



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 9 December, 2020

1. The House met at 11.35 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, 8 December, 2020.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
Need for Urgent Reconstruction of Access Roads to Apapa, Tincan Island, PTML, and Kirikiri Lighter Terminal Commands in Lagos State:
Hon. Leke Abejide Joseph (*Yagba East/Yagba West/Mopamuro Federal Constituency and 15 others*) 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 for Urgent Reconstruction of Access Roads to Apapa, Tincan Island, PTML, and Kirikiri Lighter Terminal Commands in Lagos State:

The House:

Notes that the Committee on Customs and Excise embarked on a week-long oversight of Zone A of the Nigeria Customs Service Command to ascertain the level of revenue generation, and find out their challenges in order to address them through adequate appropriation;

Also notes that the Committee, having gone round the Commands under very difficult terrains, discovered anomalies which, if not tackled, would expose the Nigerian Ports to risk and lead to total collapse;

Aware that businesses, commuters and residents along these access roads are subjected to nuisance, pollution and emissions to the environment on daily basis;

Also aware that due to the challenges of inaccessibility to the Ports, it takes an average of 60 days to do a turn-around of a container, whereas if there were easy access to the Ports, the turnaround within Lagos should not be more than five (5) days; the implication thus, is that the country is losing an average of five (5) times the revenue it should have made if the access roads were good;

Further aware that despite the stated challenges, the Nigeria Customs Service in four (4) Commands within the Port, viz: the Apapa, Tincan Island, Ports and Terminal Multi-services Limited (PTML) and Kirikiri Lighter Terminal, make an average of ₦100 billion in one month. This would have translated to ₦500 billion monthly if access roads leading to the Ports were to be in order;

Inferred that were two (2) months of Nigeria Customs revenue from these Commands be dedicated to facilitate its access roads and needed infrastructure, the revenue dedicated would be recovered in full in less than a month. That would sharply increase the nation's revenue in this manner stemming the frequency of loans from China and other sources, of which the future ramification of the debts can not be predicted to the country;

Worried that further aggravating traffic chaos are caused by most of the Shipping Companies which continue to operate their Empty Containers Receiving Bay within the perimeter of the Ports, rather than relocating the Bays and Logistic Parks outside of the Ports, and employing the use of barges as transport alternatives for both importers and exporters towards reducing traffic on the Port roads instead of using private Terminals, such as ESS LIBRA in Ibeshe, and government warehouses, such as the Ikorodu Government Warehouse to return empty containers and Gate-in Export direct to the vessels at the Ports rather than using the Road to bring in Exports and empty containers to the Ports creating congestions;

Also worried that major Terminal Operators, the likes of APM Terminal and Tincan Island Container Terminal (TICT) continue to operate analogue Gate-in-and-out System, and are yet to automate their gates, whereas Terminal Delivery Order (TDO) should be used to opening of gates for entry and exit of the Ports by Truckers. The use of Automated tickets would eliminate human contacts which have proven to breed bottlenecks and corruption;

Concerned that in addition to the poor condition of the port access roads, extortion by officials of the Nigerian Ports Authority, Security Agencies, Nigeria Police and the Presidential Task Force remain the major cause of unending gridlock along the Port access roads, with stakeholders as Importers, Clearing agents and Truck Owners alleging that they are forced to pay as much as ₦250,000.00 to ₦280,000.00 per Truck for entries and exits to Ports. These apparatus milking the stakeholders at the expense of the nation should be held accountable, while the Taskforce which has demonstrated that it has outlived its usefulness should be disbanded forthwith;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to declare a State of Emergency on the Nigerian Ports Access roads while dedicating the greater part of the two (2) months revenue generated by the four (4) Commands of Apapa, Tincan Island, Kirikiri Lighter Terminal, and PTML for the construction of all the Access Roads leading to these commands in order to complete the roads in two months for optimal revenue in the country;
- (ii) urge the Shipping Lines to forthwith Gate-in Exports and Empty Containers by sea to the Ports through the waterways by Barges directly to the vessels or the Terminals where the vessels should pick them;

- (iii) urge the Nigerian Ports Authority and relevant security agencies to ensure immediate stoppage of extortion activities going on at the Ports and Ports Access Roads;
- (iv) also urge the Executive Arm of Government to immediately disband the Presidential Taskforce on the Ports Access Roads, having outlived its usefulness, and for participating in extortion and contributing to congestion of the Ports Access Roads; and
- (v) mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to enforce compliance and report back within six (6) weeks (*Hon. Leke Joseph Abejide — Yagba East/West/Mopamuro Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayer (i), and *insert* a new Prayer (i) as follows:

“Urge the Executive Arm of Government to apply revenues collected on monthly basis by Apapa, Tincan, PTML Ports and Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) to the rehabilitation of roads leading to the Sea Ports in Lagos Area” (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

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transport alternatives for both importers and exporters towards reducing traffic on the Port roads instead of using private Terminals, such as ESS LIBRA in Ibeshe, and government warehouses, such as the Ikorodu Government Warehouse to return empty containers and Gate-in Export direct to the vessels at the Ports rather than using the Road to bring in Exports and empty containers to the Ports creating congestions;

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- (v) mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to enforce compliance and report back within six (6) weeks. (HR. 86/12/2020).

Motion referred to the Committee on Customs and Excise.

5. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) National Social Investment Programmes (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.1153).
- (2) Finance Bill, 2020 (HB.1139).
- (3) Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2021(HB.1140).
- (4) Prohibition of Secret Recruitment in Federal Civil Service Bill, 2020 (HB.1141).
- (5) National Institute for Peace Support Operations and Humanitarian Studies Bill, 2020 (HB.1142).

- (6) National Defence College Bill, 2020 (HB.1143).
- (7) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB.1144).
- (8) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB.1145).
- (9) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB.1146).
- (10) Maryam Babangida National Centre for Women Development (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.1147).
- (11) Institute of Economists of Nigeria Bill, 2020 (HB.1148).
- (12) Transition and Assumption of Office Bill, 2020 (HB.1149).
- (13) Broadcasting Practitioners Council Bill, 2020 (HB.1150).
- (14) Nigerian Press Council Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.1151).
- (15) North East Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.1152).
- (16) Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Enforcement and Administration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.1154).
- (17) National Emergency Management Agency (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.1155).
- (18) Immigration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1156).
- (19) Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Obuoffia Awkunanaw, Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1157).
- (20) Federal Medical Centre, Chokocho, Rivers State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1158).
- (21) Federal College of Agriculture, Umuajulke, Rivers State Bill, 2020 (HB. 1159).

6. Presentation of Reports

(i) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report of the Petition by Mr Baba Yusuf:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Baba Yusuf against NAHCO Free Trade Zone (NFZ) on the Breach of NEPZA, Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Nigerian Immigration Service, NDLEA, NCAA, and AVSEC Regulations and Corporate Governance Structure that compromises National Security and threat to National Economy" (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report of the Petition by Toyin Usman and Associate:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Toyin Usman and Associates on behalf of the Junior Workers of the National Union of Food, Beverages and Tobacco Employees against Mr. Lateef Idowu Oyelekan (the National President) of the above Union: A Call on

the National Assembly to save the Nigerian Junior Workers in the Food, Beverages and Tobacco Employees Trade Union" (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Report of the Petition by Nnaemeka Ejiofor and Associates:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Nnaemeka Ejiofor and Associates on behalf of the Management of Seals Consultants against Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) on the determination and management information of Dormant Account Balance within the Nigerian Financial System" (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso — Orlu/Orsu/Oru East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

7. 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, 2020 and ending when the 2021 FCT Statutory Appropriation Act comes into effect (HB. 1102) — *Third-Reading*.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That 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, 2020 and ending when the 2021 FCT Statutory Appropriation Act comes into effect (HB. 1102) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-Modal Regulator for the Regulated Transport Industry Sector; and for Related Matters (HB.1082) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-Modal Regulator for the Regulated Transport Industry Sector; and for Related Matters (HB.1082) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — 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.*
9. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, Cap. N42, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Health Insurance Authority Bill, 2020; and for Related Matters (HB.1117) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, Cap. N42, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Health Insurance Authority Bill, 2020; and for Related Matters (HB.1117) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — 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.*
10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science Act, Cap. N160, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 915) — Second Reading**
Order read; deferred by leave of the House.
11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Police Trust Fund Act, No. 6 of 2019 to Provide for the Application of the Provisions of the Act to other Policing Institutions; and for Related Matters (HB. 1088) — Second Reading**
Order read; deferred by leave of the House.
12. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make further Provisions Relating to the time within which to file and determine Election Petitions and Appeals; and for Related Matters (HB. 996) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make further Provisions Relating to the time within which to file and determine Election Petitions and Appeals; and for Related Matters (HB. 996) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Olatubosun Olajide Boladale — Saki East/Saki West/Atisbo Federal Constituency*).
- Debate.*
- Question that the Bill be now read a Second Time — Agreed to.*
- Bill read the Second Time.*

Bill referred to the Special Ad-hoc Committee on Constitution Review.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend Sections 2,4,7,11 and 15 of the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act, Cap. C52, 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, by providing a role for Community based Organizations in the development of Basic Education in States and Local Government Councils, to include Senior Secondary Education as part of Basic Education in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 519, HB. 552, HB. 554, HB. 794 and HB. 666) — Second Reading**

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. C52, 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, by providing a role for Community based Organizations in the development of Basic Education in States and Local Government Councils, to include Senior Secondary Education as part of Basic Education in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 519, HB. 552, HB. 554, HB. 794 and HB. 666) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Tawio Oluga — Ayedaade/Irewole/Isokan Federal Constituency and 4 others*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Basic Education and Services.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Explosives Act, Cap. E 18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact Explosives Bill to make Comprehensive Provisions for the Use and Control of Explosives in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HBs.369 and 822) — Second Reading.**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

15. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly, Pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve (12), 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) Federal University of Education, Aguleri, Anambra State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB.1138),

- (ii) Nigerian Council for Management Development Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1119), and
- (iii) Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1120):

Aware that the Bills were re-gazetted as HB. 1138, HB. 1119 and HB. 1120 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. **Call for Reconstruction of Edepie-Imiringi-Ogbia Road in Ogbia Federal Constituency of Bayelsa State**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. **Need to Rehabilitate Aba-Owerri Road in order to Ameliorate the difficulties being faced by Nigerians**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the dilapidated state of Aba-Owerri road which links many states in the South-East and South-South geo-political zones of Nigeria;

Worried by the incessant loss of lives and property to accidents as well as losses in time and goods by commuters and transport companies due to the dilapidated state of the road which criminals are also taking advantage of to rob and abduct citizens travelling on the route;

Aware of various efforts by Abia State Government and individuals in the areas to rehabilitate the road to end the sufferings of motorists plying the road daily;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to as a matter of urgency, begin rehabilitation of Aba-Owerri road;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Bede Eke — Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 87/12/2020).

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

18. Need to Rehabilitate the Dilapidated Federal Roads in Kaiama Local Government Area, Kwara State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Kaiama Local Government Area in Kwara State shares boundaries with Oyo and Niger States respectively and owing to abundant economic resources in the Area and its proximity to Benin Republic, people come from neighbouring States and Benin Republic to engage in economic activities;

Aware that Kaiama Local Government Area can be accessed through Kaima-New Bussa Road, Kaiama-Kishi Road and Kaiama-Kosubosu road, through which farm produce are transported in commercial quantities to various parts of the country;

Concerned that the three major roads identified as Trunk "A" are in deplorable conditions, thus causing untold hardship to commuters and indigenes of the surrounding communities, thereby affecting their livelihood and economic activities;

Worried that if the roads are not urgently reconstructed, Kaiama Local Government Area may be cut off from other States of the Federation, thus further making life unbearable for the people;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to include the Rehabilitation of Kaiama-New Bussa Road, Kaiama-Kishi Road and Kaiama-Kosubosu road in the 2021 budget or 2021 supplementary budget proposal;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mohammed Omar Bio — Baruten/Kaima Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR/88/12/2020).

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

19. Need to Ensure Strict Compliance with COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocols as Schools Resume

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

20. Call for Dredging of Anambra River to Save the Coastal Communities in Anambra, Enugu and Kogi States from the effect of Flooding

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

21. Need to Investigate the Encroachment, Illegal Logging and Destruction of Preserved Wildlife Habitat in Okomu National Park Games Reserve

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Okomu National Park in Ovia South-West Ovia Federal Constituency, Edo State is one of the National Parks in Nigeria and holds a small fragment of the rich forest that once covered the region and is the habitat for many endangered species;

Also notes that the rainforest ecosystem is home to about 33 species mammals, some of which are endangered, including the white-throated monkeys, African Buffalo and the endangered African forest Elephant with over 150 species of birds;

Worried that illegal logging activities within the park are extensive, compromising the ecosystem and endangering wild-life in the park, the territorial encroachment on the reserve is a great threat to the safety of endangered species in the park;

Also worried that the reported cases of illegal logging in Okomu Forest Reserve has led to a situation where Elephants are running rampage on farmlands, destroying crops and other valuables in local communities;

Concerned that if immediate action is not taken, both fauna and flora which are of great importance to National Development could be driven to extinction;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Environment to investigate the activities of illegal logging encroachment and other acts inimical to the safety of endangered species in Okomu National Park and other National Parks in Nigeria and report back within eight (8) weeks (*Hon. Dennis Idahosa — Ovia North East/South West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

(HR. 89/12/2020).

22. **Call to Investigate the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) Pension Limited for Failure to meet its Pension and Gratuity Obligations**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

23. **Need to Correct the Erroneous Heading of the Petition filed by Hauwa Umar Abore against the United Bank of Africa (UBA) Plc on the Actuated Denials, Malicious and Illegal withholding of benefits, ill Will and Bias against the Petitioner**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

24. **Consideration of Report**

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.

25. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 10 December, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader);

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.01 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabamila
Speaker

