



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 5 December, 2018

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 Thursday, 29 November, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership**
 - (i) A Member-elect, Abubakar Yahaya Kusada (*Kankia/Kusada/Ingawa Federal Constituency*) took and subscribed to the Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as prescribed by law.
 - (ii) A Member-elect, Yusuf Comrade Nuhu (*Toro Federal Constituency*) took and subscribed to the Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as prescribed by law.
 - (iii) A Member-elect, * aheem Tunji Olawuyi (*Ekiti/Irepodun/Isin-Ero Federal Constituency*) took and subscribed to the Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as prescribed by law.
4. **Admittance in the Chamber**
Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do admit Senator Ahmed Kaita into the Chamber to observe the proceedings, pursuant to Order Nineteen, Rule 5" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

5. Message

Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

27th November, 2018

*Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Rt Hon. Y. Dogara,

***PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO DECLINE ASSENT TO THE NATIONAL
BROADCASTING COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018***

Pursuant to Section 58 (4) of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), I hereby convey to the House of Representatives, my decision, on 26th November, 2018 to decline Presidential Assent to the National Broadcasting Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

I am declining assent to the Bill because the amendment to the powers of the Commission deletes the existing paragraph 2 (1) (u) which contains an important omnibus clause that grants the commission incidental powers which are not specifically provided for in the other sections of the Act. We suggest that a more appropriate approach for the amendment is for the creation of a new paragraph "u" as contained in the Bill and the renumbering of the current paragraph "u" as a new paragraph "v".

Please accept, Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

6. Announcement

(a) Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of Members of the Legislative Arm, Akoko Edo Local Government Area, Edo State.

(b) Defection

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Onyenwufe Gabriel (*Ayamelum/Oyi Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

7. Petitions

- (i)* A petition from Emmanuel N. Yemtet, on the termination of his appointment by the Management of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State, was presented and laid by Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang (*Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

- (ii) A petition from Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) Casual Staff Association on behalf of 20,000 staff of Kaduna Electricity Distribution Company (KAEDCO), on alleged maltreatment and other unethical labour practice by the management, was presented and laid by Hon. Hassan Bala Abubakar (*Sokoto North/Sokoto South Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) *Need to Save Eko Bridge, Long Bridge in Fadeyi, Ojuelegba and National Stadium Bridges from Imminent Collapse due to Parking by Tankers, Trailers, and Other Articulated Vehicles in Lagos State:*

Hon. Enitan Dolapo Badru (*Lagos Island I 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 Urgently Save Eko Bridge, Long Bridge in Fadeyi, Ojuelegba and National Stadium Bridges from Imminent Collapse Due to Parking by Tankers, Trailers, and Other Articulated Vehicles in Lagos State:

The House:

Notes that Eko bridge is one of the busiest bridges in the country with a vehicular traffic of over a million cars daily and links Lagos Mainland with Lagos Island which is the commercial nerve centre of the country;

Also notes the continued permanent parking of trailers, petrol tanker trucks and other articulated vehicles starting from long bridge in Fadeyi, Ojuelegba bridge, National Stadium bridge and directly to Eko bridge in Lagos State;

Further notes that the four bridges in question are the bridges that link Ikorodu road, Fadeyi, Ojuelegba, National stadium and Eko bridges from Ibadan expressway to the Apapa wharf, the nation's number one sea port;

Aware that for the past six months, trailers, petrol tanker trucks and other articulated vehicles have made the top of the four bridges their permanent parking place while they wait for their turns to load or offload at the wharf;

Also aware that these bridges were not designed to carry such heavy trucks on daily basis not to talk of parking permanently on the bridges;

Further aware that our traffic laws forbid parking of any vehicle on bridges, because it may lead to bridge collapse; and that all over the world, cases of bridge collapse since 1800 till date have been as a result of bridges carrying more weight over a period of time as against the initial designed weight;

Still aware that many traffic accidents with some resulting in fatalities have occurred as a result of arbitrary parking of these trailers on the bridges;

Concerned that these bridges serve as commercial route for multi-billion Naira businesses and that the collapse of any or all these bridges will bring unimaginable disaster to the Nation's economy, and loss of lives;

Cognizant that there are established parks for these articulated vehicles within and outside Lagos State, especially neighbouring Ogun State to park while waiting to load or offload at Apapa Wharf;

Disturbed that the drivers have refused to use the designated parking areas and prefer to park on the bridges;

Also disturbed that our security agencies who ought to enforce the traffic laws seem to have been overwhelmed by the sheer number of trailers, tankers and articulated vehicles;

Worried that vehicular activities will increase on Lagos roads especially Yuletide period and this will further put more pressure on the stability of the bridges. This only compounds the case as a disaster waiting to happen;

Also worried about the security implications of having these trucks parked on the bridges at this period, as hoodlums, miscreants and robbers are now using the opportunity of the traffic gridlock to perpetrate evil, and rob innocent citizens, motorists and commuters on daily basis especially at night;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police and head of other relevant Security Agencies to, as a matter of urgency, evacuate these heavy vehicles from the bridges and compel drivers to use parks established for them and prosecute those who flout the order; and
- (ii) call on the Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing to carry out comprehensive inspection and evaluation of the bridges with a view to ascertain their viability and potency (*Hon. Enitan Dolapo Badru — Lagos Island 1 Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 97/12/2018).

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

(ii) *Need for Legislative Intervention to Maintain Industrial Peace in the Country:*

Hon. Muhammed Sani Zorro (*Gumel/Gagarawa/Mai Gatari/Sule Tankarkar 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 for Legislative Intervention to Maintain Industrial Peace in the Country:

The House:

Notes with concern, the on-going strike action by members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), which has paralyzed academic activities of most public universities;

Worried by the reluctance of the Presidency to transmit the Tripartite Agreement on National Minimum Wage to the National Assembly for legislation;

Alarmed by threats of industrial action by organized labour in the face of the stalemate caused by the failure to facilitate the due process needed for appropriate resolution of the dispute;

Disturbed that members of the Parliamentary Staff Association of the National Assembly also picketed our two (2) legislative Chambers on Tuesday, 4 December, 2018, to draw attention to their grievances;

Consistent with the established tradition of the National Assembly to intervene in labour disputes;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the President to transmit the Tripartite Agreement on National Minimum Wage to the National Assembly for legislation, to avert the looming industrial action threatened by organized labour, with the potential of paralyzing the nation's socio-economic and political activities and its attendant costs;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to henceforth display good faith in implementing the age-old agreement mutually reached between it and ASUU, so as to check the union's incessant strikes as it's only weapon of compelling government to the negotiating table all the time; and
- (iii) set up a Joint *Ad-hoc* Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives to investigate the remote and immediate causes of the Tuesday, 4 December, 2018 industrial action by members of the Parliamentary Staff Association of the National Assembly, and make appropriate recommendations to the 2 legislative Chambers for appropriate action. (*Hon. Muhammed Zani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with concern, the on-going strike action by members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), which has paralyzed academic activities of most public universities;

Worried by the reluctance of the Presidency to transmit the Tripartite Agreement on National Minimum Wage to the National Assembly for legislation;

Alarmed by threats of industrial action by organized labour in the face of the stalemate caused by the failure to facilitate the due process needed for appropriate resolution of the dispute;

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9. **Presentation of Reports**

(i) **Committee on Banking and Currency:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Banking and Currency on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria Act, Cap. A24A, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1083)" (Hon. Lawal Abubakar Garba — Yola North/Yola South/Gire Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committee on Banking and Currency:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Banking and Currency on a Bill for an Act to Establish and Regulate the Nigerian Assets Management Agency charged with the Responsibility of Managing all Government Assets, including those Seized, Forfeited or Taken over by Federal Security Bodies; and for Related Matters (HB. 1088)" (Hon. Lawal Abubakar Garba — Yola North/Yola South/Gire Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) **Committee on Banking and Currency:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Banking and Currency on a Bill for an Act to Provide for and Regulate Assignment of Receivable by making Provisions for Registration thereof as well as the rights and Obligations of Parties to Contract for Assignment of Receivables; and for Related Matters (HB. 805)" (Hon. Lawal Abubakar Garba — Yola North/Yola South/Gire Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) **Committee on Banking and Currency:**

Motion made and Question proposed; "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Banking and Currency on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Foreign Exchange (Monitoring and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, Cap. F34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Foreign Exchange Bill to Establish a Foreign Exchange Market and to Provide for the Regulation, Monitoring and Supervision of the Transactions conducted in the Market; and for Related Matters (HB. 1066)" (*Hon. Lawal Abubakar Garba — Yola North/Yola South/Gire Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petition by Alhaji Alih:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Alhaji Alih against the Public Complaints Commission on alleged wrongful dismissal from service

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

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

Petition by V. O Efurhievwe and Associates:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by V. O Efurhievwe and Associates against the Nigerian Gas Company on the alleged Non-payment of Compensation from the effects of Environmental Pollution caused by the Nigerian Gas Company

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

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

Petition by Ukpebor, Ukpebor & Co.:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ukpebor, Ukpebor & Co. against the Nigerian Gas Company on the bubbling of Gas from the Nigerian Gas Company's Rusted Pipeline in Okpeke Clan, Etsako East Local Government Area of Edo State

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

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

Petition by Prince Chibudom Nwuche, Former Deputy Speaker:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Prince Chibudom Nwuche, Former Deputy Speaker, House of Representatives against the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the Nigeria Police Force and the Attorney General of the Federation on attempted assassination and robbery.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

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

Petition by Quadri Taura:

That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Quadri Taura against the Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC) on the injustice meted out to him by the Management.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Projects Development Agency (PRODA), Enugu to Conduct Scientific, Engineering and Technological Research aimed at facilitating the Domestication and Industrialization of Appropriate Technology for Socio-Economic Advancement of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1542) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Projects Development Agency (PRODA), Enugu to Conduct Scientific, Engineering and Technological Research aimed at facilitating the Domestication and Industrialization of Appropriate Technology for Socio-Economic Advancement of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1542) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Science and Technology.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Regulate International Studies for Wards and Children of Nigerian Public Officers, to Strengthen Indigenous Institutions to Provide efficient Educational Services for National Development; and for Related Matters (HB. 1005) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate International Studies for Wards and Children of Nigerian Public Officers, to Strengthen Indigenous Institutions to Provide efficient Educational Services for National Development; and for Related Matters (HB. 1005) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Esan Northeast/Esan Southeast Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Debate adjourned to enable the Committee on Rules and Business determine the constitutionality of its jurisdiction and report back.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, Cap. P44, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make it Mandatory for 20% of all Public Procurement of the Federal Government in a Financial year to be Awarded to New Indigenous Companies, Indigenous Youths and other Nigerians who fall within the economically disadvantaged Group; and for Related Matters (HB. 1311 and HB. 1501) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, Cap. P44, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make it Mandatory for 20% of all Public Procurement of the Federal Government in a Financial year to be Awarded to New Indigenous Companies, Indigenous Youths and other Nigerians who fall within the economically disadvantaged Group; and for Related Matters (HB. 1311 and HB. 1501) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Ajisafe Olowookere — Akure North/Akure South 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 Public Procurement.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Compulsory Compensation of Victims of Road Accidents by Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers or Motor Vehicle Owners and Establish the Road Accidents Victims Compensation Department under the Federal Road Safety Commission; and for Related Matters (HB.1442) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

14. **Rescission of Clause 11 of the Chartered Institute of Pension Practitioners in Nigerian Bill, 2018 (HB. 727), Pursuant to Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Chartered Institute of Pension Practitioners in Nigerian Bill was passed by both Houses of the National Assembly;

Aware of some fundamental issues that are germane and were observed in Clause 11 of the Bill and the need to address them;

Resolve: to:

Rescind its decision on Clause 11 of the Bill and recommit same to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

15. **Rescission of Clause 18 (2) and (6) of the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 401), Pursuant to Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 401) Bill was passed by both Houses of National Assembly;

Aware of some fundamental issues that are the germane and were observed in Clause 18 (2) and the need to address them;

Resolves to:

Rescind its decision on Clause 18 (2) and (6) of the Bill and recommit same to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

16. **Rescission of Clause 4 of the Digital Rights and Freedom Bill, 2018 (HB. 490), Pursuant to Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Digital Rights and Freedom Bill, 2018 (HB. 490) was passed by both Houses of National;

Aware of some fundamental issues that are germane and were observed in Clause 4 of the Bill and the need to address them;

Resolves to:

Rescind its decision on Clause 4 of the Bill and recommit same to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

17. **Rescission of Clauses 7 and 8 of the Chartered Institute of Credit Administration (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 425), Pursuant to Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Chartered Institute of Credit Administration (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 425) was passed by both Houses of the National Assembly;

Aware of fundamental issues that are germane and were observed in clauses 7 and 8 of the Bill and the need to address them;

Resolves to:

Rescind its decision on Clauses 7 and 8 of the Bill and recommit same to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

18. **Rescission of Clause 13 and paragraph 5 of the schedule to the Nigerian Films Corporation (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 584), Pursuant to Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Films Corporation (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 584) was passed by both Houses of the National Assembly;

Aware of some fundamental issues that are germane and were observed in Clause 13 and paragraph 5 of the Schedule to the Bill and the need to address them;

Resolves to:

Rescind its decision on Clause 13 and paragraph 5 of the Schedule to the Bill and recommit same to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration (*Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

19. **Failure of the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs and the Niger Delta Development Commission to complete various Projects worth \$40 Billion initiated in the last Ten Years**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

20. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 6 December, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.26 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker

