



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 11 June, 2020

1. The House met at 10.33 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, 10 June, 2020.  
*The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.*
4. **Announcement**  
**Confirmation of Appointment:**  
Mr Speaker announced the confirmation of the appointment of Patrick Ahonkhai Giwa as the Clerk of the House of Representatives with effect from Monday, 26 November, 2018.
5. **Address by Mr Speaker**

### PROTOCOLS

*Good morning honourable colleagues and thank you all for your presence here this morning.*

2. *It is my pleasure to welcome you to this special day in the House of Representatives. I congratulate all of you on the first anniversary of our term in office, and I thank you most graciously for your services to our nation during the past year.*
3. *It is in keeping with the character of this 9th assembly that on the occasion of our first anniversary, we are gathered here in one accord to carry on the work to which we have dedicated ourselves. We have assembled to recommit ourselves to the goal of realising through legislative action, a peaceful country of prosperous citizens, living their best lives and achieving their highest aspirations. Honourable colleagues, you have in the last year, been dignified and forthright in your conduct. You have carried yourselves in the manner befitting of those whose voice carries within it the dreams of a nation. Because of your good service, it will not be said of us, that we failed to answer the call of service, or that having answered the call, we fell short of the responsibility to which we were called. I thank you all most graciously.*

4. *It is our fate to have assumed office at a time of global upheaval, with relentless change, both intended and unintended, cascading all around us to remake our world. We have been handed an opportunity to rebuild our country, to finally put Nigeria in a position to achieve the greatness long foretold yet too long unattained. We govern at a time of national consensus in favour of radical change. It is now, therefore, our responsibility to harness this consensus and to fashion therefrom, a future that is fairer than everything that came before and abundantly more prosperous than it ever has been.*

5. *We had begun on this path last year when within three months of our inauguration we adopted a Legislative Agenda that was bold in its commitment to reform, specific in its objectives and clear on the methods to achieve those purposes. We committed to delivering a fixed budget cycle, and by December of 2019, we had done exactly that. We committed to ensuring that Nigerians, wherever they may live, at home and abroad, are always assured of the support and protection of the people's House. Time and time again, we lived up that commitment in South Africa, in China and everywhere and every time the interests of our people were endangered.*

6. *This 9th House of Representatives has consistently extended a hand of cooperation to organised labour. It has become a virtual certainty that it is to the House that the representatives of labour will first turn to seek resolution of crises that affect the welfare of their members and threaten to disrupt our economy and essential services including education and healthcare. Like us, organised labour in this country represent ordinary men and women who are doing their best to provide for their families and be satisfied in the accomplishment of earning a good living by the efforts of their own hands. When parliament joins in common cause with labour, we reaffirm a historical partnership that accounts for much of the social progress in the world over the last century.*

7. *Our interventions on these and other matter of national importance did not interfere with or decrease the pace of our legislative output. We have in our first year, passed thirty-seven (37) long-awaited and much-anticipated legislation including reforms of the Federal Government's public procurement system, the Company and Allied Matters Act and the Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts Act. We have proposed and passed legislation to achieve electric power sector reform, establish a process of presidential transition that ensures continuity in government and limits the possibility of political or constitutional crisis arising from anticipated or sudden shifts of presidential power.*

8. *We heard the cries of those of our brothers and sister who being less able-bodied than others, have found their opportunities for advancement in education and professional prospects, curtailed and constrained. We passed on their behalf, the Physically Challenged (Empowerment) Bill, 2019 to promote accessibility and ensure that the barriers that stand in the way of people achieving their dreams no longer exist. We have delivered the Nigeria Industrial Revolution Plan Bill, and the Raw Materials Research and Development Council (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, both of which will place our country on the path to industrial self-sufficiency and economic growth that lifts people out of poverty, creates jobs that pay a living wage and ensures that more of our people can contribute to the continued development of communities across the nation.*

9. *When the deadly Coronavirus arrived on our shores, it exposed the structural weaknesses of our system. We did not foresee, nor where we prepared for the global devastation of the COVID-19 disease. We were not ready to fight an enemy of this nature, and our lack of preparation has caused a great deal of loss and despair across our nation. We are still at risk of more severe damage to our economy and our national security. All of this is in addition to the existing threat of disease and loss of lives at a scale we will not long forget. I pray for the ill and the recovering, and I commit the dearly departed to a peaceful afterlife and ask for God's grace on those they have left behind.*

10. *This House of Representatives responded to the emergence of the Coronavirus by passing in one session, the Emergency Economic Stimulus Bill as the first response by any arm of government to the economic issues that we foresaw would be the consequence of the arrival of this disease on our shores. The Federal Government of Nigeria has long since begun to adopt and implement provisions of that Bill by granting deferrals on loan payments owed to federal Government institutions and lifting*

tax restrictions on the importation of essential medical goods needed in the fight against COVID-19 in the country. I also set up a COVID-19 Response Strategy Team (CRST) in my office to support the development and implementation of legislative interventions in response to the weaknesses that have been revealed by our management of the pandemic and the economic and social challenges arising therefrom.

11. In addition, members of the House contributed two months of our salaries to the Fund to fight COVID-19 in the country and inspired others to do the same across the country in whatever measure they could. We set up an Ad-hoc Committee to carry out robust and joined-up oversight of the Federal Government's response to COVID-19. We advocated for and achieved greater accountability and equity in the allocation and distribution of palliatives to those of our citizens most in need of assistance. We have initiated and are committed to a comprehensive overhaul of the statutory framework for managing Public Health emergencies in the country. Just this week, as part of the amendment of the 2020 Appropriation Act, we provided the sum of Four Billion Naira to provide for the welfare of doctors in Nigeria. This is of particular importance at this time when we are managing the public health crisis of COVID-19 in Nigeria.

12. Though much has been done, there is much yet left to do. Nobody in this room has ever witnessed a time such as this in all our lives. If any good will come from this crisis, it will be from the renewed recognition that we need quick and effective action in the immediate term, to unshackle our economy from the restrictions of law and regulation that have too long stood in the way of innovation and investment. We are all now affirmative believers in the need for a robust social welfare system, built on accurate data, including a comprehensive national identity database that includes registration of births and deaths across the country. The global upheaval, as a result of the killing of George Floyd and many others in the United States of America, is a stark warning to us that if we continue to ignore the failings of policing here at home, the moment of reckoning will not long be upon us. The alarming rate of assaults against women and children all over Nigeria calls for nothing short of a state of emergency to mobilise government resources towards ending once and for all the scourge of sexual and gender-based violence in Nigeria.

13. It was in recognition of these realities and more that we resolved to conduct a review of the Legislative Agenda of the House of Representatives as the first step towards designing a post-COVID plan to address the identified weakness of our nationhood. The Ad-hoc Committee that we appointed for that purpose have concluded their assignment, and will today present the updated Agenda to the House. The updated Agenda, once adopted by the House, ceases to be a statement of intent, it becomes a contract with the Nigerian people. This is a binding agreement between the House and the Nigerian people, which will be used to measure the impact of our public service and hold us accountable for the rest of our time in office. The updated Agenda includes clearly defined legislative interventions in the immediate, medium and long term. We will yearly return to that document to appraise our performance and conduct a candid assessment of our efforts.

14. After our deliberations today, printed copies of the updated Agenda will be provided to all the members and committees of the House. When we resume for the new session, legislative proposals brought for consideration by the House will receive priority in line with the objectives as set out in the Legislative Agenda. Please use the opportunity of this recess to present the Agenda to constituents and stakeholder groups in your communities. Engage with them, so they understand what we have undertaken to do, and the role they have to play in this joint task of nation-building. Let us also use the time to identify in the Agenda, those areas of policy where we each have particular interest and expertise so that we can begin now to develop legislative proposals that will be approved and slated for consideration as soon as possible. We no longer have the luxury of time, and we must act with the urgency that this moment requires.

15. Honourable Colleagues, the day you elected me as your Speaker, was one of the highest honours of my life. I will never forget, and I will never relent from the commitment I made to you on that day to "use the legislative platform and the instrumentality of the law to make Nigeria a better

and more perfect union". I assure you that I will always strive to ensure the unity of this House, recognising the particular concerns of the different constituencies that make up our great and beloved nation. I assure all Nigerians of our ongoing commitment to our country whose call we have obeyed, whose cause we have sworn to defend until that day when peace and unity, justice and prosperity is the inheritance of all who fly our nation's noble flag. We will return from our recess, refreshed and renewed in our determination to deliver on the promises we made in the updated Legislative Agenda. Our mission is clear, and our path is defined. With God on our side, and with the support of our people, we will not fail.

16. With all my heart, I thank you all for being here this morning.

17. God bless you, and God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

#### 6. Admittance into the Chamber

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House, pursuant to Order 19, Rule 8 (1) and (2) of the Standing Orders, do admit into the Chamber:

- (i) DCP Abba Kyari, and his team for the purpose of commendation for courage, determination, patriotism, exemplary crime fighting and prevention records and general outstanding performance of the Officers;
- (ii) the National Security Adviser, the Chief of Defence Staff, the Director-General, Department of States Service, and the Inspector-General of Police to brief the House on the efforts being made to improve the security situation and bring an end to incessant killings, kidnappings and armed banditry in the country" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

#### 7. Commendation of the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Abba Kyari

##### *Remarks by Mr Speaker:*

Mr Speaker remarked that DCP Abba Kyari has proved himself to be worthy of commendation for his gallant performance by putting his life on the line for Nigeria in the course of his job. He added that the greatest honour a man can receive is when he is recognized by the Legislature for his commitment and extraordinary performance. Mr Speaker emphasized that in spite of the image of the police in Nigeria, the House recognizes that some police officers are exemplary.

*By leave of the House, Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba, the House Leader, read the citation of DCP Abba Kyari as follows:*

*Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Abba Kyari was born into the family of late Alhaji Baba Kyari and Hajiya Yachilla Baba Kyari on the 17 March, 1975 at Gombe General Hospital in Gombe town, Gombe State, when his father left Maiduguri, Borno State to Gombe Teachers College to earn his Grade II Teachers Certificate, he is a native of Gujba Local Government Area of Yobe State, North East Nigeria.*

*He had his early education at Government Primary School and Government Secondary School Maiduguri Borno State; thereafter he proceeded to the University of Maiduguri, Borno State, where he bagged a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geography in 1997. He performed his National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) in Akwa Ibom State in the year 1998.*

*He was enlisted into the Nigeria Police Force on 1 May, 2000 as a Cadet Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), and he trained at the Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State.*

The young Abba Kyari was posted to Adamawa State Police Command in 2002 after graduating from the Nigeria Police Academy and was immediately posted to Song Police Division, where he did his one year mandatory attachment, he was later deployed as the Divisional Crime Officer (D.C.O) Numan, Adamawa State, he later served as Unit Commander 14 PMF Yola, 2 i/c SARS Lagos and O/C SARS Ikeja, Lagos between 2010-2015, he is presently the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) In-Charge of the Inspector General of Police Intelligence Response Team (IGP-IRT), Force Headquarters, Abuja.

He as a Police Officer, has attended both foreign and local courses that include; Combat operations Course Police Mobile Force 2001, 2006 and 2007, Citizenship and Leadership Training Shere Hills, Jos 2001, Trans-Border crimes and best ways to tackle them organized by ECOWAS in Abidjan, Ivory Coast and World conference on kidnapping and Extortion held in Columbia, 2017, International Leadership Program on Transnational Crimes, Kidnapping and Terrorism, on a Special invitation by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington D.C, U.S.A. held between April 15 - May 3, 2019.

He is a member International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and has received numerous awards both home and abroad, these awards include; Triple IGP Commendation Medal for Courage 2012, 2013, 2014, Triple Lagos State Governor's award for Gallantry, Leadership and Service excellence 2011, 2012, 2013, Lagos State Commissioner of Police Commendation Award for Courage 2011, Best Anti-Crime Police Officer in West Africa from Security Watch Africa, Star Award from CRAN 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, Star Award for Outstanding Gallantry in Africa 2018 by Security Watch Africa, Africa's Best Detective of the Year 2018, The Best Police Officer of the Decade Award, 2018 Hero of the Year Award by Silverbird Group and highest of them all Presidential Medal for Courage from President Mohammadu Buhari on 1/4/2016.

He has overseen many covert operations of many high profile cases that include:

1. Arrest of Nigeria's most notorious Kidnap kingpin Billionaire Kidnapper Chukwudumeme Onwaumadike Aka Evans in Lagos State and his Gangmembers, now Under Prosecution.
2. Arrest of the killers of former Chief of Defense Staff (CDS), Air Marshal Alex Badeh (rtd) along Keffi-Gitata Kaduna Road, Under Prosecution.
3. Arrest of the most wanted Boko-Haram Commander Umar Abdulmalik and Eight (8) of his Terrorists gang members, Under Investigations.
4. Arrest of Twenty-two (22) Boko-Haram Terrorist gang members responsible for the kidnap of the Chibok School Girls in 2014 and also responsible for series of suicide bombings/several attacks and ambush against Security Agents in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa States, Under Prosecution.
5. Captured the Most Deadly kidnapper in the history of Nigeria, Henry Chibueze Aka "Vampire" in Owerri, Imo State and his gang members, Under Prosecution.
6. Arrest of the Deadly Offa Bank robbers that invaded Offa Town, Kwara State and robbed five commercial Banks, the gang also murdered over Thirty-one (31) innocent Nigerians Making it the deadliest Bank Robbery in the History of Nigeria. Under Prosecution.
7. Arrest of kidnappers who kidnapped a serving Assistant Comptroller of Customs in Port Harcourt, Under Prosecution.
8. Arrest of a syndicate of kidnappers, armed bandits and their sponsors in Zamfara State, after the gang had kidnapped the twin sisters before their wedding, under Prosecution.

9. *Arrest of deadly armed robbers and murderers who escaped from lawful custody at SARS Lokoja, Kogi State, under Prosecution.*
10. *Arrest of deadly kidnappers responsible for the kidnap/murder of Mr John Iheanacho a staff of Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) President of Eastern Zone Investment Cooperative Society Ltd, in Port-Harcourt, Rivers State, Under Prosecution.*
11. *Arrest of suspect responsible for the murder of Lieutenant Abubakar Yahaya Yustif a serving Naval Officer and his girlfriend Miss Lorraine Onye in Rivers State, under Prosecution.*
12. *Arrest of deadly kidnappers responsible for the kidnap of two South African Citizens in Kaduna State, under Prosecution.*
13. *Arrest of the Terrorist responsible for the bombing of Kuje and Nyanya towns of Abuja and recovery of primed bombs in the FCT, under Prosecution.*
14. *Arrest of deadly kidnappers responsible for the kidnap of two Americans and two Canadians in Kaduna State, under Prosecution.*
15. *Arrest of a Notorious Criminal who threaten to kill the former Vice-President of Nigeria Atiku Abubakar and his Family, under Prosecution.*
16. *Arrest of the kidnappers of elder statesman Chief Olu Falae in Ondo State, Sentenced to Life imprisonment by Ondo State High Court.*
17. *Arrest of gang of deadly killers responsible for the killing of several innocent persons in Benue State and recovery of their operational weapons, under Prosecution.*
18. *Arrest of notorious arms dealer who specializes in selling arms to armed robbers, kidnappers in South-West/recovery of over Fifty arms and thousands of life ammunitions, under Prosecution.*
19. *Arrest of the most notorious armed robber in the South-West, Abiodun Egunjobi Aka "Godogodo" in Ibadan, Oyo State, he was responsible for the death of over Five hundred (500) innocent Nigerians and Police officers, under Prosecution.*
20. *Arrest of the kidnappers of the Turkish School Girls in Ogun and Lagos States, under Prosecution.*
21. *Arrest of the kidnappers/murderers of Barrister Sherif Yazid along Abuja- Kaduna Express road, under Prosecution.*
22. *Arrest of the most notorious kidnapping kingpin in Kogi State Hali Bello and twenty of his gang members, the gang had been terrorizing Kogi State and its environ for many years, who also kidnapped and murdered one Istifanus Gurama a senior staff of Dangote group, under Prosecution.*
23. *Arrest of more than Twenty (20) different gangs of kidnappers totaling over Three hundred (300) kidnappers and recovery of over Two hundred (200) AK-47 rifles and other dangerous weapons used in terrorizing Abuja-Kaduna-Kano Highways, under Prosecution.*
24. *Arrest of kidnappers/murderers of the Production Manager of Niger Delta Petroleum Resources Limited Mr. Ubani Onyema 'm' 64 years old, in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Under Prosecution.*

25. *Arrest of the most Notorious assassin in the South-West Ade Lawyer and his gang responsible for series of killings in various parts of Lagos State and South-Western Nigeria, under Prosecution.*
26. *Arrest of the Kidnappers of Isheri Landlords in Lagos State, under Prosecution.*
27. *Arrest of the Kidnappers of Eighty (80) years old Chief Felix Ogbona in Aba, Abia State, under Prosecution.*
28. *Arrest of assassins and masterminds who gruesomely murdered Mr Uba Emmanuel aka Onwa in Festac Town, Lagos State, under Prosecution.*
29. *Arrest of kidnappers of Dr Alex Pepple in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, under Prosecution.*
30. *Arrest of the Kidnappers of Ikorodu School Girls in Lagos State, under Prosecution.*
31. *Arrest of the kidnappers of CBN Governor's wife in Delta State, under Prosecution.*
32. *Arrest of the kidnappers of Ambassador Bagudu Hirse in Kaduna State, under Prosecution.*
33. *Arrest of the kidnappers of Serrie-Leonian Deputy High Commissioner in Kaduna State, under Prosecution.*
34. *Arrest of the kidnappers of former Minister of Finance Okonjo Iweala's Mother in Delta State, under Prosecution.*
35. *Arrest of Niger-Delta militants planning to bomb 3rd Mainland bridge/recovery of arms and explosives in Lagos State, under Prosecution.*
36. *Arrest of Niger Delta militants/notorious Kidnappers and recovery of GPMG, AK-47 rifles and military grenades in Port-harcourt, Rivers State, under Prosecution.*
37. *Arrest of notorious gang who planned to kidnap Nigerian billionaire Femi Otedola in Lagos State, under Prosecution.*
38. *Arrest of the kidnappers of Oniba of Iba a first class King in Lagos State, under Prosecution.*
39. *Arrest of kidnappers of Hon. Sani Bello, Member of House of Reps/Representing Mashi Federal Constituency of Katsina State (now late), under Prosecution.*
40. *Arrest of the Armed robbers/militants who attacked and robbed Lekki, Ikorodu, Festac and Agbara Banks in Ogun and Lagos State, under Prosecution.*
41. *Arrest of the kidnappers of the three (3) Orekoya's Children in Lagos State, under Prosecution.*
42. *Arrest of the kidnappers of former Chairman of Ejigbo LGA in Lagos State, under Prosecution.*
43. *Arrest of killers of Oyo State member of House of Assembly in Oyo State, under Prosecution.*
44. *Arrest of the kidnappers and Killers of Reverend Father Adeyi in Onukpo Benue State, Sentenced to Death by Benue State High Court.*
45. *Arrest of Kidnappers of Alhaji Salami in Abuja, under Prosecution.*

*Thank you very much.*

**8. Executive Session**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resolve into Closed Session to receive briefing from the National Security Adviser, the Chief of Defence Staff, the Director-General, Department of States Service, and the Inspector-General of Police to brief the House on the efforts being made to improve the security situation in the country and bring an end to incessant killings, kidnappings and armed banditry in the country" (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader).*

*House in Closed Session — 1.25 p.m.*

*House in Open Session — 3.35 p.m.*

**9. Presentation of Bills**

*Order deferred by leave of the House.*

**10. Amendment of Budget Size and Statutory Transfers**

*Motion made Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes the Constitutional requirements of share of Incremental Revenue by Statutory Agencies from the \$3/Barrel Oil Bench Mark price increase;*

*Also notes the approved increase in the Crude Oil Bench Mark price from \$25 to \$28 per barrel;*

*Observes that the application of the percentage of the \$3 per barrel as share of Revenue amounting to ₦5,256,207,430 to some Statutory Agencies was erroneously omitted in the recently passed budget;*

*Resolves:*

- (i) that the statutory transfer to NDDC be increased by its share: ₦1,746,411,240 (15% NDDC States share Federation Account);*
- (ii) that statutory transfer to NEDC be increased by its share: ₦816,871,125 (10% of North-East States of FAAC);*
- (iii) that statutory transfer to UBEC be increased by its share: ₦1,795,283,376 (2% of CRF);*
- (iv) that statutory transfer to Basic Health Care Fund is increased by its share: ₦897,641,688 (1% of CRF);*
- (v) that the total Statutory Transfer is hereby increased from ₦422,775,979,362 to a new figure of ₦428,032,186,792;*
- (vi) that the total budget size of ₦10,805,544,664,642, is thus increased by the above statutory share of revenue by the listed Agencies with a total of ₦5,256,207,430 bringing the new budget size to ₦10,810,800,872,072 (Hon. James Abiodun Faleke — Ikeja Federal Constituency).*

**Agreed to.**



11. **Presentation and Adoption of Updated Legislative Agenda, 2020 — 2023**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive and adopt the updated Legislative Agenda, 2020 - 2023" (Hon. Henry Okon Archibong — Itu/Ibiono Ibom Federal Constituency).*

*Agreed to.*

12. **Adjournment of First Sitting**  
*That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 3.50 p.m. (Hon. Hassan Abubakar Fulata — Birninwa/Guri/Kiri Kasamma Federal Constituency).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 3.40 p.m.*

**Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila**  
*Speaker*