



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 3 December, 2020

1. The House met at 11.33 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 Tuesday, 1 December, 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**

2nd December, 2020

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

Dear Rt Hon. F. Gbajabamila,

TRANSMISSION OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY (FCT) ABUJA 2021 STATUTORY APPROPRIATION

Pursuant to Sections 120 - 122 and 299 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of

Nigeria (as amended), I forward herewith the 2021 Statutory Appropriation of the Federal Capital Territory Administration, Abuja for the kind consideration and passage by the House of Representatives.

The revenue estimates and expenditure are consistent with the Federal Government's 2021 "Budget of Economic Recovery and Resilience", which prioritises healthcare service provision, job creation, youth empowerment, social welfare services, education, agriculture investment and poverty alleviation.

While appreciating your expeditious consideration of this submission, please accept, Right Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

5. Admittance into the Chamber

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit into the Chamber, Members of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations, Oyo State House of Assembly, pursuant to Order 19. Rule 8 (1) and (2) of the Standing Orders of the House" (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

6. Announcement

(i) Creation of New Standing Committees:

Mr Speaker announced the creation of additional Standing Committees and the appointment of Chairmen and Deputies as follows:

	<i>Committee</i>		<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Deputy Chairman</i>
(a)	Host Communities	—	Hon. Dekor Dumnamene	Hon. Ikenna E. Onyechere;
(b)	Disabilities	—	Hon. Mariam Onuoha	Hon. Longgap Komsol Alphonsus;
(c)	Science Research Institutes	—	Hon. Akinremi Olaide Adewale	Hon. Ali Lawan Shettima.

(ii) Mr Speaker also announced the appointment of Hon. Osunsanya Kolapo Korede as the new Deputy Chairman, Committee on Science and Technology.

7. Petitions

(i) A petition from O. A. Bukky George, on behalf of Healthplus Group, Nigeria, on alleged takeover of its company by Atlas Semper Capital, was presented and laid by Hon. Samuel Babatunde Adejare (*Agege Federal Constituency*);

(ii) A petition from Abayomi S. Collins on behalf of SABBYN Nigeria Limited, on the non-payment of the contract sum of N29 million naira by Ogun - Osun River Basin Development Authority, was presented and laid by Hon. Ibrahim A. Isiaka (*Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*); and

- (iii) A petition from Lt. K. C. Obonyano, on the refusal by the Nigerian Army to comply with subsisting court judgment of 4th October, 2012 to re-instate him, was presented and laid by Hon. Leo Ogor (*Isoko North/Isoko South Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

8. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)

- (i) ***Need to Appraise the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and its Attendant Economic and Security Implication on Nigeria:***
Hon. Ben Rollands Igbakpa (*Ethiopia East/Ethiopia West 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 Appraise the Agreement Establishing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and its Attendant Economic and Security Implication on Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that on 7 July, 2019, President Muhammadu Buhari, on behalf of the Federal Republic of Nigeria signed the agreement establishing the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) at the African Union summit in Niger as about 44 member countries of the African Union endorsed the agreement during the 18th Extraordinary Session of the Assembly of AU Heads of State and Governments in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda in March 2019;

Also notes that the agreement meant to establish a common protocol to allow free movement of goods and services among member nations of the AU can only benefit Nigeria with robust, improved and sustained production capacity;

Aware that with a porous border system and a mono economy without substantial production, there are fears that the agreement as presented and conceptualized would open the country's seaports, airports and other businesses to unbridled foreign interference and domination which constitutes a "renewed, extremely dangerous and radioactive neo-liberal policy initiation", according to the Nigeria Labour Congress;

Also aware that Nigeria as Africa's largest economy and most populous country, with a GDP of \$405 billion and with a population of about 180 million, is also Africa's largest market cannot afford to execute such agreements without full and proper consultation with all stakeholders, particularly the National Assembly;

Disturbed that the agreement would impact on government revenue and social welfare as it tends to eliminate all tariffs among African countries, and erode the trading States' treasury by up to \$4.1 billion annually and deepen poverty, with millions of Africans potentially exposed to starvation and death;

Also disturbed that Nigeria's businesses are not well positioned to take full advantage of the agreement as there are no infrastructure that will promote the products that we seek to export, and little or no incentive to the private sector for value addition;

Concerned that if necessary safeguards, such as development of the nation's infrastructure, protection of her borders, setting-up monitoring teams and developing the capacity of local manufacturers are not put in place urgently before the full take-off and or implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) agreement, then the imminent fear over the possibility of having locally produced products dumped into the country and mislabelled by other countries across the continent becomes imperative;

Further aware that as with previous agreement such as the West African Free Trade, that creates free movement of goods and services, Nigeria with her huge potential and vast resources has failed to achieve maximum value through the African market to boost the economy;

Believes that taking into consideration Nigeria's comparative advantage as a huge market not only to Africa but to Europe, America and Asia, necessary measures should be put in place for the proper implementation of the Agreement so as to guaranty Nigeria's maximum benefit:

Resolves to:

- (i) invite the Ministers of Trade and Investment, Foreign Affairs, Justice and Attorney-General of the Federation, and the Comptroller-General of Customs to brief the relevant Committees of the House on the implications of the agreement establishing the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) signed by the President on behalf of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the nation's foreign policy, economy and security;
- (ii) urge the Ministers to release for public scrutiny the implementation road map, and preparedness of Nigeria to avoid Nigeria being a dumping ground and a consuming country with this agreement; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Commerce, Justice, Foreign Affairs, and Customs and Excise, to interface with the Comptroller-General of Customs, the Comptroller-General of Nigeria Immigration Service and other relevant Security Agencies to determine Nigeria Customs and Excise, Immigration and security preparedness of the agreement establishing the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), the attendant security challenges on the country's borders, seaports and airports and report back within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Ben Rollands Igbakpa — Ethiope East/West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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Disturbed that the agreement would impact on government revenue and social welfare as it tends to eliminate all tariffs among African countries, and erode the trading States' treasury by up to \$4.1 billion annually and deepen poverty, with millions of Africans potentially exposed to starvation and death;

Also disturbed that Nigeria's businesses are not well positioned to take full advantage of the agreement as there are no infrastructure that will promote the products that we seek to export and little or no incentive to the private sector for value addition;

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the agreement establishing the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), the attendant security challenges on the country's borders, seaports and airports and report back within two (2) weeks (HR. 72/12/2020).

(ii) ***Need to Investigate the Murder of His Royal Majesty, Oba Israel Adegoke Adeusi, the Olufon of Ifon in Ose Local Government Area, Ondo State:***

Hon. Oluwatimehin Adelegbe (*Owo/Ose 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 Murder of His Royal Majesty, Oba Israel Adegoke Adeusi, the Olufon of Ifon in Ose Local Government Area, Ondo State:

The House:

Notes with a heavy heart the recent murder at 4.00 pm, Thursday, 26 November, 2020, of His Royal Majesty, Oba Israel Adegoke Adeusi, the Olufon of Ifon, a first class Monarch in Ose Local Government of Ondo State by unknown gunmen suspected to be Kidnappers;

Also notes that the Monarch while returning to his palace in Ifon from Akure in his official car which carried his customized number plate when he was accosted at a bad portion of Elegbeka Road where vehicles are compelled to slow down due to bad road as the road between Ipele and Ifon has several failed portions where kidnappers do hibernate to commit their heinous acts;

Worried that the major outlet of these criminals is the road linking Edo and Ondo States through Okeluse Bridge, the contract for the construction of which was awarded in 2008 but abandoned by the Federal Ministry of Works and it remains one of the dangerous spots posing serious security threat to the inhabitants of the area;

Also worried that the road linking Imeri and Aiyegunle in Edo State has been abandoned for over ten years in spite of the yearly budgetary allocation of the sum of over ₦200 million to the road without any sign of work;

Concerned that for as long as these identified areas of the Federal Road remain abandoned, they will continue to constitute hideouts for criminals who could pitch their tents in the adjoining bush around the spots, come out to attack unsuspecting motorists and other road users and run into the bush to take cover;

Also concerned that the spate of kidnappings and related killings have got to an intolerable level in this country to the extent that while one is struggling to brace up from the last incident, one is struck by yet another one;

Further concerned that Ose Local Government which has an estimated population of 144,901 inhabitants by 2006 Population Census has 66 policemen which gives a figure of one policeman to over 2,195 persons which is far below the United Nations' recommended Ratio of 1 policeman to 450 persons;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the First Class Monarch, HRM, Oba Israel Adegoke Adeusi;
- (ii) urge the Inspector-General of Police to order an aggressive investigation into the gruesome murder with a view to proffering a holistic solution to the incessant killings;
- (iii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police to deploy more police personnel to Ose Local Government Area and other Areas which are not well covered by the police presence;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure completion of the abandoned sections of the following roads:
 - (a) Okeluse Edo Bridge,
 - (b) the road linking Aiyegunle and Imeri Road, and
 - (c) also ensure the rehabilitation of Ipele -Ifon Road.
- (v) call on the Federal Ministry of Works to urgently see to the completion of those identified portions of the road (*Hon. Oluwatimihin Adelegbe — Owo/Ose Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Agreed to.**The House:*

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- (v) call on the Federal Ministry of Works to urgently see to the completion of those identified portions of the road (HR, 73/12/2020).

A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.

9. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Nigeria Maritime University, Okerenkoko (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1133).
- (2) Federal College of Education, Giwa, Kaduna State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1134).
- (3) Federal University of Technology, Manchok (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1135).
- (4) Federal College of Education, Mutum Biyu (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1136).
- (5) Federal Polytechnic, Aba, Abia State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1137).
- (6) Federal University of Education, Aguleri, Anambra State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1138).

10. Presentation of Report

Committees on Federal Capital Territory, and FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Federal Capital Territory, and FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the total sum of ₦199,240,531,350 (One Hundred and Ninety-Nine Billion, Two Hundred and Forty Million, Five Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦63,620,646,865.00 (Sixty Three Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty Million, Six Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Five Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs; and the sum of ₦55,393,961,085.00 (Fifty-Five Billion, Three Hundred and Ninety-Three Million, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Eighty-Five Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs; while the balance of ₦80,225,923,400.00 (Eighty Billion, Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the financial year commencing 1 January and ending when the 2021 FCT Statutory Appropriation Act comes into effect (HB. 1102)" (*Hon. Abdullahi Idris Garba — Kontagora/Wushishi/Mariga Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

11. Consolidation of Bills

(i) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Act, Cap. N1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 990), a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Act, Cap. N1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Payment of all Monies received by the Agency into the Federation Account in accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999; and for Related Matters (HB. 168), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Act, Cap. N1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Additional and Enhanced Institutional Framework; and for Related Matters (HB. 1127) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Athassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

(ii) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend Sections 2,4,7,11 and 15 of the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act, Cap. C54, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Rehabilitation of Delinquent Children, provide a Comprehensive definition for Services, Stakeholders and Children or Wards as Captured in the Enabling Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 519), a Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act, Cap. C54, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by providing a role for Community Based Organizations in the Development of Basic Education in States and Local Government Councils; and for Related Matters (HB. 552), a Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act Cap. C54, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 554) (*Hon. Paschal C. Obi*), a Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act, Cap. C52, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to include Senior Secondary Education as part of Basic Education in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 794), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act, Cap. C54, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by providing a role for Community Based Organizations in the Development of Basic Education in States and Local Government Councils; and for Related (HB.666) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Athassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

- (iii) *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Explosives Act, Cap. E 18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact an Explosives Bill to make Comprehensive Provisions for the Use and Control of Explosive in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.369), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Explosives Act, Cap. E 18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to review upwards, the fines imposed for Offences against the Regulations made under the Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 822) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Army University, Biu to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.1100) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Army University, Biu to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.1100) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal Treaties (Making Procedure, etc.) Act, Cap. T20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact Treaties (Making Procedure) Bill, 2020 and for Related Matters (HB. 1012) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal Treaties (Making Procedure, etc.) Act, Cap. T20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact Treaties (Making Procedure) Bill, 2020 and for Related Matters (HB. 1012) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani 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 Treaties, Protocol and Agreements.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the National Institute for Police Studies, to Provide for Administration and Management of the Institute and Determining the Standard of Knowledge and Skills to be Acquired by the Personnel of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 1048) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the National Institute for Police Studies, to Provide for Administration and Management of the Institute and Determining the Standard of Knowledge and Skills to be Acquired by the Personnel of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB. 1048) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi — Kanke/Pankshin/Kanam 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 Police Affairs.

15. Need to Address the Porosity of Nigeria's Borders

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the large international boundaries under Nigeria's watch and that due to insufficient resources and manpower, the borders have not been adequately secured, which has great implications on the economic, security and social development of the country;

Concerned that the porous nature of the borders has precipitated several crimes which pose serious threats to national security, and are causing hardship to commuters due to illegal roadblocks and check points being mounted in and around border communities;

Also concerned that the proliferation of arms, illegal immigration and smuggling of expired goods into the country are as a result of the porosity of Nigeria's borders which also makes it easy for terrorists to carry out their activities, especially in border States like Lagos, Sokoto, Katsina, Jigawa, Yobe, Taraba, Adamawa, among others;

Also worried that the volatile situation at the country's borders has greatly hampered the efforts of the government towards ending insurgency as terrorists have continued to carry out their attacks unabated;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigeria Customs Service and the Nigeria Immigration Service to liaise with relevant security agencies to expand their coverage of the country's borders;
- (ii) constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to organize a Security Summit that will involve all Military and Para-military Agencies as well as indigenes of border communities with a view to finding lasting solutions to the socio-economic and security challenges posed by the porosity of Nigeria's borders (*Hon. Babatunde Humpe — Badagry Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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16. **Need to Construct the Road from Ibaji in Kogi State to Anambra State**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Ibaji, a Local Government Area in the eastern part of Kogi State with headquarters in Onyedegais, is an agrarian community with most people involved in farming, fishery and forestry;

Also notes that the absence of good roads inhibits transportation of farm produce from Ibaji to other parts of the country especially the southern part through Anambra State with which it shares borders;

Further notes that Ibaji is plagued by gully erosion that has devastated the environment thereby putting the lives of the people living in the area at risk;

Concerned that there has been no visible effort on the part of the Federal Government to make the road from Ibaji to Anambra State motorable despite the huge contributions of the inhabitants to the economic growth of the country through commercial farming;

Also concerned that the deplorable state of the road has led to increased rate of crimes such as armed robbery and kidnapping, among others, which now make the inhabitants to live in perpetual fear and uncertainty;

Cognizant that the poor road network, with the attendant crimes, has led to increase in prices of farm produce to the extent that food items have become un-affordable, thereby causing untold hardship to the people who are already living below poverty level;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to take immediate steps to address the challenge of road network from Ibaji to Anambra State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to take urgent steps to address the erosion challenge in Ibaji; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Environment to ensure compliance (Hon. David Idris Zacharias — Idah/Igamela/Ibaji/Ofu Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

(H.R. 75/12/2020).

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

17. **Need to Reconstruct Dilapidated Roads in Kaiama Local Government Area of Kwara State**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

18. **Need to Tackle the Incessant Killings, Kidnappings, Banditry and Armed Robbery in Dutsin-Ma-Kurfi Federal Constituency of Katsina State**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

19. **Need to Investigate the Turn Around Maintenance and the Huge Losses Incurred by Kaduna, Port Harcourt and Warri Refineries**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

20. **Consideration of Reports**

(i) *Committees on Federal Capital Territory, and FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters:* That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Federal Capital Territory, and FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the total sum of ₦199,240,531,350 (One Hundred and Ninety-Nine Billion, Two Hundred and Forty Million, Five Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, of which the sum of ₦63,620,646,865.00 (Sixty Three Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty Million, Six Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Five Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs; and the sum of ₦55,393,961,085.00 (Fifty-Five Billion, Three Hundred and Ninety-Three Million, Nine Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Eighty-Five Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs; while the balance of ₦80,225,923,400.00 (Eighty Billion, Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three Thousand, Four Hundred Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the financial year commencing 1 January and ending when the 2021 FCT Statutory Appropriation Act comes into effect (HB. 1102).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

(ii) **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Protection of Plant Varieties, Establish a Plant Variety Protection Office for the Promotion of Increased Staple Crop Productivity for small holder farmers in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 68).**

Order deferred by leave of the House.

21. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 8 December, 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

