



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 27 February, 2020

1. The House met at 11.53 a.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 Wednesday, 26 February, 2020.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. Announcements

(a) *Visitors in the Gallery:*

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Salem Secondary School*, Lugbe, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of *ESTY Foundation Schools*, Kubwa, Abuja;
- (iii) Staff and Students of *Premier International School*, Wuse II, Abuja;
- (iv) Staff and Students of *Nigeria-Ghana International College*, Kuje, Abuja.
- (v) Staff and Students of *Abundant Life Private School*, Kuje, Abuja; and
- (vi) Staff and Students of *C. Blossom Kids Academy and Blossom College*, Lugbe, Abuja.

(b) *Nigeria-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group:*

Mr Speaker announced membership of the Nigeria-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Mukhtar Ahmed | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Babajimi Benson Adegöke | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Henry Okon Archibong | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Magaji Jafar Abubakar | — | <i>Member</i> |

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| (5) | Hon. Suleiman Abubakar | — | Member |
| (6) | Hon. Mohammed A. Abdulmumini | — | Member |
| (7) | Hon. Adigun Abbass | — | Member |
| (8) | Hon. Ozurigbo Ugonna | — | Member |
| (9) | Hon. Afe Oberuakpefe Anthony | — | Member |
| (10) | Hon. Joseph Bello | — | Member |

(c) **Appointment of Leadership of some Committees:**

Mr Speaker announced the appointment of the following Members as Chairman and Deputy Chairmen as a result of vacancies in some Committees

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| (1) | Hon. Makama Misau Ibrahim | — | Chairman, Committee on Privatization and Commercialization; |
| (2) | Hon. Bashir Mashema | — | Deputy Chairman, Committee on Climate Change; |
| (3) | Hon. Agunsoye Oluwarotimi | — | Deputy Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs; |
| (4) | Hon. Muhammed Fatuhu | — | Deputy Chairman, Committee on Tertiary Institutions and Services. |

5. **Petitions**

- (i) A petition from Ugorgi Appeal and 1 other, on their dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Nnam-Obi Uchechukwu George (*Ahoada East/Abua/Odual Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Augustine Adeyanju, on his dismissal from the service of the Defence Intelligence Agency, was presented and laid by Hon. Adeogun Adejoro (*Akoko South West/Akoko East Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) A petition from R. A. Adeboyeje, on the termination of his appointment as Provost of Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo, Ondo State, was presented and laid by Hon. Ikengboju Dele Gboluga (*Okitipupa/Irele Federal Constituency*); and
- (iv) A petition from Augustine Uroye, on behalf of Igboḍi community, Udu Local Government Area, Delta State, on the abandonment of Igboḍi community access road and drain by Messrs Asphalt & Construction Company and the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), was presented and laid by Hon. Thomas Ereyitomi (*Warri South/Warri West/Warri North Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

Need to Investigate the Slow Pace of Work on Three (3) Critical Federal Government Road Projects — Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Abuja-Kaduna-Zaria-Kano Expressway and 2nd Niger Bridge:

Hon. Ifeanyi Chudy Momah (*Ihiala Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need to Investigate the Slow Pace of Work on Three (3) Critical Federal Government Road Projects — Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Abuja-Kaduna-Zaria-Kano Expressway and 2nd Niger Bridge:

The House:

Notes that there is evidence of slow pace of work on three (3) critical road projects of the Federal Government, namely Lagos - Ibadan Expressway, Abuja-Kaduna-Zaria-Kano expressway and the 2nd Niger Bridge, and the resultant traffic congestion; fatal accidents experienced daily with a downturn in the economy of the States bordering these projects due to the slow pace of work;

Also notes that these critical projects were designated to be funded under the Presidential Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) domiciled with the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA) so as to ensure proper and prompt funding;

Further notes that despite the prompt release of funds by Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA) the projects are lagging behind schedule, even though as of December 2019, the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA) has released the following amounts:

- ₦19, 520,949,317.16 for Section 1 of Lagos - Ibadan Expressway,
- ₦80, 242,079,039.46 for 2nd Niger Bridge,
- ₦50,856,044,301.27 for Abuja-Kaduna-Zaria-Kano Road.

Totalling the sum of ₦150,619,072,657.89;

Aware that there is also a potential conflict of interest in Julius Berger Nigeria Plc's involvement in the 2nd Niger Bridge, made up of 3 sections, viz:

- (1) Phase 1 which is the Bridge,
- (2) Phase 2a which is Benin to Asaba Expressway, and
- (3) Phase 2b which is Onitsha to Enugu Expressway and that Phase 1 of the Job was to be awarded on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer basis under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) scheme, while Phase 2a and 2b were to be awarded as traditional contracts;

Worried that the same job has now been awarded to Julius Berger Plc for ₦206 billion, as against the cost of ₦118 billion valued by Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) when a Swiss challenge bid process ought to be adopted to avoid a situation of potential conflict of interest;

Concerned that Julius Berger Plc is involved in all these three critical projects and other major road projects under SUKUK, and that all these projects are lagging behind schedule, which brings to question Julius Berger's capacity to handle the projects simultaneously;

Also concerned that the use of Direct Procurement (Section 42 of the Public Procurement Act) in awarding these projects as against the Opening Competitive Bidding (Section 24 of the Public Procurement Act) has deprived Nigerians of transparency, due process and potential to save money;

Also aware that even though funding has never been the issue, the Abacha looted funds to be repatriated home has been projected to fund most of these projects;

Resolves to mandate the Committee on Works to determine:

- (i) the capacity of the contractor to deliver the contracts awarded as scheduled, and why it must

- (ii) the level of work done on Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Abuja-Kaduna-Zaria-Kano Expressway and 2nd Niger Bridge in order to determine if the amount disbursed so far has a commensurate value with the job done till date;
- (iii) if there is a potential conflict of interest in awarding the contracts to a single contractor; and
- (iv) if the contract sums have been inflated and report back in four (4) weeks (*Hon. Ifeanyi Chudry Momah — Ihiala Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that there is evidence of slow pace of work on three (3) critical road projects of the Federal Government, namely Lagos - Ibadan Expressway, Abuja-Kaduna-Zaria-Kano expressway and the 2nd Niger Bridge, and the resultant traffic congestion, fatal accidents experienced daily with a downturn in the economy of the States bordering these projects due to the slow pace of work;

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Also aware that even though funding has never been the issue, the Abacha looted funds to be repatriated home has been projected to fund most of these projects;

Resolved to mandate the Committee of Works to determine:

- (i) the capacity of the contractor to deliver the contracts awarded as scheduled, and why it must always be the same contractor;
- (ii) the level of work done on Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Abuja-Kaduna-Zaria-Kano Expressway and 2nd Niger Bridge in order to determine if the amount disbursed so far has a commensurate value with the job done till date;
- (iii) if there is a potential conflict of interest in awarding the contracts to a single contractor; and
- (iv) if the contract sums have been inflated and report back in four (4) weeks (HR. 63/02/2020).

7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Chartered Institute of Health Insurance and Managed Care of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 749).
- (2) Federal University of Agriculture, Jalingo (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 750).
- (3) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB. 751).
- (4) Criminal Code Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 752).
- (5) Electoral Offences Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 753).

8. Presentation of Reports

- (i) *Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of the Non-Remittance of Contributions to the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF):*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Investigation of the Non-Remittance of Contributions to the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) by the Federal, States and Local Governments, Parastatals, Public Corporations and Companies (HR.41/07/2019)" (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (ii) *Committee on Public Petitions:*
Petition by International Recruitment Services:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by International Recruitment Services against the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) on the unlawful Arrest, Detention, Maltreatment and Threat to life" (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petition by Chidi Henry Onyiuke and Co:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Chidi Henry Onyiuke and Co against the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) on the unexplained, deliberate, oppressive and continued withholding of Master Akachukwu Mathew Onyiuke's 2019 JAMB result" (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petition by Ayuba Dantoro:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ayuba Dantoro against the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) on wrongful dismissal from the service of National Space Research and Development Agency" (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Petition by International Trading and Contracting Limited and Others:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by the International Trading and Contracting Limited, Federal Ministries of Transports and Finance, Green Stratos Consulting Firm, the Managing Director of Infrastructure Concession and Regulatory Commission, the SSG, Anambra State Government and the Managing Director, Esylum Company Limited against the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) on the Onitsha Sea Port Concession" (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. **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. 239, HB. 360 and HB. 488) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Provide Special Financial Support, Training and Modern Security Equipment for the Revamping of the Nigerian Armed Forces; and for Related Matters (HB.742) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide Special Financial Support, Training and Modern Security Equipment for the Revamping of the Nigerian Armed Forces; and for Related Matters (HB.742) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Babajimi Benson — Ikorodu 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 Defence.

11. Suspension of Plenary

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do take 15 minutes recess." (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

Agreed to.

House on Recess — 1.33 p.m.

House in Plenary — 1.53 p.m.

12. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Sports, Afuze, Edo State and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.628) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Sports, Afuze, Edo State and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.628) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Julius O. Ihonvbere — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, and Sports.

13. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Mubi, Adamawa State; and for Related Matters (HB.679) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Mubi, Adamawa State; and for Related Matters (HB.679) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Jaafar Abubakar Magaji — Maiha/Mubi North/Mubi South 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 Healthcare Services.

14. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Bida, Niger State for the Purpose of Providing Qualitative Education in Medicine and Health Sciences; and for Related Matters (HB.411) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Bida, Niger State for the Purpose of Providing Qualitative Education in Medicine and Health Sciences; and for Related Matters (HB.411) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Saidu Musa Abdullahi — Bida/Gbako/Katcha Federal Constituency).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, and Health Institutions.

15. 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) Chartered Institute of Auctioneers of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 702),
- (ii) Nigeria French Language Village (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.737),
- (iii) Nigeria Arabic Language Village (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.738), and
- (iv) Federal Polytechnics Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.711);

Aware that the Bills were re-gazetted as HB. 702, HB. 737, HB. 738 and HB. 711 respectively and read the first time;

Resolves to:

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

Agreed to.

16. Need to Assess the Quality of Work on the Abuja-Lokoja Dual Carriageway

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the contract for reconstruction of Abuja-Lokoja Expressway was awarded to Messrs Dantata and Sawoe, RCC Nigeria Ltd, Bullentine Construction Company Nigeria Ltd and Gitto Construzioni Generali Nigeria Limited in 2006 with some of the contractors having completed their sections while others appear not to be performing;

Also notes that the dual carriageway has become dangerous for thousands of Nigerians that ply the very busy road with strange folds, contours and potholes that have continued to frighten drivers and passengers, thus leading to harrowing travelling experiences with the stretches between Giri junction to the main Gwagwalada town and between Abaji and Lokoja being the worst sections;

Further notes that the 196 kilometers highway is one of the most critical roads in the country, being the major link between the North and South for the movement of people and goods through vehicular transportation;

Equally notes that the road has turned to a death trap as a result of heavy traffic and badly constructed portions which have led to daily multiple accidents resulting to deaths and destruction of properties worth several millions of naira;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Works and Housing to carry out an evaluation of the contract for the reconstruction of Abuja-Lokoja dual carriageway to assess the quality and durability of the construction and ascertain its conformity with the architectural and engineering designs in line with the contract specification;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with the Ministry of Works and Housing and stakeholders to review the conflicting issues on the construction of the Abuja-Lokoja Expressway with a view to balancing information on the state of reconstruction of the road and report back in four weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Hassan Abdullahi -- Bassa/Dekina Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 64/02/2020).

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

17. Need to Complete the Abandoned Owena Multipurpose Dam Project

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Six (6) Local Government Areas of Akure South, Akure North, Idanre, Ifedore, Ondo East and Ondo West that make up Ondo Central Senatorial District of Ondo State are being unfairly denied access to potable water and other associated benefits due to the long abandonment of the Owena Multipurpose Dam Project which rehabilitation is however, ongoing;

Recalls that the Federal Government, in partnership with Ondo State Government embarked on the wholesale rehabilitation of Owena Dam more than a decade ago through the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and the Benin/Owena River Basin Development Authority;

Aware that the dam, which has one of the biggest reservoirs in the South West region of Nigeria, had since been converted to a multipurpose use in line with the functions of the River Basin Development Authorities;

Also aware that the Owena Multipurpose Dam located at Igbara-oke in Ifedore Local Government of Ondo State with a capacity for 60,000 cubic meters per day can provide potable water for almost 2,000,000 persons and industries in the six local government areas on a daily basis and aside the supply of potable water, the multipurpose dam is also designed to serve the purpose of hydro-power generation, irrigation, fishing, recreation, tourism and ecosystem protection;

Informed that the construction of the dam and the water treatment plant are basically the responsibility of the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Benin/Owena River Basin Development Authority while the responsibility of reticulation from the water treatment plant to the beneficial communities and towns making up the six local government areas is that of Ondo State Government;

Concerned that the dam rehabilitation project, which had attained 70% completion, has remained abandoned for more than a decade now, despite the enormous resources already committed to the project;

Further concerned that while the proposed beneficial communities area still struggling to obtain their drinking water and water for other uses from unhygienic sources, the roads leading to the dam have already succumbed to destructive impacts of erosion and the entire project site has also been taken over by weeds and all sorts of harmful reptiles;

Also concerned that Owena Multipurpose dam, which has the potential to effectively irrigate 5,000 hectares of land, is at best now only able to irrigate a meagre 300 hectares of land with the use of center pivot irrigation system;

Cognizant of the need to ensure the completion of abandoned Owena Multi-Purpose Dam project in order to save the hapless citizens from needless miseries;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Water Resources to investigate the reasons for the abandonment of the Owena Multi-Purpose Dam Project and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Tajudeen Adeyemi Adefisoye — Idanre/Ifedore Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 65/02/2020).

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

18. **Provision of Adequate Road Traffic Signs on Federal Highways**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has about 194,394 kilometres of road network which is the largest in Sub-Saharan Africa;

Aware that most of those roads were built more than 40 years ago and are not being properly maintained over the years, as a result some of the signs put up on the roads have been destroyed or blocked by trees and shrubs;

Also aware that one of the most integral elements of smooth flow of traffic on the highways is the proper posting of and visibility of road signs which indicate the condition of the highways to the drivers;

Worried that most dangerous areas on the highway such as sharp bends, uphill, downhill and blind spots do not have adequate warning signs and construction of site a situation that has resulted in many avoidable accidents;

Also worried some of the Armed Forces check points on the federal highways don't have caution traffic signs from 50 meters away to the barricade indicating the existence of road blocks, and this has caused many avoidable accidents;

Concerned that the rate at which accidents occur in Nigeria is very alarming, especially during festive periods with no fewer than 2,598 Nigerians in road accidents between October 2017 and March 2018 according to statistics by the Federal Road Safety Commission;

Aware that physical disability and morbidity from road accidents do affect the young and the economically productive age groups and sometimes those who survive often endure a diminished quality of life from deformities and disabilities;

Cognizant that providing adequate road signs will mitigate road accidents on the highways;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure that traffic signs are installed on all federal highways;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to provide interim measures before permanent signs are put up along the highways;
- (iii) further urge Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure that all federal highways do not have trees, shrubs and other obstacles close to them;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Works, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Victor Mela — Balanga/Biliri Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(IIR. 66/02/2020).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

19. **Need to Introduce Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) as a subject in Primary and Secondary Schools' Curriculum and Provide them with Basic First Aid and Skills**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the rampant cases of "sudden death" of adults of various age groups in the country which are medically attributed to cardiac arrests or heart failures;

Worried by the dearth of medical emergency services in the country which leaves victims at the 'mercy' of passers-by who often complicate matters by crowding the victim and stifling the much needed fresh air;

Also worried by the trauma and hardships most families pass through when they lose breadwinners through sudden death which otherwise would have been prevented;

Cognizant of misconceptions and suspicions that arise in families and communities when someone dies suddenly and the crisis the suspicions fuel in those facilities and communities;

Aware that in many countries with health emergency-enlightened populace, deaths are preventable because majority of the citizens have basic training in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and other first aid treatment methods;

Also aware that Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is a simple medical procedure which involves repeated cycles of compression of the chest and artificial respiration on a victim of cardiac arrest to maintain blood circulation and oxygenation in the victim;

Further aware that if CPR is introduced as a subject in primary and secondary schools, it will lead to saving the lives of victims of cardiac arrest in the country as our young ones will automatically become first responders during cardiac related emergencies as well as other life threatening emergencies;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education to introduce Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) as a compulsory subject in all primary and secondary schools in the country;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Health and the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to undertake public enlightenment campaigns towards educating Nigerians on symptoms that may precede a cardiac-arrest and the need for routine medical checkups;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Basic Education and Services, and Healthcare Services to ensure compliance (*Hôn. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

◦ *Debate.*

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the rampant cases of "sudden death" of adults of various age groups in the country which are medically attributed to cardiac arrests or heart failures;

Worried by the dearth of medical emergency services in the country which leaves victims at the 'mercy' of passers-by who often complicate matters by crowding the victim and stifling the much needed fresh air;

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Aware that in many countries with health emergency-enlightened populace, deaths are preventable because majority of the citizens have basic training in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and other first aid treatment methods;

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- (iii) mandate the Committees on Basic Education and Services, and Healthcare Services to ensure compliance (**HR. 67/02/2020**).

20. **Need to Investigate the unwarranted Extortion of Truck Operators and other Port users by Law Enforcement Agents at Apapa Port.**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Apapa Port in Lagos has been enmeshed in crisis and traffic gridlock over a long time which led to the establishment of a Presidential Task Team to restore law and order on the roads leading to the nation's seaports;

Also notes that a team of law enforcement agents comprising men of the Nigeria Police Force, Lagos State Traffic Management Agency (LASTMA) and others are at the Port to maintain law and order and control vehicular movement in and out of the Port, particularly, movement of trucks going in to load and unload containers at the Port;

Worried that the law enforcement agents that are supposed to maintain law and order at the Port have now formed a "cartel" in cahoot with unscrupulous staff of APM Terminals, Apapa/Nigerian Ports Authority, extorting money from each truck operator in amounts ranging from ₦200,000.00 to ₦300,000.00 to gain entrance into the Port, to load or offload containers and this ugly trend has been going on unabated for years, but became worse after the Naval officers were removed from the operations, as the sum of ₦60,000.00 to ₦100,000.00 were extorted when the Naval Officers were in charge of the operation;

Also worried that as a result of the activities of the law enforcement agents, a truck may spend up to two months before gaining access into the terminal which is causing a lot of hardships and huge increase in the cost of doing business which may inevitably lead to unrest and break down of law and order by the frustrated and oppressed truck operators;

Aware that the Federal Government has been making frantic efforts to facilitate ease of doing business at the Port but it appears that there is a deliberate effort by some people or groups of people to frustrate the efforts of the government because of their selfish interests;

Concerned about the general perception, especially, by importers and exporters and exporters, clearing and forwarding agents and truck operators that the problems are lingering because of the belief that the leadership of the law enforcement agencies concerned were benefiting directly or indirectly from the crises, hence, there is no incentive for them to proffer enduring solution;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Ports Authority and the concessionaire, APM Terminals, Apapa (APMT) to fashion out modalities and processes that will be in conformity with international best practices on truck management at the Port;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works and Housing to investigate the activities of law enforcement agents and terminal operators at Apapa Port with a view to finding a lasting solution to the suffering of the truck operators at the Port and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Olusola Steve Fatoba — Ado Ekiti/Irepodun/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Prayer (ii) and *insert* as follows:

"Mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, National Security and Intelligence, Ports and Harbours, and Inland Waterways, to investigate the activities of the Law Enforcement Agents and Terminal Operators at Apapa Port with a view to finding a lasting solution to the suffering of the truck operators at the port and report back within four (4) weeks" (*Hon. Ndudi Ehumelu — Aniocha/Oshimili Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Notes that the Apapa Port in Lagos has been enmeshed in crisis and traffic gridlock over a long time which led to the establishment of a Presidential Task Team to restore law and order on the roads leading to the nation's seaports;

Also notes that a team of law enforcement agents comprising men of the Nigeria Police Force, Lagos State Traffic Management Agency (LASTMA) and others are at the Port to maintain law and order and control vehicular movement in and out of the Port, particularly, movement of trucks going in to load and unload containers at the Port;

Worried that the law enforcement agents that are supposed to maintain law and order at the Port have now formed a "cartel" in cahoot with unscrupulous staff of APM Terminals, Apapa/Nigerian Ports Authority, extorting money from each truck operator in amounts ranging from ₦200,000.00 to ₦300,000.00 to gain entrance into the Port, to load or offload containers and this ugly trend has been going on unabated for years, but became worse after the Naval officers were removed from the operations, as the sum of ₦60,000.00 to ₦100,000.00 were extorted when the Naval Officers were in charge of the operation;

Also worried that as a result of the activities of the law enforcement agents, a truck may spend up to two months before gaining access into the terminal which is causing a lot of hardships and huge increase in the cost of doing business which may inevitably lead to unrest and break down of law and order by the frustrated and oppressed truck operators;

Aware that the Federal Government has been making frantic efforts to facilitate ease of doing business at the Port but it appears that there is a deliberate effort by some people or groups of people to frustrate the efforts of the government because of their selfish interests;

Concerned about the general perception, especially, by importers and exporters and exporters, clearing and forwarding agents and truck operators that the problems are lingering because of the belief that the leadership of the law enforcement agencies concerned were benefiting directly or indirectly from the crises, hence, there is no incentive for them to proffer enduring solution;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Ports Authority (i) and the concessionaire, APM Terminals, Apapa (APMT) to fashion out modalities and processes that will be in conformity with international best practices on truck management at the Port; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, National Security and Intelligence, Ports and Harbours, and Inland Waterways, to investigate the activities of the Law Enforcement Agents and Terminal Operators at Apapa Port with a view to finding a lasting solution to the suffering of the truck operators at the port and report back within four (4) weeks (HR. 68/02/2020).

21. Need to Encourage Basic Medical Checkups by Nigerians

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that medical checkups are exercises that detect life-threatening health conditions or diseases on time as well as provision of more education about one's own health so as to keep him/her on top of it;

Also aware that it is not just hardship and insufficiency that prevents people from going for periodic medical checkups but ignorance and interest since well-to-do individuals in the society also fail to take advantage of this provision to live longer and at the same time stay healthy;

Notes that much as medical checkups are very vital to all, public awareness and sensitization of citizens on need to go for medical checkups are still at the lowest level;

Concerned that such failures and negligence by citizens have brought about the prevailing health hazards, high rate of untimely deaths, complications in cases that ordinarily would have been effectively managed, had they been handled early enough;

Also concerned that the inability to go for basic medical checkups have led to loss of many lives while other cases have become unimaginably complicated with terminal consequences or unaffordable treatment levels;

Cognizant that if nothing is done to support some individuals and corporate bodies who have, at various levels, introduced and provided medical checkups, the situation would become unbearable with more severe consequences;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to provide the devices and logistics for basic checkups as obtained during the campaign against the spread of Ebola Scourge;
- (ii) encourage all Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Schools and corporate bodies to facilitate the compliance with basic medical checks by their staff members;
- (iii) also urge the Ministries Departments and Agencies and Corporate bodies to deploy funds raised through National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to provide regular basic medical checks for their staff and family members;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to engage the Federal Ministry of Health, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and other stakeholders in the health sector to urgently commence public awareness campaigns to sensitize the citizens on the need to present themselves for periodic medical checkups (*Hon. Dozie Ferdinand Nwankwo -- Njikoka/Dunukofia/Anaocha Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to:

The House:

Aware that medical checkups are exercises that detect life-threatening health conditions or diseases on time as well as provision of more education about one's own health so as to keep him/her on top of it;

Also aware that it is not just hardship and insufficiency that prevents people from going for periodic medical checkups but ignorance and interest since well-to-do individuals in the society also fail to take advantage of this provision to live longer and at the same time stay healthy;

Notes that much as medical checkups are very vital to all, public awareness and sensitization of citizens on need to go for medical checkups are still at the lowest level;

Concerned that such failures and negligence by citizens have brought about the prevailing health hazards, high rate of untimely deaths, complications in cases that ordinarily would have been effectively managed, had they been handled early enough;

Also concerned that the inability to go for basic medical checkups have led to loss of many lives while other cases have become unimaginably complicated with terminal consequences or unaffordable treatment levels;

Cognizant that if nothing is done to support some individuals and corporate bodies who have, at various levels, introduced and provided medical checkups, the situation would become unbearable with more severe consequences;

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- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to provide the devices and logistics for basic checkups as obtained during the campaign against the spread of Ebola Scourge;
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22. Need to Investigate the Management, Disbursement and Infrastructure Delivery by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund in Public Institutions in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria in 2011 and saddled with the responsibility of managing, disbursing and monitoring Educational Tax for Government owned tertiary institutions in Nigeria;

Also notes that Government institutions were poorly funded and the scheme was designed to improve on management of funds disbursed to those institutions and to engage in the rehabilitation, restoration and consolidation of tertiary Education in Nigeria;

Aware that the funds are made available to public institutions to provide focused and transformative interventions in public tertiary institutions, especially in areas of infrastructure and equipment;

Concerned that even with TETFUND, the rate at which Nigerian Universities are fast decaying is alarming due to the fact that all the resources needed for educational production processes; hostels, library space, well ventilated and conducive lecture halls, equipped laboratories, updated students books and journals, office spaces, among others, are in short supply;

Worried that the condition of learning in Nigerian tertiary institutions are demeaning and retrogressing at a very fast rate;

Desirous that a pragmatic approach be taken in the utilization of funds already released to the institutions;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to investigate projects delivery in government institutions, with regard to TETFUND funding and also identify core needs and areas in different institutions that require urgent attention and report back within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Emmanuel Ukong-Udo — Ikono/Ini Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In line 2 of the Prayer, immediately after the words "TETFUND funding", *leave out* the words "and also identify core needs and areas in different institutions that require urgent attention" (*Hon. Ndudi Elumelu — Aniocha/Oshimili Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria in 2011 and saddled with the responsibility of managing, disbursing and monitoring Educational Tax for Government owned tertiary institutions in Nigeria;

Also noted that Government institutions were poorly funded and the scheme was designed to improve on management of funds disbursed to those institutions and to engage in the rehabilitation, restoration and consolidation of tertiary Education in Nigeria;

Aware that the funds are made available to public institutions to provide focused and transformative interventions in public tertiary institutions, especially in areas of infrastructure and equipment;

Concerned that even with TETFUND, the rate at which Nigerian Universities are fast decaying is alarming due to the fact that all the resources needed for educational production processes; hostels, library space, well ventilated and conducive lecture halls, equipped laboratories, updated students books and journals, office spaces, among others, are in short supply;

Worried that the condition of learning in Nigerian tertiary institutions are demeaning and retrogressing at a very fast rate;

Desirous that a pragmatic approach be taken in the utilization of funds already released to the institutions;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to investigate projects delivery in government institutions, with regard to TETFUND funding and report back within four (4) weeks (HR. 70/02/2020).

23. **Consideration of Reports**

- (i) *A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Agriculturists and to make Provisions for Establishment, Function and Administration of Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists; and for Related Matters (HB.104) (Committee of the Whole):*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- (ii) *A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Sabon Gida, Langtang to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 291) (Committee of the Whole):*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- (iii) *A Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria (ICCON) Act, Cap. 112, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Role of Chemists, the Regulation of Practicing Fees by Members of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 180) (Committee of the Whole):*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria (ICCON) Act, Cap. 112, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Role of Chemists, the Regulation of Practicing Fees by Members of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 180)" (Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega — Aliero/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED CHEMISTS OF NIGERIA (ICCON) ACT, CAP. 112, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ROLE OF CHEMISTS, THE REGULATION OF PRACTICING FEES BY MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Consideration deferred to enable it re-examine the provisions of the Bill.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria (ICCON) Act, Cap. 112, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Role of Chemists, the Regulation of Practicing Fees by Members of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 180).

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

24. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 3 March, 2020 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.16 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker



