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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 5 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, 4 October, 2016.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**
***Visitor in the Gallery*:**
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of Students of the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences, Bauchi State University, Gadau, Bauchi State.

4. **Petition**
A petition from Odoh Daniel Orim and one other on the termination of their appointments by Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), was presented and laid by Hon. Yunusa Abubakar Ahmad (*Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. **Matter Requiring the Attention of the House**
***World Teachers' Day*:**
By leave of the House, Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku (*Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*) drew the attention of the Hon. Members to the fact that Wednesday, 5 October, 2016 is the World Teachers' Day. She eulogised the Nigerian Teachers in recognition of their efforts in the promotion of national development trough teaching. She x-rayed the value and indispensability of teachers and the teaching profession in nation building, and lamented the current dilapidation of educational facilities in the country. She emphasised the need for appropriate legislations for better management and motivation of teachers in Nigeria.

Several Members made remarks in appreciation of the contribution of teachers to national development in commemoration of the World Teachers' Day.

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

(*i*) ***Need to Seek the Release of Abductors Lawrence Mallam and her Husband, Mr Pius Mallam*:**

Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung (*Jaba/Zango Kataf 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 Seek the Release of Abducted Mrs Lawrencia Mallam (Immeidate Past Minister) and Her Husband, Mr Pius Mallam:

The House:

Notes that on Monday, 3 October, 2016, armed men kidnaped Mrs. Lawrencia Mallam (immediate past Minister of Environment) and her husband Mr Pius Mallam along the Bwari/Jere road at about 7.00 p.m.;

Also notes that the kidnappers shot the driver and took away his phone with which they made contact with a family member to demand for ransom;

Aware that one of the victims is an immediate past Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and a constituent of mine;

Also aware that the Bwari/Jere road is a major route to many localities of Kaduna State from Abuja as well as the North West of the country in general;

Alarmed that more than 48 hours after the unfortunate incidence, the Nigeria Police Force and other agencies are yet to secure the release of the victims;

Concerned that in recent times there has been a lot of kidnaping and killings on that route and also likelihood of the reoccurrence of such incidence(s);

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Inspector General of Police and the Department of State Security Services to intensify efforts to ensure the prompt and safe release of the abducted persons and the apprehension of the perpetrators;

(*ii*) also urge the Chairman of NCC and the Network providers to investigate and trace location of the stolen phone;

(*iii*) condemn in its entirety the callous and inhumane action of the abductors under whatever guise and cause as it is against human rights and freedom of movement; and

(*iv*) further urge the Police and other Security agencies to step up strict surveillance on the Bwari/Jere/Kaduna route as it calls for major concern (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Zangon Kataf/Jaba Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

(HR. 98/2016).

(*ii*) ***Need to Investigate the Unwholesome Practices Involving the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) with respect to the Ongoing Recruitment Exercise Announced by the Commission:***

Hon. Archibong Henry Okon (*Itu/Ibiono Ibom 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 Investigate the Unwholesome Practices Involving the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) with Respect to the Ongoing Recruitment Exercise Announced by the Commission:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Civil Service Commission has announced vacancies for recruitment into the service from qualified Nigerians who are interested;

Also notes that the recruitment exercise by the Commission had officially commenced with the opening of the Federal Civil Service Commission's recruitment portal;

Further notes that thousands of qualified Nigerians have over the past days been trying to apply for various positions advertised by the Commission via www.vacancy.fedcivilservice.gov.ng to no avail;

Concerned that by the uploading of a non functional recruitment portal, the Commission is deliberately denying thousand of suitably qualified Nigerians who wish to contribute their quota to the service of their fatherland through gainful employment in the respective Ministries, Departments and Agencies, thereby subjecting them through so much pain, stress, and psychological trauma due to inability to apply;

Aware that the Federal Civil Service Commission's portal only opens sparingly between 2 a.m and closes before 2.13 a.m, thereby making successful application practically impossible;

Also aware that most of these prospective applicants are poor, dependent and do not have access to internet facilities and are at the mercy of cyber cafe operators who do not run a 24-hour service, while those who do, go on to exploit these applicants before commencement, and still make them pay even for unsuccessful completion of their application, knowing the portal will close before completion;

Informed that this is a ploy by the Commission to come up with names of friends and the children of the high and mighty in the society as the only ones that applied for the employment thereby depriving the children of the poor and the Federal Government of willing and qualified hands to move the country forward;

Also informed that clandestinely, the Federal Civil Service Commission has already collected names of possible applicants without recourse to due process;

Disturbed that the action of the Commission is against the Change agenda of Mr President, principle of equity, justice, fairness, transparency, accountability and above all, the principles of Federal Character as enshrined in Section 14 (3) and (4) of the 1999 Constitution as amended;

Worried that if the House does not take urgent steps to stop this unwholesome practice by the Commission, this nation will be deprived of good and capable hands to move the nation forward and may rob the nation of the change as advocated by Mr President;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Commission to, without further delay, declare publicly the number of vacancies available and distribute same according to States in accordance with the Federal Character Principles;

(*ii*) ensure a 24-hour accessibility of the recruitment portal for intending applicants and extend the deadline or the submission of application; and

(*iii*) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate this unwholesome practice by the Commission and report back to the House within one week. (*Hon. Henry Okon Archibong — Itu/Ibiono Ibom Federal Constituency and 2 Others*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
In the Prayer *leave out* the words "*Ad-hoc* Committee" and *insert* the words "Committee on Federal Character" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal Civil Service Commission has announced vacancies for recruitment into the service from qualified Nigerians who are interested;

Also noted that the recruitment exercise by the Commission had officially commenced with the opening of the Federal Civil Service Commission's recruitment portal;

Further noted that thousands of qualified Nigerians have over the past days been trying to apply for various positions advertised by the Commission via www.vacancy.fedcivilservice.gov.ng to no avail;

Concerned that by the uploading of a non functional recruitment portal, the Commission is deliberately denying thousand of suitably qualified Nigerians who wish to contribute their quota to the service of their fatherland through gainful employment in the respective Ministries, Departments and Agencies, thereby subjecting them through so much pain, stress, and psychological trauma due to inability to apply;

Aware that the Federal Civil Service Commission's portal only opens sparingly between 2 a.m and closes before 2.13 a.m, thereby making successful application practically impossible;

Also aware that most of these prospective applicants are poor, dependent and do not have access to internet facilities and are at the mercy of cyber cafe operators who do not run a 24-hour service, while those who do, go on to exploit these applicants before commencement, and still make them pay even for unsuccessful completion of their application, knowing the portal will close before completion;

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Also informed that clandestinely, the Federal Civil Service Commission has already collected names of possible applicants without recourse to due process;

Disturbed that the action of the Commission is against the Change agenda of Mr President, principle of equity, justice, fairness, transparency, accountability and above all, the principles of Federal Character as enshrined in Section 14 (3) and (4) of the 1999 Constitution as amended;

Worried that if the House does not take urgent steps to stop this unwholesome practice by the Commission, this nation will be deprived of good and capable hands to move the nation forward and may rob the nation of the change as advocated by Mr President;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Commission to, without further delay, declare publicly the number of vacancies available and distribute same according to States in accordance with the Federal Character Principles;

(*ii*) ensure a 24-hour accessibility of the recruitment portal for intending applicants and extend the deadline or the submission of application; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Federal Character to investigate this unwholesome practice by the Commission and report back to the House within one week (**HR. 99/2016**).

7. Consolidation of Bills

Motion made and Question proposed, "That 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 for Other Related Matters (HB. 283); 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 (HB. 369) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Endowment for Arts and Literature to Provide Financial and Institutional Support for First Rate, Notable and Exceptionally Remarkable Works of Art and Literature and also Serve as an Established Fund and Permanent Pecuniary Provision for the Purpose and a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Authors Trust Fund; and for Other Related Matters (HBs. 622 and 721) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Endowment for Arts and Literature to Provide Financial and Institutional Support for First Rate, Notable and Exceptionally Remarkable Works of Art and Literature and also Serve as an Established Fund and Permanent Pecuniary Provision for the Purpose and a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Authors Trust Fund; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 622 and 721) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ayeola Abayomi Abdul Kabir — Ibeju-Lekki Federal Constituency and* 2 *other*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethic and Values.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute for Training and Development of Nigeria, a Body Charged with Responsibility to Regulate the Practice and Profession of Training and Development; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 401) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Convocation of National Conference for the People of Nigeria for the Purpose of Discussing and Adopting a New Constitution to be Submitted for Consideration and Approval at a Referendum; and for Other Purposes Connected Thereto (HB. 103) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Convocation of National Conference for the People of Nigeria for the Purpose of Discussing and Adopting a New Constitution to be Submitted for Consideration and Approval at a Referendum; and for Other Purposes Connected Thereto (HB. 103) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency and* 1 *other*).

Debate.

Ordered: *That the Bill be de-listed because its provisions are inconsistent with Sections* 1 (3) *and* 9 *of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria*, 1999 (*as amended*).

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria Act, Cap. C8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to vest Appellate Jurisdiction on the Federal High Court; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 290) — *Second Reading*.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN) charged with Responsibilities, among others, to Provide Community Service for Nigerians; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 718) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurs to Regulate and Control the Practice of Entrepreneurship; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 334) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts Act, Cap. D3, LFN, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 708) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts Act, Cap. D3, LFN, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 708) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Nwokolo Victor — Ika North East/Ika South 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 Petroleum Resources (Upstream).

15. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Administration and Management of Sports in Nigeria, Establishment of Sports Institutions and Facilities, Harness Sports for Development, and to Encourage and Promote Drug-Free Sports and Recreation in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 600) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Administration and Management of Sports in Nigeria, Establishment of Sports Institutions and Facilities, Harness Sports for Development, and to Encourage and Promote Drug-Free Sports and Recreation in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 600) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abubakar Kannike Amuda — Ilorin East/Ilorin South 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 Sports.

16. **Call for Intervention in the Erosion Ravaging Roads in Esa-Oke-Esa Odo in Oriade/ Obokun Federal Constituency**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the historic town of Esa-Oke is a major transit route to other towns like Oke-Imesi, Imesi-Ile, Ijebu-Ijesa, Esa-Odo, Efon-Alaaye in Osun State and to other States in the South-West and Northern parts of the country;

Also notes that the continued existence of Esa-Oke and its surrounding communities is currently being threatened by severe erosion which has washed away significant portions of its land;

Further notes that the severity of the erosion is now negatively impacting the environment and ecology of the affected communities, including the suitability of the soil for farming purposes;

Observes that as a result of the magnitude of environmental and economic damage so far suffered by the affected communities, the matter can no longer be adequately tackled by the Osun State Government;

Concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to stem the negative tide, entire communities may be wiped out and an important access road will be completely destroyed;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministries of Power, Works and Housing and Environment to take urgent steps to reconstruct the Esa-Oke-Esa-Odo Roads and stem the tide of erosion in Oriade/Obokun Federal Constituency of Osun State; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Works, and Environment and Habitat to ensure the inclusion of the projects in the 2017 budget (*Hon. Oluwole Oke — Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(HR. 100/2016).

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

17. **Investigation of the Lack of Patronage of Nigerian Companies in the Provision of Steel Products and Services and the Outrageous Taxes and Duties Imposed on Steel Product Manufacturers and Service Providers**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Informed that compared to imported steel products, the customs duties and taxes being imposed by the Nigerian Customs Service on the raw materials used in the production of steel by local manufacturers is between 25% to 40%, which amounts to more than double, and sometimes triple the duties paid on imported steel products;

Notes that the exorbitant duties and taxes are making it impossible for local manufacturers to compete with imported steel products in terms of pricing, which results in lack of patronage of these companies by end users in the power, oil and gas, railways and other sectors;

Concerned that at this period that the nation's economy is in recession, thus necessitating the diversification of its economy, government policies and its agencies are encouraging capital flight and creating jobs in other climes to the detriment of Nigeria's gross domestic product and overall economic development;

Aware that the Transmission Company of Nigeria, for instance, has billions of dollars in steel equipment requirements over the next 15-20 years and actually provides duty exemption certificates to companies to encourage importation of steel products with 0% duties, and their payment terms solely rely on letters of credit which presupposes that all the required power transmission equipment which are mostly steel products, are imported;

Also aware of the allegation that the Dangote Refinery has been patronizing foreign companies in the fabrication of tanks and other steel related equipment in its ongoing construction projects;

Further aware that in most instances, this lack of patronage of local companies and products is a clear violation of the Nigeria's Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010 and other relevant national policies and laws that emphasize the patronage of local products, manufacturers and service providers;

Equally aware that the argument about the quality of local steel products and services does not hold water as local manufacturers have met and obtained ISO and other Global quality standards and certification and have provided several products and services that are currently utilized in a few sectors of the economy that exceed the standard of foreign alternatives;

Also concerned that the current efforts to increase national revenue, GDP and employment opportunities through encouraging Made in Nigeria products will be defeated if this situation is allowed to persist.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Steel, Power, Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream), Local Content, Customs and Excise, and Land Transport to invite the Comptroller-General of Customs and other related Ministers and relevant stakeholders to provide details of the prevailing duties and tariffs for imported raw materials in the steel sector, the modalities for a new tariff regime in this regard and to confirm the veracity of the claim of lack of patronage of local steel products and service companies in their related sectors and the likely violation of extant Local Content laws, and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Mark Tesser Gbilah — Gwer East/Gwer West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Informed that compared to imported steel products, the customs duties and taxes being imposed by the Nigerian Customs Service on the raw materials used in the production of steel by local manufacturers is between 25% to 40%, which amounts to more than double, and sometimes triple the duties paid on imported steel products;

Noted that the exorbitant duties and taxes are making it impossible for local manufacturers to compete with imported steel products in terms of pricing, which results in lack of patronage of these companies by end users in the power, oil and gas, railways and other sectors;

Concerned that at this period that the nation's economy is in recession, thus necessitating the diversification of its economy, government policies and its agencies are encouraging capital flight and creating jobs in other climes to the detriment of Nigeria's gross domestic product and overall economic development;

Aware that the Transmission Company of Nigeria, for instance, has billions of dollars in steel equipment requirements over the next 15-20 years and actually provides duty exemption certificates to companies to encourage importation of steel products with 0% duties, and their payment terms solely rely on letters of credit which presupposes that all the required power transmission equipment which are mostly steel products, are imported;

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Mandate the Committees on Steel, Power, Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream), Local Content, Customs and Excise, and Land Transport to invite the Comptroller-General of Customs and other related Ministers and relevant stakeholders to provide details of the prevailing duties and tariffs for imported raw materials in the steel sector, the modalities for a new tariff regime in this regard and to confirm the veracity of the claim of lack of patronage of local steel products and service companies in their related sectors and the likely violation of extant Local Content laws, and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 101/2016**)

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

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

19. Call for Investigation of the Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) Forex Policies
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware of the lingering scarcity of foreign exchange in the country's capital market, which has continued to weaken the Naira to the point of its exchanging above 400 Naira to a dollar;

Notes that the continuous weakening of the Naira against the dollar and other foreign currencies has affected the cost of goods, services and production, and has consequently made life more difficult for most Nigerians;

Also notes the claims by the CBN that it issues out FOREX to Bureau De Changes (BDCs) and Banks directly every week at the official rate of 197 Naira to one dollar to mitigate or shore up the value of the Naira in the face of its current challenges;

Concerned that in spite of these weekly releases by the CBN to the BDCs and banks, the value of Naira against the dollar and the pounds sterling continues to depreciate, further worsening the economic condition in the country;

Resolves to set up an Ad-hoc Committee to:

(*i*) Hold an interactive session with the CBN in order to obtain the list of establishments that were issued with foreign exchange at subsidized rate from 2015 to date;

(*ii*) interact with the Bureau De Changes (BDCs), Banks and other establishments that received foreign exchange directly from the CBN to give detailed explanation of how they utilized the forex; and

(*iii*) recommend appropriate measures that could stabilize the forex market in Nigeria with a view to strengthening the Naira, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further Legislative action (*Hon. Ali Isa J. C. — Balanga/Biliri Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
In Prayer (*iii*), line 2, immediately after the word "within", *leave out* the provision "six (6)" and insert the provision "four (4)" (*Hon. Pwajok Edward Gyang — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Aware of the lingering scarcity of foreign exchange in the country's capital market, which has continued to weaken the Naira to the point of its exchanging above 400 Naira to a dollar;

Noted that the continuous weakening of the Naira against the dollar and o[redacted] foreign currencies has affected the cost of goods, services and production, and has consequently made life more difficult for most Nigerians;

Also noted the claims by the CBN that it issues out FOREX to Bureau De Changes (BDCs) and Banks directly every week at the official rate of 197 Naira to one dollar to mitigate or shore up the value of the Naira in the face of its current challenges;

Concerned that in spite of these weekly releases by the CBN to the BDCs and banks, the value of Naira against the dollar and the pounds sterling continues to depreciate, further worsening the economic condition in the country;

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(*iii*) recommend appropriate measures that could stabilize the forex market in Nigeria with a view to strengthening the Naira, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further Legislative action (**HR. 102/2016**).

20. **Call for Implementation of the 1976 Aguda Panel Report on the Movement of the Federal Capital to the Center: A Case for Suleja**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that Suleja is the headquarters of Suleja Local Government Area of Niger State which is about 30km from Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory;

Also aware that Suleja is the most urban and closest town to Abuja, accommodating citizens from all works of life undertaking different socio-economic and political activities in a peaceful atmosphere;

Recalls that the city had made commendable sacrifices that dated back to 1976 when it hosted the Aguda Panel headed by the respected Late Justice Akinola Aguda, and the committee's tremendous efforts made the movement of the Federal Capital from Lagos to Abuja possible;

Also recalls that on the recommendations of the Aguda Panel, Suleja (formally Abuja) lost over 8,000 sq kms of its land, to make way for the new Federal Capital without due compensation by the Federal Government;

Further recalls that the Panel recommended the establishment of certain Federal Institutions at Suleja as part of the compensation for the people of the then Abuja (now Suleja);

Regrets that none of the recommendations of the Aguda Panel was complied with thereby leaving Suleja and its environs without any single Federal Government owned institution;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Government Affairs to engage the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) with a view to causing a review of the 1976 Aguda Panel report and recommendations and ensure compliance by the Federal Government;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Government to provide funds in the 2017 budget for the establishment of the following in Suleja:

(*a*) Federal University, Federal Polytechnic or Federal College of Education (Technical),

(*b*) Federal Medical Centre or Federal Teaching Hospital,

(*c*) Federal Civil Service College or Federal Staff Training Centre,

(*d*) National Youth Development Centre,

(*e*) National Tourism Development Centre, with a five star Hotel,

(*f*) National Trade Fair Complex; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure that the above resolution is duly complied with (*Hon. Abubakar Lado Addullahi — Gurara/Suleja/Tafa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out all the words in Prayer (*ii*), and *insert* as follows:
"urge the Federal Government to provide funds in the 2017 budget for the establishment of a Federal University, Federal Polytechnic or Federal College of Education (Technical) in Suleja" (*Hon. Jimoh Olajide — Lagos Mainland Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Aware that Suleja is the headquarters of Suleja Local Government Area of Niger State which is about 30km from Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory;

Also aware that Suleja is the most urban and closest town to Abuja, accommodating citizens from all works of life undertaking different socio-economic and political activities in a peaceful atmosphere;

Recalled that the city had made commendable sacrifices that dated back to 1976 when it hosted the Aguda Panel headed by the respected Late Justice Akinola Aguda, and the committee's tremendous efforts made the movement of the Federal Capital from Lagos to Abuja possible;

Also recalled that on the recommendations of the Aguda Panel, Suleja (formally Abuja) lost over 8,000 sq kms of its land, to make way for the new Federal Capital without due compensation by the Federal Government;

Further recalled that the Panel recommended the establishment of certain Federal Institutions at Suleja as part of the compensation for the people of the then Abuja (now Suleja);

Regretted that none of the recommendations of the Aguda Panel was complied with thereby leaving Suleja and its environs without any single Federal Government owned institution;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Government Affairs to engage the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) with a view to causing a review of the 1976 Aguda Panel report and recommendations and ensure compliance by the Federal Government;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Government to provide funds in the 2017 budget for the establishment of a Federal University, Federal Polytechnic or Federal College of Education (Technical) in Suleja; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure that the above resolution is duly complied with (**HR. 103/2016**).

21. Need to ensure timely Issuance and Release of Certificates to Graduating Students

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

22. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 6 *October*, 2016 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.39 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker