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FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 23 June, 2016

1. The House met at 11.11 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 Wednesday, 22 June, 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*) Members of National Association of Imo State Students (NAISS), University of Abuja Chapter, Gwagwalada, Abuja;

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Kingdom Heritage Model School, Lugbe, Abuja.

4. **Petitions**
(*i*) A petition from Dele Awominure Chambers (Legal Practitioners) on behalf of Agesinyowa family of Ile-Ife, Osun State on the harassment of its family members and continued possession of their family land by the Nigerian Prisons Service, was presented and laid by Hon. Albert Abiodun Adeokun (*Ife Central/Ife East/Ife North/Ife South Federal Constituency*);

(*ii*) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Agboola Emmanuel Kehinde (*Ikole/Oye Federal Constituency*):

(*a*) K. O. Oluwasola Esq of Makanjuola Esain & Co. (Legal Practitioners) on behalf of Mr Fajemibola Lawal Ojo on the stoppage of his salary and purported termination of his appointment by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps;

(*b*) Okwora Agwu and 5 others on behalf of Concerned Workers of Julius Berger Nigeria Plc in Abuja Federal Capital Territory on the inhuman and degrading treatment meted out to some of their site workers affected by redundancy by the company.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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5. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Order VIII, Rule 46)

(*i*) ***Need to Stem the Consistent Rate of Pipeline Vandalism by Militants*:**
Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola (*Ekiti Southwest/Ikere/Ise/Orun 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 VIII, Rules 46 (3) and 49 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 VIII, Rules 46 (3) *and* 49 *to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

Need to Stem the Consistent Rate of Pipelines Vandalism by Militants:

The House:

Notes with concern, the consistent rate of pipeline vandalism and its resultant effect of a huge decline in crude oil production largely occasioned by Militant attacks in the Niger Delta region, leading to a loss of at least ₦100.4 billion in earning within two weeks;

Also notes that Nigeria's oil production has plunged by an eye-watering 40%, falling to just 1.4 million-barrel per day, with a shortage of 800,000 barrels, the lowest in decade;

Further notes that incidents of this nature are becoming more rampant and daring with little or no respect to its economic implication on the nation;

Aware that the supply disruptions have significantly affected our oil export as four of the nation's five largest export streams have been totally suspended, with Farcados, Qua Iboe, Bonny Light and Brass River under force majeure as a result of the persistent attack by the Militant;

Also aware that the United State of America Energy Information Administration in a recent report stated that pipeline sabotage and oil supply disruptions in Nigeria had increased in 2016, putting direct pressure on the country's finances;

Cognizant of the fact that the country 2016 budget which was signed into law recently is predicated on the assumption of 2.2 million barrel per day of oil production at $38 per barrel;

Concerned that the nation relies heavily on earnings from oil exports, and the sharp drop in production come as an additional headache for an economy that is already suffering from sharp drop in oil prices since 2014;

Worried that the increased violence over the past few weeks had made international buyers more reluctant to buy Nigerian crude due to fears of loading delays and cancellation;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Condemn in strong terms the spate of pipeline vandalism and its negative effects on the economy of Nigeria;

(*ii*) call on Security agents to be more alert and put necessary mechanism in place to protect important oil and gas facilities in order to prevent further attack;

(*iii*) also call on the Militants to embrace dialogue and take advantage of the existing amnesty programme;

(*iv*) further call on the Government to device new ways and modalities in resolving this new challenges once and for all; and

(*v*) constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee of the House to investigate these apparent loopholes leading to continuous vandalism and make appropriate recommendation to the House within 6 weeks (*Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola — Ekiti South West/Ikere/Ise/Orun Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House, pursuant to Order IX, Rule 57 (6).

(*ii*) ***The Need to Investigate and Avert large Job Losses in the Telecommunication Sector as a Result of the Proposed Auctioning of 2.6GHz Spectrum by the Nigeria Communication Commission (NCC):***
Hon. Diri Douye (*Yenagoa/Kolokuma/Opokuma 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 VIII, Rules 46 (3) and 49 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 VIII, Rules 46 (3) *and* 49 *to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

Need to Investigate and Avert Large Job Losses in the Telecommunication Sector as a Result of the Proposed Auctioning of 2.6GHz Spectrum by the Nigeria Communication Commission:

The House:

Notes that in other to recover 2.6GHz spectrum for optimal utilization and generate increase revenue for the growth of the economy, the Nigeria Communication Commission decided to auction the spectrum:

Also notes that while the auctioning may be necessary to meet up with the digital compliance, there is need to build confidence in all the parties that are current stakeholders and those who may be interested in the auctioning process, fair opportunity should be given to all to participate without been short changed;

Concerned that the subsisting rights of the current licensees where not taken into account when the bid of MTN was been considered;

Worried that NCC who is the regulator of the Telecommunication sector may not have considered the long term effect of job losses, the interest of customers of Microwave Multipoint Distribution Service (MMDS) operators and the investment that has been developed over the last 20 years in the sector;

Disturbed that if the regulator fails to carry the entire process through without taking cognizance of current spectrum operators and there interest, it will result in the loss of billions of naira to the investors, jeopardize the interest of banks and result in the loss of thousands of jobs;

Mindful of the fact that employment generation and protection of business is a key component of the legislative agenda of the 8th Assembly;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Telecommunications to investigate and resolve all pending issues connected with the proposed auction (*Hon. Douye Diri — Yenagoa/Kolokuma Opokume Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that in other to recover 2.6GHz spectrum for optimal utilization and generate increase revenue for the growth of the economy, the Nigeria Communication Commission decided to auction the spectrum;

Also noted that while the auctioning may be necessary to meet up with the digital compliance, there is need to build confidence in all the parties that are current stakeholders and those who may be interested in the auctioning process, fair opportunity should be given to all to participate without been short changed;

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Disturbed that if the regulator fails to carry the entire process through without taking cognizance of current spectrum operators and there interest, it will result in the loss of billions of naira to the investors, jeopardize the interest of banks and result in the loss of thousands of jobs;

Mindful of the fact that employment generation and protection of business is a key component of the legislative agenda of the 8th Assembly;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Telecommunications to investigate and resolve all pending issues connected with the proposed auction (**HR. 27/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Telecommunications.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That Order VIII, Rule 46 (4) be suspended to enable the House take more than 2 Motions on Matters of Urgent Public Importance" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

(*iii*) ***Alleged Diversion of Donor Funds Meant for the Internally Displaced Persons in North Eastern Nigeria*:**
Hon. Ali Isa J. C. (*Balanga/Billiri 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 VIII, Rules 46 (3) and 49 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 VIII, Rules 46 (3) *and* 49 *to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

Alleged Diversion of Donor Funds Meant for the Internally Displaced Persons in North-Eastern Nigeria:

The House:

Aware that despite the achievement recorded by our gallant Military Officers in the fight against insurgency, there are so many camps in the North East housing the Internally Displaced Persons;

Notes that a number of International Communities and donor organisation has publicly declared monetary donations in support and for the rehabilitation of the IDPs in the North East;

Also notes that both the Federal Government, Local donor groups as well as wealthy individuals have also committed funds for the same purposes;

Worried that despite all the donations, a large number of these IDPs are living in hunger, very deplorable and unhygienic conditions without any rehabilitation in sight;

Also worried that some Civil Society Groups and Non-Governmental Organizations claiming to be working for the interest of the IDPs are doing contrary;

Concerned that there are series of allegations of diversion of the donated funds meant for the well-being and welfare of the IDPs;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Aids, Loans and Debt Management, and IDPs and North East Development to jointly investigate the source and utilization of these funds (*Hon. Ali Isa JC — Balanga/Billiri Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Aware that despite the achievement recorded by our gallant Military Officers in the fight against insurgency, there are so many camps in the North East housing the Internally Displaced Persons;

Noted that a number of International Communities and donor organisation has publicly declared monetary donations in support and for the rehabilitation of the IDPs in the North East;

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Worried that despite all the donations, a large number of these IDPs are living in hunger, very deplorable and unhygienic conditions without any rehabilitation in sight;

Also worried that some Civil Society Groups and Non-Governmental Organizations claiming to be working for the interest of the IDPs are doing contrary;

Concerned that there are series of allegations of diversion of the donated funds meant for the well-being and welfare of the IDPs;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Aids, Loans and Debt Management, and IDPs and North East Development to jointly investigate the source and utilization of these funds **(HR. 28/2016)**.

Motion referred to the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Aids, Loans and Debt Management, Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees and North East Initiative (IDPs).

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

(1) Criminal Code Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 706).

(2) Penal Code Act (Amendment)Bill, 2016 (HB. 707).

(3) Security and Protection of Business Premises, etc. (Compulsory Installation of CCTV) Bill, 2016 (HB. 709).

(4) Institute of Chartered Economists of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 710).

(5) Central Bank of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 711).

(6) Chartered Institute of Tourism of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 712).

(7) National Water Resources Bill, 2016 (HB. 713).

(8) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 714).

(9) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 715).

(10) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2016 (HB. 716).

(11) Pre-Natal and Post Natal Health Services Bill, 2016 (HB. 717).

7. **Presentation of Reports**

(i) ***Inter-Committee Investigative Panel into Border Clashes between Nigeria and Niger Republic at Jobi Town, Jigawa State:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Inter-Committee Investigative Panel into Border Clashes between Nigeria and Niger Republic

at Jobi Town, Jigawa State (**HR. 183/2016**)" (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — Doguwa /Tudun Wada Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*ii*) ***Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the Total sum of ₦241,114,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Forty-One Billion, One Hundred and Fourteen Million Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦17,560,518,930.00 (Seventeen Billion, Five Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs, the sum of ₦9,980,000,000.00 (Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty Million Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, and ₦1,300,000,000.00 (One Billion, Three Hundred Million Naira) only, is for Internal Capital Expenditure while ₦212,274,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Twelve Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Four Million Naira) only, is for Development Projects for the Service of the Niger Delta Development Commission for the Fiscal Year Ending 31st December, 2016 (HB. 635)" (*Hon. Nicholas Mutu Ebomo — Bomadi/Patani Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. **Consolidation of Bills**

(*i*) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to rename the National Library as Chinua Achebe National Library, Prescribe stiffer penalties for Breach of its provisions; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 142); a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the Tenure of Office of the Director and review penalties upwards; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 304); a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Library Act, Cap. N56 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to compel the National Library Board to Establish a National E-Library in order to breach the deficiency gap in Teaching and Research in the Nigerian Educational Sector where access to Books and Periodicals have become a limiting factor; and for Other Related Matters(HB. 609) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 232(1) and (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Confer Additional Original Jurisdiction on the Supreme Court of Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 564) — *Second Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter Section 232 (1) and (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Confer Additional Original Jurisdiction on the Supreme Court of Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 564) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Karimi Steve Sunday — Yagba East/Yagba West/Mopamuro 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.

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

Order read, deferred by leave of the House.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Company and Commercial Accountants of Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 68) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Company and Commercial Accountants of Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 68) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Chike J. Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihitte Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Negatived.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Oil and Gas Museum and Research Centre, Oloibiri; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 489) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Oil and Gas Museum and Research Centre, Oloibiri; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 489) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Sodaguwo A. Festus-Omoni — Ogbia Federal Constituency and 42 Others*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream).

13. **Need to Educate Nigerians on the Health Hazards Associated with Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and Food Supplements**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that there is a growing concern on indiscriminate importation and use of the so called food supplements which are grossly abused amongst the elite and non-elite in the name of boosting nutritive and immune addictives.

Also notes that genetically modified organisms and food supplements are starting to intrude into our diet concerns and doubts have been expressed regarding their safety, however, these concerns, as well as the limitations of the procedures followed in the evaluation of their safety, are areas still under question;

Worried that toxicity studies with higher animals have not been verified as certain genetically modified foods have shown that they may toxically affect several organs and systems, and the results of most studies with GMOs and food supplements indicate that they may cause some common toxic effects such as hepatic, pancreatic, renal or reproductive effects and may alter the hematological, biochemical and immunologic parameters;

Aware that these worries have become very important nationally and globally because these supplements are said to be over the counter drugs and of course do not pass through medical/ professional prescription;

Cognizant that the use of recombinant method and its expression in animals which are not examined and/or re-examined has since been shown to increase hemoglobin which promotes cancer and there is absence of high pressure liquid chromatography machine assessment system to determine the dosage or quantity of those active nutrients in these products;

Concerned about recent reports that the National Bio-safety Management Agency issued two permits for the commercial release and placing on the market of genetically modified cottons and the confined field trial maize to **Monsanto Agriculture Nigeria Limited** as evidenced in Permit for commercial release/placing on market of cotton (MON15985) genetically modified for lepidopteran insect pest resistance with permit **No. NBMA/CM/IM/001** and permit for confined field trial (CFT) of maize (**NK603 and MON 89034 x NK603**) genetically modified cotton for resistance and herbicide tolerance with permit **No. NBMA/C/FT/001**;

Also concerned that these permits came despite concerted efforts of many Nigerians, including faith based organizations, civil society groups, students and local farmers to prevent the introduction of genetically modified products and food items;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Agricultural Production and Services to invite the Honourable Minister for Agriculture to explain the issuance of permit to **Monsanto Agriculture Nigeria Limited** for the commercial release and placing on market with permit **No: NBMA/CM/IM/001** and **NBMA/C/FT/001** despite American Cancer Society listing glyphosate among the herbicides linked to Cancer; and

(*ii*) also invite the Director General, NAFDAC to present to them the certificate of analysis as well as submit list of those food supplements and genetically modified organisms that have been granted NAFDAC Registration Number, and report back to the House within twelve weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Chukwukere Austine Ikechukwu — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Insert a new Prayer (*iii*) as follows:
"Mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat, Healthcare Services, and Agricultural Production and Services to hold a public hearing with critical stakeholders in the biotechnology field with a view to ensure proper regulation of modern biotechnological activities and genetically modified organisms" (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that there is a growing concern on indiscriminate importation and use of the so called food supplements which are grossly abused amongst the elite and non-elite in the name of boosting nutritive and immune addictives.

Also noted that genetically modified organisms and food supplements are starting to intrude into our diet concerns and doubts have been expressed regarding their safety, however, these concerns, as well as the limitations of the procedures followed in the evaluation of their safety, are areas still under question;

Worried that toxicity studies with higher animals have not been verified as certain genetically modified foods have shown that they may toxically affect several organs and systems, and the results of most studies with GMOs and food supplements indicate that they may cause some common toxic effects such as hepatic, pancreatic, renal or reproductive effects and may alter the hematological, biochemical and immunologic parameters;

Aware that these worries have become very important nationally and globally because these supplements are said to be over the counter drugs and of course do not pass through medical/ professional prescription;

Cognizant that the use of recombinant method and its expression in animals which are not examined and/or re-examined has since been shown to increase hemoglobin which promotes cancer and there is absence of high pressure liquid chromatography machine assessment system to determine the dosage or quantity of those active nutrients in these products;

Concerned about recent reports that the National Bio-safety Management Agency issued two permits for the commercial release and placing on the market of genetically modified cottons and the confined field trial maize to **Monsanto Agriculture Nigeria Limited** as evidenced in Permit for commercial release/placing on market of cotton (MON15985) genetically modified for lepidopteran insect pest resistance with permit **No. NBMA/CM/IM/001** and permit for confined field trial (CFT) of maize (**NK603 and MON 89034 x NK603**) genetically modified cotton for resistance and herbicide tolerance with permit **No. NBMA/C/FT/001**;

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Resolved to:

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(*ii*) also invite the Director General, NAFDAC to present to them the certificate of analysis as well as submit list of those food supplements and genetically modified organisms that have been granted NAFDAC Registration Number, and report back to the House within twelve weeks for further legislative action; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat, Healthcare Services, and Agricultural Production and Services to hold a public hearing with critical stakeholders in the biotechnology field with a view to ensure proper regulation of modern biotechnological activities and genetically modified organisms (**HR. 29/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Healthcare Services, Environment and Habitat, and Agricultural Production and Services.

14. **Urgent Need to Dredge Escravos Bar Mouth and Re-work Escravos Breakwater:**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria is blessed with a vast coastline of about 850 kilometers and an exclusive zone of over 300,000 square kilometers with navigable inland waterways, eight major sea ports, two oil terminals, private jetties and four major inland container deports (ICDS), and four of the eight seaports are located in Calabar, Port Harcourt, Sapele and Warri respectively;

Also notes that the current entrance to the Delta ports for ships draw less than 4 and 5m and was chosen following studies in the period between 1953-1955, knowing that the natural depth or Escravos bar was about 4.0m, and a recommendation concluded that a dredged 6m deep channel through Escravos entrance was required and that it had to be protected from sedimentation;

Further notes that the major reason why the above was done 50 years ago was to protect the navigational channels from depositions of materials coming from the south to the north, growing littoral drift and to guide the main part of the ebb creating current realities sufficient for natural maintenance of the edge channel;

Aware that prior to the discovery of crude oil in commercial quantities and consequent exploration, the Delta Ports were the hub of economic activities and thus provided the much needed revenues for both the Federal and then Regional Governments;

Also aware that the various forms of commercial activities in and around those ports were providing direct jobs to over 100,000 youths and about a million indirect jobs to others of different age brackets which served as means of livelihood and thus contributed to the peaceful atmosphere that existed in the areas then;

Further aware that the resuscitation and use of Delta Ports will have the undisputed advantage of providing shorter distance for the haulage of cargoes billed for the States of Anambra, Imo, Enugu, Delta, Edo, Kogi, Ondo, Benue and the FCT, Abuja, when compared to the current operational ports;

Worried that Delta Ports have become dormant resulting in job losses and consequent frustration of the youths which has, in no small measure, contributed to the contemporary restiveness and the resultant devastating effects on crude oil production;

Also worried that the entire Delta Ports comprising the under listed infrastructure are either dormant or grossly under-utilized:

(*a*) Ultra-modern Warri Port,

(*b*) Sapele Ultra-modern Port,

(*c*) Koko Port (with natural draft),

(*d*) Nigeria Oil Petroleum Loading Jetty,

(*e*) Delta Steel Complex, Aladja,

(*f*) Escravous Crude Loading Terminal,

(*g*) Forcados Crude Loading Terminal,

(*h*) Petroleum Crude Loading Terminal, etc.;

Further worried that Nigeria has not been able to build the much needed political will to drive its maritime resources with the need to provide infrastructure to facilitate the development of the industry in order to tap into the enormous potentials in the maritime industry estimated at ₦7Trillion annually, but the need for this has become imperative due to the dwindling fortunes in the oil sector;

Disturbed that the breakwater system constructed in the late 1950's consisting of a main breakwater (length 9km) on the southern side of the channel and a detected breakwater side of the channel has, over the years, sunk into the sea;

Also disturbed that the last dredging maintenance on the Escravos bar entrance was carried out in November/December, 1974 giving room for supplies/deposit of sand at the Escravos bar entrance that has covered and reduced the depth and draft from 6.5m to about 4.5m which has prevented modern and heavy vessels from patronizing the Delta ports, that hold huge revenue generating potentials for the country;

Further disturbed that the Delta Ports, which used to be the hub of economic activities before the discovery of oil, have become idle but since the Federal Government has realized the implication of over dependence on the mono-commodity of crude oil, the urgent need to make our seaports work optimally, remains one of the fundamental ways of achieving the envisaged diversification;

Observes that the endless congestion in Apapa Port has created a situation whereby ships that are supposed to berth in the port have, over the years, been diverted to neighboring countries to berth, with imported goods meant for Nigeria now being discharged in foreign ports and then transported by road to Nigeria at very huge costs, a situation that has resulted in huge revenue and job losses for the country;

Also observes that the non-utilization of these ports will naturally precipitate the depreciation of the facilities;

Cognizant that with a population of over 160 million people, Nigeria accounts for over 75 percent of the entire imported goods consumed in the West African sub-region;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways to engage the Federal Ministry of Transportation and other relevant maritime agencies with a view to ensuring the preparation and inclusion of the cost estimates of the dredging and breakwater construction of the Escravos bar entrance in the 2017 Budget (*Hon. Daniel Reyenieju — Warri South/Warri West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria is blessed with a vast coastline of about 850 kilometers and an exclusive zone of over 300,000 square kilometers with navigable inland waterways, eight major sea ports, two oil terminals, private jetties and four major inland container deports (ICDS), and four of the eight seaports are located in Calabar, Port Harcourt, Sapele and Warri respectively;

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Disturbed that the breakwater system constructed in the late 1950's consisting of a main breakwater (length 9km) on the southern side of the channel and a detected breakwater side of the channel has, over the years, sunk into the sea;

Also disturbed that the last dredging maintenance on the Escravos bar entrance was carried out in November/December, 1974 giving room for supplies/deposit of sand at the Escravos bar entrance that has covered and reduced the depth and draft from 6.5m to about 4.5m which has prevented modern and heavy vessels from patronizing the Delta ports, that hold huge revenue generating potentials for the country;

Further disturbed that the Delta Ports, which used to be the hub of economic activities before the discovery of oil, have become idle but since the Federal Government has realized the implication of over dependence on the mono-commodity of crude oil, the urgent need to make our seaports work optimally remains one of the fundamental ways of achieving the envisaged diversification;

Observed that the endless congestion in Apapa Port has created a situation whereby ships that are supposed to berth in the port have, over the years, been diverted to neighboring countries to berth, with imported goods meant for Nigeria now being discharged in foreign ports and then transported by road to Nigeria at very huge costs, a situation that has resulted in huge revenue and job losses for the country;

Also observed that the non-utilization of these ports will naturally precipitate the depreciation of the facilities;

Cognizant that with a population of over 160 million people, Nigeria accounts for over 75 percent of the entire imported goods consumed in the West African sub-region;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways to engage the Federal Ministry of Transportation and other relevant maritime agencies with a view to ensuring the preparation and inclusion of the cost estimates of the dredging and breakwater construction of the Escravos bar entrance in the 2017 Budget (**HR. 30/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways.

15. **Call to Investigate the Spending on National Youth Development Centres in the Country as it Relates to Unemployment and Youth Restiveness**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports which was established in February 2007 with the aim of empowering Nigerian youths who constitute about 60 percent of Nigeria's 170 million population and to provide sustainable framework that will promote and enhance the development of young Nigerians, has not been living up to its billings;

Also notes that as part of the efforts to fulfill its mandate, the Ministry established the National Youth Development Centres (NYDC) and camps expected to train and nurture young people on enterpreneurial skills, vocational training, empowerment and education in order to ameliorate the spate of unemployment and youth restiveness in the country;

Aware that the Ministry currently has twenty-two (22) prototype National Youth Development Centres located in the six geopolitical zones of the country, and that amongst these, ten (10) are functioning but only three (3) of them are in full operation despite huge resources that had been appropriated for the project since 2007;

Also aware that the Ministry, in2014, signed an agreement with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) aimed, amongst other objectives, to promote urban youth empowerment and upgrade existing youth centers to the model of UN-Habitat One Stop Youth Centers;

Concerned that despite the huge amount of money expended on the Centres, they have had near zero impact and have become conduit pipes for siphoning tax payers' money;

Convinced that the Centres, if put to maximum use, will create more jobs and allow young people participate confidently in their communities, thereby building a sense of belonging and communal good, and also lead to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goal 1 which aims at ending poverty in all its forms everywhere by 2030;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Youth Development to ensure significant mobilization of resources to equip and make functional all Youth Centres in the country while ensuring their spread in all States of the Federation; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Youth Development and Poverty Alleviation to investigate the activities and funding of the Centres, and report back to the House in 8 weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Babajimi Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports which was established in February 2007 with the aim of empowering Nigerian youths who constitute about 60 percent of Nigeria's 170 million population and to provide sustainable framework that will promote and enhance the development of young Nigerians, has not been living up to its billings;

Also noted that as part of the efforts to fulfill its mandate, the Ministry established the National Youth Development Centres (NYDC) and camps expected to train and nurture young people on enterpreneurial skills, vocational training, empowerment and education in order to ameliorate the spate of unemployment and youth restiveness in the country;

Aware that the Ministry currently has twenty-two (22) prototype National Youth Development Centres located in the six geopolitical zones of the country, and that amongst these, ten (10) are functioning but only three (3) of them are in full operation despite huge resources that had been appropriated for the project since 2007;

Also aware that the Ministry, in2014, signed an agreement with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) aimed, amongst other objectives, to promote urban youth empowerment and upgrade existing youth centers to the model of UN-Habitat One Stop Youth Centers;

Concerned that despite the huge amount of money expended on the Centres, they have had near zero impact and have become conduit pipes for siphoning tax payers' money;

Convinced that the Centres, if put to maximum use, will create more jobs and allow young people participate confidently in their communities, thereby building a sense of belonging and communal good, and also lead to the attainment of Sustainable Development Goal 1 which aims at ending poverty in all its forms everywhere by 2030;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Youth Development to ensure significant mobilization of resources to equip and make functional all Youth Centres in the country while ensuring their spread in all States of the Federation; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Youth Development and Poverty Alleviation to investigate the activities and funding of the Centres, and report back to the House in 8 weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 31/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committees on Youth Development and Poverty Alleviation.

16. **Need to Expand Higher Educational Curriculum to include Teaching of French Language as a Required Course in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the significance of international languages in the promotion of bilateral and multilateral relations among nations;

Also notes that French is a major international language, with 77 French-speaking countries in the world, and is one of the official working languages of many international organizations, such as the United Nations, the African Union and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), each of which Nigeria is a Member;

Aware of the potentials of job opportunities in strategic sectors within and outside the country that await Nigerians who could speak both English and French languages, particularly in the West African sub-region where French is widely spoken and has become a lingua franca in official and unofficial circles;

Concerned that the Nigerian elite, particularly in the academic and diplomatic circles, are often confronted with embarrassing situations at international conferences due to their inability to communicate in French, unlike their French counterparts who are mostly proficient in both English and French Languages;

Also aware of the existing educational policy that makes learning of French compulsory at the middle and upper levels of basic education in the country;

Further aware of the existence of such institutions as the French Village in Badagry, the Alliance Francaise in Lagos and the Institute Francaise in Abuja, among others, that are dedicated to the teaching, training and practical interaction in French;

Worried that the aforementioned policy initiatives on French language have not produced the desired effects, thus making the use of the language unpopular among Nigerians;

Conscious of the inadequate number of trained teachers of the language at both the basic and tertiary educational levels in the country, thereby making the learning of the language difficult;

Believes that the Federal Government's desire to recruit 500,000 teachers could assist to moderate the problem of inadequate teachers of the language if a sizeable number is recruited;

Convinced that the assurance given by the immediate past French Ambassador to Nigeria, Jacques Champagne de Labriolle, during the French Education Fair in Abuja in 2015, which was reinforced by the current Ambassador, Denys Gaver, on the preparedness of France to meet Nigeria's training needs in the teaching of the language can serve as additional impetus for the Federal Government to pursue the policy of offering French as a required course at tertiary institutions in the country;

Also convinced that Nigeria's Francophone neighboring Countries like Togo, Benin Republic, Cote D'Ivoire, Niger, Chad, Cameroon, Guinea, Burkina Faso and Mali will be ready sources of French teachers at the actual implementation stage of the policy, Nigeria having enjoyed similar support in

the 1980s in many secondary schools, particularly with the current level of sub-regional cooperation among the ECOWAS nations;

Further convinced that the policy is capable of preparing Nigerians for greater roles in the international bodies like the United Nations where multilingualism is a major consideration for gaining support for such important positions as that of the Secretary-General;

Equally convinced that expanding the current education policy to include offering French as a required course in tertiary institutions will open greater employment opportunities for Nigerian graduates across Francophone West African countries which constitute more than 70% of the total membership of ECOWAS;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Education to review the current National Policy on Education to include the provision for offering of French language as a required course by students in all tertiary institutions, regardless of courses of study, as applicable to General Studies;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Education and the National Universities Commission (NUC) to facilitate immediate implementation of this policy, including appropriate budgetary provisions for recruitment and training of lecturers and teachers of French in tertiary institutions in Nigeria; and

(*iii*) urge the Federal Ministries of Education, and Labour and Employment to ensure that graduates of French are given significant share of the 500,000 teachers expected to be employed under the provisions of the Appropriation Act, 2016 (***Hon. Mojeed Alabi — Ede North/Ede South/Egebdore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency***) (***Debate suspended***: 8/6/2016).

Debate resumed.

Question Negatived.

17. Consideration of Reports

(*i*) ***Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the Total sum of ₦241,114,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Forty-One Billion, One Hundred and Fourteen Million Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦17,560,518,930.00 (Seventeen Billion, Five Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs, the sum of ₦9,980,000,000.00 (Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty Million Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, and ₦1,300,000,000.00 (One Billion, Three Hundred Million Naira) only, is for Internal Capital Expenditure while ₦212,274,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Twelve Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Four Million Naira) only, is for Development Projects for the Service of the Niger Delta Development Commission for the Fiscal Year Ending 31st December, 2016 (HB. 635) and approve the recommendations therein" (***Hon. Nicholas Mutu — Bomadi/Patani Federal Constituency***).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE FROM THE STATUTORY REVENUE FUND OF THE NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NDDC), THE TOTAL SUM OF ₦241,114,000,000.00 (TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE BILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN MILLION NAIRA) ONLY, OF WHICH THE SUM OF ₦17,560,518,930.00 (SEVENTEEN BILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR PERSONNEL COSTS, THE SUM OF ₦9,980,000,000.00 (NINE BILLION, NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY MILLION NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR RECURRENT EXPENDITURE, AND ₦1,300,000,000.00 (ONE BILLION, THREE HUNDRED MILLION NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR INTERNAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE WHILE ₦212,274,000,000.00 (TWO HUNDRED AND TWELVE BILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR MILLION NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THE SERVICE OF THE NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 2016

1. **Issue and appropriation of ₦241,114,000,000.00 from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Niger Delta Development Commission.**

(1) The Executive Director responsible for Finance and Administration shall, when authorized to do so by warrants signed by the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Niger Delta Development Commission pay out of the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Commission during the fiscal year 2016, the sum specified by the warrant, not Exceeding in the aggregate ₦241,114,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Forty-One Billion, One Hundred and Fourteen Million Naira) only.

Schedule.

(2) The amounts mentioned in subsection (1) of this section shall be appropriated to Heads of Expenditure as indicated in the Schedule to this Bill.

Committee Recommendation:

Retain the provisions in Clause 1 of the Bill (*Hon. Nicholas Ebomo Mutu — Bomadi/Patani Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

2. **Release of Funds.**

All amounts appropriated under this Bill shall be issued from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Niger Delta Commission (NDDC) only for the purposes specified in the Schedule to this Bill.

Committee Recommendation:

Retain the provision in Clause 2 of the Bill (*Hon. Nicholas Ebomo Mutu — Bomadi/Patani Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

3. **Payment of Revenue into Dedicated Account.**

(1) All revenue accruing to the Niger Delta Development Commission other than the Statutory Revenue shall be paid into a dedicated account of Niger Delta Development Commission.

(2) No moneys shall be withdrawn from the Account mentioned in subsection (1) of this section without appropriation by the National Assembly.

Committee Recommendation:
Retain the provisions in Clause 3 of the Bill (*Hon. Nicholas Ebomo Mutu — Bomadi/Patani Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

4. Virement.
In the event that the implementation of any projects intended to be undertaken under this Bill cannot be completed without virement, such virement shall only be affected with the prior approval of the National Assembly.

Committee Recommendation:
Retain the provision in Clause 4 of the Bill (*Hon. Nicholas Ebomo Mutu — Bomadi/Patani Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

5. Monthly and Quarterly Reports.
(1) The Managing Director/Chief Executive Offices of the Niger Delta Development Commission, and the Directorate of Treasury, Niger Delta Development Commission shall immediately upon the coming into force of this Bill furnish the National Assembly, on a monthly basis the statutes of the records of the Niger Delta Development Commission and Statutory accounts.

(2) All accounting Officers shortfall, amounts appropriated under this Bill cannot be funded, the Niger Delta Development Commission, Departments and Offices who control heads of expenditure shall present to the National Assembly quarterly reports detailing the progress of implementation of the provisions of this Bill.

Committee Recommendation:
Retain the provisions in Clause 5 of the Bill (*Hon. Nicholas Ebomo Mutu — Bomadi/Patani Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

6. Waiver not to incur Expenditure.
Where, due to revenue shortfall, amounts appropriated under this Bill cannot be funded, the Niger Delta Development Commission shall seek from the National Assembly a waiver not to incur such expenditure.

Committee Recommendation:
Retain the provision in Clause 6 of the Bill (*Hon. Nicholas Ebomo Mutu — Bomadi/Patani Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

7. Short Title.
This Bill may be cited as the Niger Delta Development Commission Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2016.

Committee Recommendation:
Retain the provision in Clause 7 of the Bill (*Hon. Nicholas Ebomo Mutu — Bomadi/Patani Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE

PART A — RECURRENT EXPENDITURE (PERSONNEL AND OVERHEAD COSTS

		(₦)
1.	**Chairman's Office**	
	Personnel Costs	28,340,701.88
	Overhead Costs	219,887,203.00
	Sub Total	**248,227,904.88**
2.	**Managing Director's Office**	
	Personnel Costs	297,344,345.55
	Overhead Costs	429,739,767.00
	Sub Total	**727,084,112.55**
3.	**Executive Director Finance and Administrator's Office**	
	Personnel Costs	176,252,371.79
	Overhead Costs	237,440,451.00
	Sub Total	**413,692,822.79**
4.	**Executive Director Project's Office**	
	Personnel Costs	214,426,257.14
	Overhead Costs	237,440,451.00
	Sub Total	**451,866,708.14**
5.	**Corporate Affairs Department**	
	Personnel Costs	273,164,714.04
	Overhead Costs	417,396,967.00
	Sub Total	**690,561,681.04**
6.	**Internal Audit Department**	
	Personnel Costs	178,362,624.92
	Overhead Costs	106,705,911.00
	Sub Total	**285,068,535.92**
7.	**Security Department**	
	Personnel Costs	461,412,319.66
	Overhead Costs	216,413,568.00
	Sub Total	**677,825,887.66**
8.	**Public Procurement**	
	Personnel Costs	99,434,335.88
	Overhead Costs	70,367,767.00
	Sub Total	**169,802,102.88**
9.	**Directorate of Legal Services**	
	Personnel Costs	274,573,232.38
	Overhead Costs	821,390,167.00
	Sub Total	**1,095,963,399.38**
10.	**Directorate of Projects Monitoring and Supervision**	
	Personnel Costs	351,759,544.62
	Overhead Costs	246,280,000.00
	Sub Total	**598,039,544.62**

11.	**Directorate of Finance and Supply**	
	Personnel Costs	476,796,007.84
	Overhead Costs	311,230,240.00
	Sub Total	**788,026,247.84**
12.	**Directorate of Administration and Human Resources**	
	Personnel Costs	1,310,949,779.66
	Overhead Costs	674,930,974.00
	Sub Total	**1 ,985,880,753.66**
13.	**Directorate of Planning, Research, Statistic and MIS**	
	Personnel Costs	463,690,178.56
	Overhead Costs	157,216,903.00
	Sub Total	**620,907,081.56**
14.	**Directorate of Agriculture and Fisheries**	
	Personnel Costs	174,365,878.84
	Overhead Costs	120,817,567.00
	Sub Total	**295,183,445.84**
15.	**Directorate of Environmental Protection and Control**	
	Personnel Costs	222,291,926.07
	Overhead Costs	120,998,304.00
	Sub Total	**343,290,230.07**
16.	**Directorate of Education, Health and Social Services**	
	Personnel Costs	232,435,439.68
	Overhead Costs	133,783,620.00
	Sub Total	**366,219,059.68**
17.	**Directorate of Community and Rural Development**	
	Personnel Costs	205,663,949.54
	Overhead Costs	219,734,283.00
	Sub Total	**425,395,232.54**
18.	**Directorate of Utilities Infrastructure Development and Waterways**	
	Personnel Costs	511,039,328.45
	Overhead Costs	98,849,676.00
	Sub Total	**609,889,004.45**
19.	**Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Development**	
	Personnel Costs	171,037,576.01
	Overhead Costs	76,220,464.00
	Sub Total	**247,258,040.01**
20.	**Directorate of Youth, Women, Sports and Culture**	
	Personnel Costs	135,938,773.51
	Overhead Costs	97,053,666.00
	Sub Total	**232,992,439.51**
21.	**Design Department**	
	Personnel Costs	0
	Overhead Costs	108,711,000.00
	Sub Total	**108,711,000.00**

22.	**Project Management Department**	
	Personnel Costs	0
	Overhead Costs	231,668,640.00
	Sub Total	**231,668,640.00**
23.	**Information Technology Department**	
	Personnel Costs	0
	Overhead Costs	67,821,000.00
	Sub Total	**67,821,000.00**
24.	**Public Private Partnership**	
	Personnel Costs	0
	Overhead Costs	126,263,620.00
	Sub Total	**126,263,620.00**
25.	**SERVICOM**	
	Personnel Costs	0
	Overhead Costs	37,749,767.00
	Sub Total	**37,749,767.00**
26.	**Headquarters**	
	Personnel Costs	0
	Overhead Costs	3,368,912,880.00
	Sub Total	**3,368,912,880.00**
27.	**Abuja Liaison Office**	
	Personnel Costs	273,125,552.68
	Overhead Costs	125,555,800.00
	Sub Total	**398,681,352.68**
28.	**Abia State Office**	
	Personnel Costs	428,174,748.42
	Overhead Costs	67,020,045.00
	Sub Total	**495,194,793.42**
29.	**Akwa Ibom State Office**	
	Personnel Costs	586,670,056.94
	Overhead Costs	85,143,621.00
	Sub Total	**671,813,677.94**
30.	**Bayelsa State Office**	
	Personnel Costs	581,875,903.56
	Overhead Costs	77,164,600.00
	Sub Total	**659,040,503.56**
31.	**Cross River State Office**	
	Personnel Costs	462,462,501.14
	Overhead Costs	56,584,019.00
	Sub Total	**519,046,520.14**
32.	**Delta State Office**	
	Personnel Costs	717,825,553.39
	Overhead Costs	85,725,650.00
	Sub Total	**803,551,203.39**

33.	**Edo State Office**	
	Personnel Costs	382,810,491.37
	Overhead Costs	57,195,019.00
	Sub Total	**440,005,510.37**
34.	**Imo State Office**	
	Personnel Costs	394,394,012.08
	Overhead Costs	73,374,050.00
	Sub Total	**467,765,062.08**
35.	**Ondo State Office**	
	Personnel Costs	485,233,067.22
	Overhead Costs	72,341,767.00
	Sub Total	**557,574,834.22**
36.	**Rivers State Office**	
	Personnel Costs	673,858,131.96
	Overhead Costs	145,606,000.00
	Sub Total	**819,191,131.96**
37.	**Aides to Regional Board Members**	
	Personnel Costs	451,466,680.89
	Overhead Costs	0
	Sub Total	**451,466,680.89**
38.	**Security Personnel yet to be Deployed**	
	Personnel Costs	0
	Overhead Costs	208,184,780.98
	Sub Total	**208,184,780.98**
39.	**22.5% Contributory Pension**	2,631,803,171.77
40.	**Pension Past service Liabilities**	494,519,860.00
41.	**Staff Group Staff Assurance Scheme**	240,000,000.00
42.	**Staff welfare**	600,000,000.00
43.	**Combined Workmen Compensation/Group Personal Accident**	265,000,000.00
44.	**Decentralization (Transfer entitlements)**	186,650,598.25
45.	**Severance Benefits**	587,942,314.03
46.	**Human Resources Services/Employee Relation**	96,900,000.00
47.	**Retirees Pension Scheme**	0
48.	**Staff Housing Scheme**	0
49.	**National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)**	622,800,000.00
50.	**Recruitment Services/others** (Sensitization induction Orientation, etc.)	108,000,000.00

51.	**Actuarial Valuation**	30,000,000.00
	Total (Personnel and Overhead Expenses)	**27,540,518,930.00**

Question,

That the Expenditure of Twenty-Seven Billion, Five Hundred and Forty Million, Five Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Naira (₦17,540,518,930.00) for the purposes set out under Part A — Recurrent Expenditure stand part of the Schedule to the Niger Delta Development Commission Budget, 2016 — *Agreed to.*

PART B — INTERNAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

		(₦)
1.	Chairman's Office	22,985,000.00
2.	Managing director's Office	30,432,000.00
3.	Executive Director Finance and Administration's Office	25,432,000.00
4.	Executive Director Project's Office	24,225,000.00
5.	Corporate Affairs Department	20,461,280.00
6.	Internal Audit Department	8,909,360.00
7.	Security Department	87,015,000.00
8.	Public Procurement Unit	16,575,808.00
9.	Information Department	15,320,040.00
10.	Public Private Partnership	14,552,040.00
11.	Design	28,020,040.00
12.	Project Management	16,315,000.00
13.	SERVICOM	15,900,040.00
14.	Directorate of Legal Services	12,630,040.00
15.	Directorate of Project Monitoring and Supervision	36,395,040.00
16.	Directorate of Finance and Supply	20,419,040.00
17.	Directorate of Administration and Human Resources	108,273,120.00
18.	Directorate of Planning Research and Statistics and MIS	13,405,040.00
19.	Directorate of Agriculture and Fisheries	19,860,040.00
20.	Directorate of Environmental Protection and Control	15,977,040.00
21.	Directorate of Education Health and Social Services	15,615,040.00
22.	Directorate of Community and Rural Development	11,661,040.00
23.	Directorate of Utilities Infrastructural Dev. and Water ways	15,422,000.00
24.	Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Development	12,488,040.00
25.	Directorate of Youth, Women, Sports and Culture	18,356,040.00
26.	Headquarters	301,868,160.00
27.	Abuja Liaison Office	47,913,000.00
28.	Abia State Office	29,002,040.00
29.	Akwa Ibom State Office	30,475,080.00
30.	Bayelsa State Office	33,835,000.00
31.	Cross River State Office	31,329,080.00
32.	Delta State Office	28,096,000.00
33.	Edo State Office	27,756,040.00
34.	Imo State Office	30,731,040.00
35.	Ondo State Office	65,814,080.00
36.	Rivers State Office	46,537,080.00
	Total	**1,300,000,000.00**

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Billion, Three Hundred Million Naira (₦1,300,000,000.00) for the purposes set out under Part B — Internal Capital Expenditure stand part of the Schedule to the Niger Delta Development Commission Budget, 2016 — *Agreed to.*

PART C — PROJECTS DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE

		(₦)
1.	Head Office/Regional Projects	70,375,844,199.00
2.	Abia State	7,719,950,879.00
3.	Akwa Ibom State	31,293,716,241.00
4.	Bayelsa State	21,869,133,664.00
5.	Cross River State	6,837,098,065.00
6.	Delta State	25,177,940,957.00
7.	Edo State	9,112,487,022.00
8.	Imo State	7,677,344,420.00
9.	Ondo State	9,965,861,297.00
10.	Rivers State	22,244,104,326.00
	Total	**212,273,481,070.00**

Question,
That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Twelve Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Three Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-One Thousand and Seventy Naira (₦212,273,481,070.00) for the purposes set out under Part C — Project Development Expenditure stand part of the Schedule to the Niger Delta Development Commission Budget, 2016 — *Agreed to.*

Summary:

Personnel Expenditure	**₦17,560,518,930.00**
Overhead Expenditure	**₦9,980,000,000.00**
Internal Capital Expenditure	**₦1,300,000,000.00**
Development Projects	**₦212,273,481,070.00**
Grand Total	**₦241,114,000,000.00**

Main Question,
That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Forty-One Billion, One Hundred and Fourteen Million Naira (₦241,114,000,000.00) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel and Overhead Cost; and Capital Expenditure do stand part of the Schedule to the Niger Delta Development Commission Budget 2016 — *Agreed to.*

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the Total sum of ₦241,114,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Forty-One Billion, One Hundred and Fourteen Million Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦17,560,518,930.00 (Seventeen Billion, Five Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs, the sum of ₦9,980,000,000.00 (Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty Million Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, and ₦1,300,000,000.00 (One Billion, Three Hundred Million Naira) only, is for Internal Capital Expenditure while ₦212,274,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Twelve Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Four Million Naira) only, is for Development Projects for the Service of the Niger Delta Development Commission for the Fiscal Year Ending 31st December, 2016 (*Hon. Nicholas Ebomo Mutu — Bomadi/Patani Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Long Title stand part of Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the Total sum of ₦241,114,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Forty-One Billion, One Hundred and Fourteen

Million Naira) only, of which the sum of ?17,560,518,930.00 (Seventeen Billion, Five Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs, the sum of ₦9,980,000,000.00 (Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty Million Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, and ₦1,300,000,000.00 (One Billion, Three Hundred Million Naira) only, is for Internal Capital Expenditure while ₦212,274,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Twelve Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Four Million Naira) only, is for Development Projects for the Service of the Niger Delta Development Commission for the Fiscal Year Ending 31st December, 2016 (HB. 635) and approved Clauses 1 - 7, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

A Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the Total sum of ₦241,114,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Forty-One Billion, One Hundred and Fourteen Million Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦17,560,518,930.00 (Seventeen Billion, Five Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs, the sum of ₦9,980,000,000.00 (Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty Million Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, and ₦1,300,000,000.00 (One Billion, Three Hundred Million Naira) only, is for Internal Capital Expenditure while ₦212,274,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Twelve Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Four Million Naira) only, is for Development Projects for the Service of the Niger Delta Development Commission for the Fiscal Year Ending 31st December, 2016 (HB. 635) — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the Total sum of ₦241,114,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Forty-One Billion, One Hundred and Fourteen Million Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦17,560,518,930.00 (Seventeen Billion, Five Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Nine Hundred and Thirty Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs, the sum of ₦9,980,000,000.00 (Nine Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty Million Naira) only, is for Recurrent Expenditure, and ₦1,300,000,000.00 (One Billion, Three Hundred Million Naira) only, is for Internal Capital Expenditure while ₦212,274,000,000.00 (Two Hundred and Twelve Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Four Million Naira) only, is for Development Projects for the Service of the Niger Delta Development Commission for the Fiscal Year Ending 31st December, 2016 (HB. 635) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Nicholas Mutu — Bonadi/Patani Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and passed.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order VII, Rule 25 (2) to enable Mr Speaker preside in the Committee of the Whole" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(*ii*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Austin Nwabufo Esq.:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Austin Nwabufo Esq. on behalf of Amobi Akaegbobi against Fidelity Bank Plc on alleged financial crimes, deliberate fraud and sleaze on depositor's fund 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 Speaker in the Chair)

***Recommendation*:**
"That the petition lacks merit but the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission should be urged to prosecute Mr Chinedu Ezeakubo and the petitioner's account officer, Mr Ifeanyi Atekere to enable the recovery of the money as Fidelity Bank is not liable" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr 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 Austin Nwabufo Esq. on behalf of Amobi Akaegbobi against Fidelity Bank Plc on alleged financial crimes, deliberate fraud and sleaze on depositor's fund and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

(*iii*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Bille Kingdom Chiefs Council:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Bille Kingdom Chiefs against the Nigerian Army on alleged military invasion on Bille Kingdom 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 Speaker in the Chair)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"Urge the Army to exercise caution, as much as possible by applying the rules of engagement in carrying out their lawful duties, especially if such actions involve dealing with a community occupied by civilians, which is not enemy territory" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"Also urge Billie Communities through their traditional rulers to apply their known traditional and social control mechanism to checkmate activities of social miscreants and economic saboteurs as a means of forestalling military invasion of their communities in whatever guise" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr 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 Bille Kingdom Chiefs against the Nigerian Army on alleged military invasion on Bille Kingdom and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*ii*) of the Report.

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

(*iv*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
Report on the Petition by Chief Anthony Ibifuro Tamunonimi and Five Others against the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC):
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Chief Anthony IbifuroTamunonimi and Five others against the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the Act of continued denial of constitutionally guaranteed representation of Rivers State by inexplicable perpetual refusal to conclude the re-run elections conducted in part since 19th March, 2016 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"That the Independent National Electoral Commission be advised to conclusively conduct the outstanding State and indeed all other constituencies with such need, not later than 31 July,2016 as rerun elections in Rivers proposed" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"That the House should send representatives to monitor the re-run elections in all constituencies in the country" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"That INEC be also advised to be very transparent in the conduct of all outstanding elections and should be seen to be transparent, and truly transparent both in recruitment of *ad-hoc* staff and conduct of the elections" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*iv*):**
"That soldiers be discouraged and in fact barred from being at polling booths at elections, and should be limited to major roads unless they are invited by the policemen on duty at the units. There is indeed a court judgment to this effect" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out all the words in the Prayer, and *insert* the following:
"That soldiers should be discouraged and barred from polling booths at elections, and should be limited to major roads unless they are invited by the policemen on duty at the units, in line with a recent court judgment to that effect; Chief of Army Staff and the Minister of Defence are to ensure compliance" instead thereof (*Hon. Betty Apiafi — Ahoada East/Abua/Odual Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that the amendment stand part of the Report — Agreed to.

***Recommendation (v)*:**
"That the election in Tai Local Government Area remains cancelled and fresh election be conducted as proposed by INEC" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

***Recommendation (vi)*:**
"That in Degema Local Government Area where election was concluded as the Assistant Electoral Officer collated and returned a winner. The Grouse being that the Assistant Electoral Officer is not the authentic Returning Officer, INEC should appoint a Returning Officer to collate the unit and ward results that are still in possession of INEC and return a winner" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

***Recommendation (vii)*:**
"That the result of Okrika/Ogu/Bolo Federal Constituency be declared as either with or without the 22 units in Okirika LGA, the outcome of the poll is the same" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

***Recommendation (viii)*:**
"That the position of INEC that election be held in 39 units in Ikwere Local Government Area be maintained" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr 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 Chief Anthony IbifuroTamunonimi and Five others against the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on the Act of continued denial of constitutionally guaranteed representation of Rivers State by inexplicable perpetual refusal to conclude the re-run elections conducted in part since 19th March, 2016 and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*iii*), approved Recommendation (*iv*) as amended, and approved Recommendations (v) - (*viii*) of the Report.

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

(*v*) ***Committee on Federal Capital Territory*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on the Investigation of the Abandoned Capital Projects and Alleged Malpractices Associated with the Land Swap Deals in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) (**HR. 100/2015**) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

***Recommendation* (*i*):**
"That the Government should carry out a full investigation of the former Minister of the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), Senator Bala A. Muhammed; the Executive Secretary of the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA), Engr Adamu Ismaila and the Coordinator, Abuja Infrastructure Investment Center (AIIC), Mr Faruk Sani to ascertain their culpability or otherwise in the abuse of Financial Regulations, Due Process Procedures, and ICRC regulations with regard to the Land Swap Program" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out the words "the Government" and *insert* the words "Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), and Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC)" instead thereof (*Hon. Saheed Akinade-Fijabi — Ibadan Southwest/Ibadan Northwest Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that the amendment stand part of the Report — Agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*ii*):**
"That relevant Security/Law Enforcement Agencies should investigate and track all monies expended outside the laid down Financial Guidelines for the Program, particularly, monies paid to the FCTA Land Swap Programme Account with the FCMB Plc, and the private personal account of Mustafa Usman Kaoje, the Accountant of AIIC and any other official of FCTA and AIIC" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*iii*):**
"That appropriate sanctions, as contained in Part V of the Financial Regulations, 2009 of the Federal Republic of Nigeria be meted out by the relevant authorities on any officer found to have paid/collected money in cash/cheque without proof of exemption from the Federal Government E-Payment Policy" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

***Recommendation* (*iv*):**
"That relevant security/law enforcement agencies should recover, for the FCT, all vehicles purchased with the Land Swap Project Funds for any official of FCTA, FCDA and AIIC" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):
"That relevant security and other financial regulatory agencies should investigate the role of Aso Savings and Loans Plc, in conniving with some investors to misrepresent to the AHC as to the financial standing of those investors with accounts in the said bank" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vi):
"That any Investor, is terminated, who failed to meet the Basic Condition for participation/eligibility as stated in the Government Notice Number 236, and published in the Federal Republic of Nigeria Official Gazette Number 91, Volume 101, particularly, the provision specifying that the Investor/Developer was to make available (in a dedicated project account) the sum of ₦350,000,000.00 (Three Hundred and Fifty Million Naira) as a Commitment fee on presentation of its Business plan, to fund only the following:

Physical Plan,

Preliminary Design,

Survey Plan,

Feasibility Study,

Engineering Design,

Preparation of Agreements" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vii):
"That any Investor, is terminated, who signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) but did not meet up with the timeline of nine (9) months within which to finish the design stage and sign a final Development Agreement, as provided in Clause 14 therein" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (viii):
"That any Investor, is terminated, who signed the Comprehensive District Development Agreement (CDDA) in the Financial Close, and failed to deposit the 15% equity in the project account, and failed to fulfill other conditions precedent as stipulated in Clauses 1.16, 1.17.1 and 1.17.2, respectively" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ix):
"That in line with Recommendations (*vi*), (*vii*) and (*viii*), all the Lands earmarked for all the investors should revert back to the FCT and if that is not the case at the moment, the FCT authorities, the EFCC/ICPC should as a matter of urgency, recover the said lands from the investors who are in breach of the terms of the land swap agreement entered into with the FCT" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (x):
"Should the FCT Administration wish to continue with the Land Swap programme, efforts must be made on her part to follow due process, adhere to relevant laws and ensure that only the most qualified investors are chosen to participate in the programme on a phase by phase basis" (*Hon. Herman Hembe — Konshisha/Vandekiya Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on the Investigation of the Abandoned Capital Projects and Alleged Malpractices Associated with the Land Swap Deals in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) **(HR. 100/2015)** and approved Recommendation (*i*) as amended, and approved Recommendation (*ii*) - (*x*) of the Report.

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

(*vi*) ***Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission on the Introduction of Outdated Speed Limiter Technology by the Federal Road Safety Commission and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Abubakar Ahmed Yunusa — Yamaltu/Deba 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 Speaker in the Chair*)

Recommendation (i):
"That the Federal Road Safety Corps was acting within its purview as empowered by the FRSC Establishment Act (2007) to implement strategies to safe-guard lives and property of road users, hence its proposal to introduce the speed limiting device was in order" (*Hon. Abubakar Ahmed Yunusa — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
Leave out Recommendation (*i*) (*Hon. Abubakar Ahmed Yunusa — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):
"That initial enforcement should start with commercial and fleet vehicles only" (*Hon. Abubakar Ahmed Yunusa — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):
"That since the speed limiting device is not a magic bullet that will end all speed related crashes and for the initiative to be effective to deliver the desired results, the introduction of speed monitoring device such as the spider technology is also recommended to track offenders" (*Hon. Abubakar Ahmed Yunusa — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):
"That other modern speed monitoring devices such as speed guns and vehicle tracking system should be employed to complement speed limit enforcement" (*Hon. Abubakar Ahmed Yunusa — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):
"That traffic law enforcement agencies should have adequate budgetary provisions for human capacity development" (*Hon. Abubakar Ahmed Yunusa — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission on the Introduction of Outdated Speed Limiter Technology by the Federal Road Safety Commission and rejected Recommendation (*i*), approved Recommendations (*ii*) - (*v*) of the Report.

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

18. Adjournment
That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 4.10 *p.m.* (*Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan — Burari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 4.05 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker