



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 14 October, 2020

1. The House met at 11.29 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 Tuesday, 13 October, 2020.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Message**
Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

6th October, 2020

Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabamila
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Dear Rt Hon. F. Gbajabamila,

PROCEEDS OF CRIME (RECOVERY AND MANAGEMENT) BILL, 2020

I am pleased to inform the Honourable Members that the above mention Bill was presented to the Federal Executive Council, in Council memo EC (2020)159 on 16th September, 2020 and was subsequently approved for transmission to the National Assembly.

Please recall that this Bill was passed by the National Assembly in 2019 but was not granted assent due to some issues that were identified during the review.

The Proceeds of Crime Bill is essential and critical in building an enduring and sustainable foundation for the fight against corruption, money laundering and illicit movement of stolen funds through the banking system and across the Nigerian borders. The Bill will also improve the ability of law enforcement agencies to seize, freeze, and confiscate stolen assets in Nigeria while observing all related constitutional and human rights laws. This Bill will also address the problem of lack of transparency, accountability, and lack of credible records associated with the current procedure in the management of recovered funds by anti-corruption agencies and other institutions in Nigeria.

An important feature of the Bill is the creation of the Proceeds of Crime (Recovery and Management) Agency. The objects of the Agency include the enforcement and administration of the provisions of the Bill and the coordination of the recovery and management of the proceeds and instrumentalities of unlawful activity in Nigeria in collaboration with anti-corruption and other law enforcement agencies.

Most importantly, the Agency will ensure that Nigerians can benefit from proceeds of crime by ensuring that once recovery is made, the properties and assets will be secured and that the final forfeitures granted through a court order can be paid into the Confiscated and Forfeited Account to be domiciled in the Central Bank of Nigeria. These funds will be used for development projects approved by the National Assembly under the annual Appropriation Act and also support the work of the law enforcement and anti-corruption agencies.

It is my expectation that the House of Representatives will give the Bill expedited hearing and passage into law given the importance of the Bill in generating revenue for the country.

Please accept, Rt. Hon. Speaker, the assurances of my high regards and considerations.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

5. Announcement

(a) Appointment of Clerk of the House of Representatives:

Mr Speaker announced the appointment of Mr Francis Chinedu Akubueze as the Clerk of the House of Representatives with effect from Wednesday, 25 November, 2020.

(b) Membership of the Ad-hoc Committee on Petroleum Industry Bill:

Mr Speaker announced the following as additional members of the Ad-hoc Committee on Petroleum Industry Bill:

(i) Hon. Lawal Kolawale Wasiu

(ii) Hon. Alhassan Rurum Kabiru Usman.

6. Petition

A petition from Mubashiru Ashafa, on his dismissal from the service of the Nigerian Army, was presented and laid by Hon. Sarkin Adar Musa (*Goronyo/Gada Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the **Committee on Public Petitions**.

7. **Commemoration of the International Day on Disaster Risk Reduction**

By leave of the House, Hon. Akande-Sadipe Tolulope Tiwalola (*Oluyole Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to the commemoration of the International Day on Disaster Risk Reduction, celebrated on 13 October every year. She stated that it is a day set aside by the United Nation to promote global culture of risk awareness and disaster reduction strategies and to focus on how people, Institutions and Communities around the World plan to reduce exposure to disasters and awareness about the importance of reining in the risks that they may face and noted that this year's celebration brings to limelight the role of the Nigerian Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and the Presidential Task Force (PTF) using risk reduction initiatives in the management of COVID-19 pandemics and protocol follow up strategies. She observed that in commemorating this year's International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, there is urgent need to call on Government Agencies, Development Partners and other relevant stakeholders to initiate actions and policy frameworks for strategic Disaster Risk Reduction in Nigeria. She urged the Federal Government to develop short term and long term action plans that will spur the political will, at addressing the national and local strategic for Disaster Risk Reduction as adopted by UN Member States at the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015.

Matter referred to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness.

8. **A Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦13,082,420,568,233 (Thirteen Trillion, Eighty-Two Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Naira) only, of which ₦484,488,471,273 (Four Hundred and Eighty-Four Billion, Four Hundred and Eighty-Eight Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦3,344,380,000,000 (Three Trillion, Three Hundred and Forty-Four Billion, Three Hundred and Eighty Billion Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₦5,649,872,137,888 (Five Trillion, Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Billion, Eight-Hundred and Seventy-Two Million, One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Nine Naira) only is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦3,603,679,959,070 (Three Trillion, Six Hundred and Three Billion, Six Hundred and Seventy-Nine Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand, Seventy Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December, 2021 (HB.1069) — *Second Reading***

Motion made, "That the House do resume debate on a Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦13,082,420,568,233 (Thirteen Trillion, Eighty-Two Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Naira) only, of which ₦484,488,471,273 (Four Hundred and Eighty-Four Billion, Four Hundred and Eighty-Eight Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦3,344,380,000,000 (Three Trillion, Three Hundred and Forty-Four Billion, Three Hundred and Eighty Billion Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₦5,649,872,137,888 (Five Trillion, Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Billion, Eight-Hundred and Seventy-Two Million, One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty-Nine Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦3,603,679,959,070 (Three Trillion, Six Hundred and Three Billion, Six Hundred and Seventy-Nine Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine Thousand, Seventy Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December, 2021 (HB.1069)" (*Hon. Athassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Debate Resumed.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

All other Standing Committees of the House to serve as Sub-Committees.

9. **Order of the Day**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do set down First Reading of Bills; and items 1 - 2, on the Order Paper to another legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3)" (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

10. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 20 October, 2020 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.09 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker