



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 4 February, 2020

1. The House met at 12.29 p.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **The House recited the National Pledge**
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 30 January, 2020.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership**
The following Members-elect took and subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as prescribed by law:
 - (1) Ahmed Madaki Gololo (*Gamawa Federal Constituency*).
 - (2) Muhammadu Saidu Bargaja (*Isa/Sabon Birnin Federal Constituency*).

5. **Announcement**

- (a) **Visitors in the Gallery:**

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:

- (i) Members of *Gaudium Et Spes Institute*, Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja; and
 - (ii) Staff and Students of *Starville School*, Jabi, Abuja.

- (b) **Bereavement:**

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Babangida Ibrahim (*Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise on Monday, 3 February, 2020 of the wife of Hon. Hamza Dalhatu Batagarawa (*Charanchi/Rimi/Batagarawa Federal Constituency*).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

6. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Abdullahi Aliyu Abawa against Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA), on the alleged unlawful withdrawal of officer cadets from Awe/Doma/Keana Federal Constituency, Nasarawa State and others, was presented and laid by Hon. Abubakar Hassan Malaraba (*Awe/Doma/Keana Federal Constituency*).
- (ii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Haruna Isa Dederi (*Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency*):
- (a) N. S. Egin & Partners (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Eregha community (Ologbobubou) in Warri North Local Government Area of Delta State, on the refusal to recognise them as a host community by the Nigeria Petroleum Development Company (NPDC);
- (b) U. C. Oparaugo & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Kings-Kele Security, on the alleged breach of contract agreement and refusal to pay for services rendered, by the Federal Ministry of Health;
- (c) U. C. Oparaugo & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Ezemadu Collins, on his alleged unlawful dismissal and denial of his salaries and allowances by the Nigerian Police Service Commission;
- (d) Aliyu Bello, on alleged diversion of funds by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN);
- (e) Dr. Goddy Osa Igbaekenen, on alleged conspiracy against him and refusal to pay his entitlements by the Ministry of Police Affairs;
- (f) Dr. Goddy Osa Igbaekenen, on alleged assassination plot, attempted murder, illegal detention, harassment and intimidation by officers of the Nigeria Police Force;
- (g) Tena Marine Attorneys (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Jimsina International Limited, on the refusal to settle insurance claim and criminal conspiracy by Standard Alliance Insurance Plc and the Commissioner for Insurance, National Insurance Commission;
- (h) Th Optimist Attorneys (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Incorporated Trustees of Landlord and Tenant Association of Nigeria (LTAN), on alleged illegal disconnections, refusal to meter electricity consumers and unlawful arrest and persecution by the Eko Electricity Distribution Plc and Ikeja Electricity Plc;
- (i) Baba Yusuf, on alleged breach of statutory regulations and threat to National Security by NAHCO Free Trade Zone (NFZ);
- (iii) A petition from Segun Sonaike (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Ewu Chieftaincy, family of Ewuland in Oshodi - Isolo/Ikeja Local Government Area on alleged unlawful acquisition of 2430 acres of land in Ewuland, Ikeja, Lagos, by Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Lagos State, was presented and laid by Hon. Tasir Oluwole Raji (*Epe Federal Constituency*); and
- (iv) A petition from Ibrahim Mohammed on his alleged unlawful withdrawal by the Nigerian Defence Academy, was presented and laid by Hon. Fatuhu Muhammed (*Daura/Mai'adua/Sandamu Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

7. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**(i) *Need to Evacuate and Quarantine over 65 Nigerians from the City of Wuhan and the Wider Province in the Peoples Republic of China:***

Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu (*Bende Federal Constituency and 39 others*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance — *Negatived.*

(ii) *Need to Unravel the Circumstances that Led to Immigration Restriction by the United States of America, Seek Quick Resolution and Prevent Future Occurrences:*

Hon. Yusuf Tajudeen (*Kabba-Bunu/Ijumu 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 Unravel the Circumstances that Led to Immigration Restriction by the United States of America, Seek Quick Resolution and Prevent Future Occurrences:

The House:

Aware that on Friday, 31 January, 2020, the United States of America, as a direct consequence of non-compliance with the established identity-management and information-sharing criteria assessed by performance metrics, placed immigration restriction on Nigeria and four other countries - Tanzania, Sudan, Eritrea, Myanmar and Kyrgyzstan;

Also aware that the immigration restriction on Nigeria and these countries which is also further fallout of alleged non-adequate data sharing on public safety and terrorism-related information necessary for protection, is expected to take effect on Friday, 21 February, 2020;

Concerned that due to the tardiness of its government agencies and officials, Nigeria was unable to meet the deadline for performance metrics, identify management and information sharing criteria, which has led to the unfortunate immigration restriction order placed by the USA on Nigeria;

Observes that while Nigeria, through relevant agencies and top officials was not able to meet the criteria, some developing nations like Chad and Belarus did the needful and were exempted from the immigration restrictions;

Worried that the immigration restrictions order on Nigeria aside having far reaching multiplier effects on the nation's polity, economy and governance, attracts serious global embarrassment to our dear country;

Disturbed that the immigration restrictions will impact negatively and have grievous repercussions on well-meaning Nigerians who have legitimate personal, vocational, career, business and academic transactions in the USA;

Alarmed that if the restriction order is not reversed, it may lead to more stringent diplomatic measures not only by the USA but some other developed nations, which may have serious consequences on government's initiatives geared towards national growth and development.

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the leadership of the House to interface with all relevant government agencies and diplomatic missions towards resolving the issue and preventing similar future occurrence; and
- (ii) urge the Executive arm of government to expedite necessary actions that may lead to the review or cancellation of the immigration restriction (*Hon. Yusuf Tajudeen — Kabba-Bunu/Ijumu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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8. Privilege (Order Six, Rule 2)

Rising on Order Six, Rule 2, Hon. Nnam-Obi Uchechukwu (*Ahoada West/Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Federal Constituency*) referred to the Matter of Urgent Public Importance proposed by Hon. Benjamin Kalu, on the coronavirus and need to evacuate Nigerians stranded in Wuhan, Peoples Republic of China. He regretted that the House declined the matter as urgent and important, even when governments of other affected nations are gearing effort toward evacuating their citizens from Wuhan. He viewed the non consideration of the matter as a breach of his privilege as a representative of the people and underscored the responsibility of the House to all Nigerians wherever they may be. He therefore urged the House to rescind its decision.

Mr Speaker noted the matter.

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it take more than 2 matters of urgent public importance” (*Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(iii) Devastating Fire Disaster at Sabo Market in Sagamu, Ogun State:

Hon. Adewunmi Onanuga (*Ikenne/Sagamu/Remo North 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.

Devastating Fire Disaster at Sabo Market in Sagamu, Ogun State:

The House:

Notes that a terribly devastating fire engulfed the major market in the Sabo axis of Sagamu in Sagamu Local Government Area of Ogun State in the wee hours of Tuesday, 28 January, 2020, where goods worth millions of naira were destroyed;

Also notes that this phenomenon which has become rampant has deprived nearly 500 traders of their daily livelihood;

Aware that the market, which is the biggest and multi cultural market in the Local Government, was a binding force for all and sundry;

Worried that many of the traders took loans to acquire the goods that were destroyed and may not be able to survive without trading as they have now been rendered jobless and helpless;

Also worried that the Federal Fire Service arrived the scene at first instance to report that they had no water in their truck and left only to return 4 hours after the fire had totally burnt down the market;

Believes that appropriate measures needs to be taken to ameliorate the situation of affected traders and also address this devastating phenomenon to prevent future occurrence;

Resolves to:

- (i) commiserate with the victims of the fire incident, the Government and people of Ogun State, and the Akarigbo of Remo Land;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the affected victims to cushion their sufferings; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Interior to investigate the failure of the Federal Fire Service to curtail the fire incident, and report back in six (6) weeks (*Hon. Otunba Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga — Ikenne/Sagamu/Remo North Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that a terribly devastating fire engulfed the major market in the Sabo axis of Sagamu in Sagamu Local Government Area of Ogun State in the wee hours of Tuesday, 28 January, 2020, where goods worth millions of naira were destroyed;

Also noted that this phenomenon which has become rampant has deprived nearly 500 traders of their daily livelihood;

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- (iii) mandate the Committee on Interior to investigate the failure of the Federal Fire Service to curtail the fire incident, and report back in six (6) weeks (**HR. 12/02/2020**).

9. **Suspension of Plenary**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do take 15 minutes recess” (*Hon. Peter Akpatason — Deputy House Leader*).

Agreed to.

House on Recess — 1.43 p.m.

House in Plenary — 2.17 p.m.

10. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 632).
- (2) Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 633).
- (3) National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 634).
- (4) Niger Delta Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 635).
- (5) Supreme Court Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 636).
- (6) Chartered Institute of Human Resources and Strategic Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 637).
- (7) Nigeria Steel Development Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 638).
- (8) Nigerian Red Cross Society Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 639).
- (9) Nigerian Mining Corporation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 640).

11. Consolidation of Bills

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Youth Service Corps Act, Cap. N84, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters, (HB. 360 and HB. 488), and a Bill for an Act to Further Amend the National Youth Service Corps Act, Cap. N84, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters, 2019 (HB.239) be now consolidated” (*Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*)

Agreed to.

12. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 and Establish the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Commission; and for Related Matters (HB. 87) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 and Establish the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Commission; and for Related Matters (HB. 87) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Solid Mineral Development.

13. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Institute of Plant Protection; and for Related Matters, (HB. 109) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Institute of Plant Protection; and for Related Matters, (HB. 109) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Henry Archibong — Itu/Ibiono Ibom Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

*Bill referred to the **Committee on Agricultural Production and Services.***

14. Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

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

Also notes that the under-listed Bills were passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

- (i) Terrorism (Prohibition and Prevention) Bill, 2019 (HB.56);
- (ii) Veterinary Surgeons Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2019 (HB.70); and
- (iii) Federal University of Agriculture Dadin Kowa, Gombe State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 652)

Aware that the Bills were re-gazetted as HB. 56, HB. 70 and HB. 652 respectively and read the first time;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birninwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

15. Need to Optimize the Functions of the Committee on Legislative Compliance

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the oversight functions of the National Assembly provided for under Section 88 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) are to enable the Legislature to carry out investigations within its competence in order to prevent and expose corruption, inefficiency or waste in the execution or administration of laws;

Also notes that pursuant to the provisions of Order 18, Rule 64 (2) (a) of the Standing Orders of the House, the jurisdiction of the Committee on Legislative Compliance includes, among others:

"ensuring the implementation of all Acts passed or deemed to have been passed by the National Assembly and all House Resolutions on Motions, Petitions and other Resolutions";

Aware that in the 8th Assembly, over 1,588 Resolutions were passed and about 1,192 Petitions were considered by the House of Representatives while a significant number of Motions and Petitions have been presented to the 9th Assembly;

Also aware that the Committee on Legislative Compliance was constituted to take inventory of the Resolutions that had been passed by the House and measure the level of compliance;

Believes that for the Committee to properly function in line with its mandate as prescribed in the House Standing Orders and to achieve the goals set by the Speaker the House, all Resolutions on Motions and Petitions should be forwarded to the Committee for monitoring, implementation and compliance;

Also believes that in line with the expectations of the House, the Committee on Legislative Compliance, when empowered, will be able to keep track of all Resolutions arising from Motions and Petitions and would ensure that they are effectively enforced;

Cognizant that the inability to ensure compliance with the Resolutions on Motions and Petitions is making the House look ineffective;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available, within 3 days, all resolutions arising from Motions and Petitions to the Committee on Legislative Compliance to monitor compliance;
- (ii) urge that all Motions should include, in their prayers, the need for the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee to ensure the implementation of all Acts passed or deemed to have been passed by the National Assembly;
- (iv) further mandate the Clerk of the House of Representatives to notify the Committee of any member attending any parliamentary conference, training, seminar or capacity building;
- (v) also urge any member who attends any seminar, conference etc, pursuant to Order 18, Rule 64 (2) (b) of the Standing Orders of the House to file a written report of the said conference, seminar, etc to the Committee on Legislative Compliance within seven (7) days of the return from such conference or seminar (*Hon. Ibrahim Kunle Olarewaju — Moba/Ilejemeje/Ido Osi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the oversight functions of the National Assembly provided for under Section 88 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) are to enable the Legislature to carry out investigations within its competence in order to prevent and expose corruption, inefficiency or waste in the execution or administration of laws;

Also noted that pursuant to the provisions of Order 18, Rule 64 (2) (a) of the Standing Orders of the House, the jurisdiction of the Committee on Legislative Compliance includes, among others:

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Aware that in the 8th Assembly, over 1,588 Resolutions were passed and about 1,192 Petitions were considered by the House of Representatives while a significant number of Motions and Petitions have been presented to the 9th Assembly;

Also aware that the Committee on Legislative Compliance was constituted to take inventory of the Resolutions that had been passed by the House and measure the level of compliance;

Believed that for the Committee to properly function in line with its mandate as prescribed in the House Standing Orders and to achieve the goals set by the Speaker the House, all Resolutions on Motions and Petitions should be forwarded to the Committee for monitoring, implementation and compliance;

Also believed that in line with the expectations of the House, the Committee on Legislative Compliance, when empowered, will be able to keep track of all Resolutions arising from Motions and Petitions and would ensure that they are effectively enforced;

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16. Rehabilitation of Damaged Infrastructure in Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency of Bauchi State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Bauchi State is strategically placed as the most peaceful and populous State in the North-East Zone of Nigeria and the increasing population of Internally Displaced Persons settling in the State from neighboring States find support for their sustenance in Bauchi State's economy;

Also notes that the State's economy is agriculture based particularly livestock rearing and trading with specialized livestock markets being operated weekly across the State;

Further notes that Soro Market is one of such specialized livestock market and is adjudged as the largest livestock market in Bauchi State as it is estimated that over 10,000 cattle, lambs and chickens are traded weekly in the market;

Worried that almost all access roads to the market have been lost to erosion and some of the Bridges have completely collapsed or degraded and are therefore unsafe for use due to ecological problems;

Also worried that during the rainyseason, several industrious merchants lose their lives while attempting to cross streams and lakes leading to the market;

Concerned that unless the deficit of critical infrastructure supporting the economic wellbeing of the industrious people of Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency and indeed Bauchi State is addressed, the people will suffer immeasurably and the needless loss of lives and injuries to the well-meaning, peaceful Nigerian will continue;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ecological Fund Office to rehabilitate existing infrastructure to support the operations of the market. particularly, the roads washed away by erosion to facilitate the evacuation of goods and safeguard lives and properties of the people of the area; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Ecological Funds, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 14/02/2020).

Motion referred to the Committees on Ecological Funds, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

17. Call for Reconstruction of Bwari Township Roads

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House.

Notes that Bwari Township road is a major road that leads to the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Office, the Nigerian Law School as well as other Federal Government and privately owned establishments in the area;

Also notes that the road is increasingly dilapidating due to the large number of vehicles plying it on a daily basis;

Further notes that the minor repairs usually carried out at intervals on the road serve only as temporary measures as the small portions on which they are carried out often collapse;

Aware that in 2010, a contract for the reconstruction of the road was awarded to Arab Contractors Construction Company but the job was abandoned without any reason and the continuous heavy rainfall has made road to go from bad to worse, thus making it unbearable for both motorists and pedestrians;

Concerned that the road has become a deathtrap as vehicles are involved in multiple accidents while trying to avoid potholes, and sometimes either injure or kill pedestrians trying to cross the road;

Worried that due to the deplorable condition of the road, vehicles are often trapped in traffic, causing commuters to lose precious time and resources and making them less efficient in carrying their duties due to exhaustion;

Cognizant of the need for the Federal Government to insist on the use of standard materials to rehabilitate the road in order to save the cost of continuous repairs and also protect the lives of commuters;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Capital Territory Administration to award a contract for the reconstruction of Bwari/Gaba road; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Federal Capital Territory, and FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters to ensure compliance (*Hon. Micah Yohanna Jiba — Abuja Municipal/Bwari Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 15/02/2020).

Motion referred to the Committees on Federal Capital Territory, and FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

18. Need to Establish Farm Settlement Centres in Ikanekpo, Okenyi, Imane, Agaliga and Bagana in Ankpa/Omala/Olamaboro Federal Constituency, Kogi State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Agricultural sector presents Nigeria with a vast opportunity to diversify her economy and reduce greatly the over dependence on oil as the major source of revenue;

Also notes that agriculture also has the potential to create abundant jobs for youths, women and even the aged, increase wealth, guarantee food security and generate foreign exchange for a robust revenue base for the nation;

Recalls that during the Administration of former President, Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida, something akin to farm settlement centres were functional of different locations in many local government areas in Nigeria, where various relevant skills needed for high yield agricultural production were acquired by farmers through the help of agriculture extension workers and the farmers were also able to access farm inputs easily thereby enhancing agricultural sector;

Aware that graduate unemployment has reached an alarming state, hence, the urgent need to create innovative ideas to engage the teeming youth in beneficially attractive agricultural ventures like fish farming, snail farming, grass-cutter farming, poultry production, etc.;

Also aware that the youth can be assisted in accessing soft loans through Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) to venture into active agricultural practice and production in order to curtail the tendencies of the youth to engage in social vices and rather contribute meaningfully to the development of the nation's economy;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to establish Farm Settlement Centers in Ikanekpo, Okenvi, Imane (Agaliga) and Bagana in Ankpa/Omala/Olamaboro Federal Constituency, Kogi State;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali — Ankpa/Omala/Olamaboro Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 16/02/2020).

Motion referred to the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

19. Call for Investigation into the Administration of Donor Assisted Funds for Agricultural Projects

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that over the years, the Federal Government has been partnering and acquiring loans and grants from Donor Agencies such as the World Bank, the African Development Bank (ADB), the United Nations (UN), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the International Development Agency (IDA) to mention a few, with a view to improving agricultural production in the country;

Also aware that over the years, over one billion dollars of the donor's fund have been spent on various Agricultural projects in Nigeria by the three-tiers of government;

Further aware that since 1985 the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has financed eleven (11) Agricultural projects in the Country with \$509.62 million, while several millions of dollars have also been committed to the implementation of Fadama project by the World Bank since 1993;

Recalls that the various Agricultural projects were put in place with the aim of assisting Nigerian farmers, especially the rural ones with the necessary funds needed to improve their agricultural venture, thus meeting the food demand of the fast growing population of Nigeria, guarantee food security, reduce oil dependency, diversify and grow the economy;

Worried that despite the laudable objectives of these Agricultural projects and the humongous financial contributions of the International donors such as the World Bank, the International Development Agency, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the African Development Bank over many years! The Country is still-grappling with the problem of food sufficiency and farmers prosperity;

Observes that the volume of funds channeled to the Nigeria's Agricultural sector through these donor funding projects over the years is so enormous that one wonders if the resources are well utilized and account for, especially when measured against observed results.

Believes that a thorough investigation of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and its parastatals that are in charge of the administration of all Agricultural donor funding projects will help in unearthing the problems that are associated with the inabilities of the projects to achieve its desired goals;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to investigate the administration and performance of all donor funding Agricultural projects with a view to unearthing the problems associated with its inabilities to achieve its set objectives and report back within six (6) weeks (*Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante — Andoni-Popobo/Nkoro Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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Recalled that the various Agricultural projects were put in place with the aim of assisting Nigerian farmers, especially the rural ones with the necessary funds needed to improve their agricultural venture, thus meeting the food demand of the fast growing population of Nigeria, guarantee food security, reduce oil dependency, diversify and grow the economy;

Worried that despite the laudable objectives of these Agricultural projects and the humongous financial contributions of the International donors such as the World Bank, the International Development Agency, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the African Development Bank over many years! The country is still-grappling with the problem of food sufficiency and farmers prosperity;

Observed that the volume of funds channeled to the Nigeria's Agricultural sector through these donor funding projects over the years is so enormous that one wonders if the resources are well utilized and account for, especially when measured against observed results from the

Believed that a thorough investigation of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and its parastatals that are in charge of the administration of all agricultural donor funding projects will help in unearthing the problems that are associated with the inabilities of the projects to achieve its desired goals;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to investigate the administration and performance of all donor funding agricultural projects with a view to unearthing the problems associated with its inabilities to achieve its set objectives and report back within six (6) weeks (**HR. 17/02/2020**).

20. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 5 February, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan — Birninwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasama Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.11 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabamila
Speaker