is captured in the 2017 Budget proposal (*Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim — Fufore/Song Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 166/2016).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Appropriations, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

16. **Need to Investigate Suspicious Bank Deposits due to Non-Linkage of Bank Verification Numbers with a View to Identifying and Confiscating Funds Generated through Corrupt Practices**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

17. **Urgent Need for Deployment of Security Operatives to Avert Breakdown of Law and Order as a Result of Clashes between Herdsmen and Indigenes of Ezeukwu Community, Bende Local Government Area, Abia State**

Order read; withdrawn by leave of the House.

18. **Call to Foster Fiscal Responsibility through the Investigation of Multiple Statutory Violations by the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE)**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Informed that at a forum organized by the Fiscal Responsibility Commission, the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) was accused of operating in contravention of several provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, which include the failure to provide audited accounts for the financial years 2012-2015, and non-remittance of its operating surplus of ₦81.8 million in 2007;

Notes that the action of the Bureau violated Section 22 (1) and (2) of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999, which compels the Bureau to keep proper accounts and cause them to be audited by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation;

Worried that the conduct of the BPE lacked probity, transparency and accountability and is a violation of section 48 (1) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, which imposes obligation on the Federal Government to ensure full and timely disclosure and wide publication of all transactions and

decisions involving public revenues and expenditures and their implication for the finance of the federation;

Concerned that the objectives for the establishment of the National Council on Privatization (NCP) and BPE to restructure, through commercialization and privatization, moribund and underperforming public utilities, to benefit present and future generations of Nigerians could not be realized since the BPE has not kept regular financial records of its operations and can therefore not be trusted with overseeing the huge financial operations of commercialization and privatization of public enterprises;

Also concerned that a grievous breach of the law for many years by an essential government institution like the BPE has exposed the failure of the Auditor-General for the Federation, to live up to his constitutional duties of auditing public accounts to ensure accountability, transparency and fiscal responsibility;

Resolves to:

(*i*) commend the Fiscal Responsibility Commission for discharging its statutory responsibilities which subjected the BPE to a critical examination aimed at promoting accountability in the management of the nation's enterprises; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Privatization and Commercialization, and Public Accounts, to organize an inter-face with the BPE on accusations by the Fiscal Responsibility Commission against the Bureau and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen — Zaria Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Leave out* Prayer (*i*) (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(*ii*) In Prayer (*ii*), immediately after the word "Commercialization", *leave out* the words "and Public Accounts" (*Hon. Leo Ogor — Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Informed that at a forum organized by the Fiscal Responsibility Commission, the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) was accused of operating in contravention of several provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, which include the failure to provide audited accounts for the financial years 2012-2015, and non-remittance of its operating surplus of ₦81.8 million in 2007;

Noted that the action of the Bureau violated Section 22 (1) and (2) of the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, 1999, which compels the Bureau to keep proper accounts and cause them to be audited by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation;

Worried that the conduct of the BPE lacked probity, transparency and accountability and is a violation of section 48 (1) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, which imposes obligation on the Federal Government to ensure full and timely disclosure and wide publication of all transactions and decisions involving public revenues and expenditures and their implication for the finance of the federation;

Concerned that the objectives for the establishment of the National Council on Privatization (NCP) and BPE to restructure, through commercialization and privatization, moribund and underperforming public utilities, to benefit present and future generations of Nigerians could not be realized since the BPE has not kept regular financial records of its operations and can therefore not be trusted with overseeing the huge financial operations of commercialization and privatization of public enterprises;

Also concerned that a grievous breach of the law for many years by an essential government institution like the BPE has exposed the failure of the Auditor-General for the Federation, to live up to his constitutional duties of auditing public accounts to ensure accountability, transparency and fiscal responsibility;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization, to organize an inter-face with the BPE on accusations by the Fiscal Responsibility Commission against the Bureau and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 167/2016**).

19. **Urgent Need to Review the Recapitalization Deadline for Mobile Money Operators and the Minimum Paid Up Capital**

Order read; withdrawn by leave of the House.

20. **Consideration of Reports**

(*i*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:
Report on the Petition by Wudil S. S.:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions, on the petition by Wudil S. S., on the alleged unlawful dismissal from service by the Nigerian Customs Service 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:
"That the dismissal of Mr Wudi S. S. be upheld as his petition lacks merit" (*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 Wudil S. S., on the alleged unlawful dismissal from service by the Nigerian Customs Service and approved the only Recommendation 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 SCA Adiele C. C.:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions, on the Petition by SCA Adiele C. C., against the Nigerian Customs Service, on the alleged wrongful retirement 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):
"Urge the Nigerian Customs Service to reinstate the petitioner, SCA Adiele C. C. back to service since there was no clear or tangible evidence why he was prematurely retired" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):
"Urge the Nigerian Customs Service to grant the petitioner his full rank and payment of all the arrears of his entitlements from the date of the purported retirement" (*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 SCA Adiele C. C., against the Nigerian Customs Service, on alleged wrongful retirement 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.

21. **Adjournment**
That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 3 November, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.40 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker