



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 23 February, 2021

1. The House met at 11.36 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, 16 February, 2021.

*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**

15th February, 2021

*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 2021 BUDGET OF THE  
NIGERIA POLICE TRUST FUND FOR CONSIDERATION**

Pursuant to Sections 4, 5 and 21 of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund (Establishment) Act, 2019, I forward, herewith, the 2021 Budget Proposal of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund for the kind consideration and passage by the House of Representatives.

2. The estimates of revenue and expenditure in the Fund's 2021 Budget Proposal are consistent with the statutory purpose of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund terms of providing funding, through a Special Intervention Fund, for:

- (a) Training and retraining of personnel of the Nigeria Police Force, to enhance their skills and enable their overall improvement, performance and efficiency in the discharge of their duties as well as responsibilities;
- (b) Procurement of state-of-the-art security equipment, operational vehicles, and other related facilities to enhance the skills of the personnel of the Nigeria Police Force in handling operational equipment;
- (c) Construction of police stations, barracks and other living facilities for personnel of the Nigeria Police Force, and their dependants; and
- (d) Procurement of instructional materials and training equipment as well as paying for the cost of participation of personnel of the Nigeria Police Force at seminars, conferences and other skills-acquisition courses.

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

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Muhammadu Buhari

5. **Announcement**

(i) **Defection:**

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Makinde Peter Abiola (Ondo East/Ondo West Federal Constituency), announcing his defection from the African Democratic Congress (ADC) to the All Progressives Congress (APC).

(ii) **Notification of Vacancy in the Seat of Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency:**

Honourable Members,

**NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY IN THE SEAT OF ABA NORTH/SOUTH, HELD BY HON. OSSY PRESTIGE**

I write to notify Honourable Members of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Section 68 (1) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, that the Seat of Aba North/South Federal Constituency of Abia State has become vacant.

2. This vacancy is as a result of his death of Hon. Ossy Prestige on Saturday, 6 February, 2021, which was announced in the House Plenary on 9 February, 2021. He was a member of the All Progressive Grand Alliance (APGA).

3. *This notification is in fulfilment of Section 68 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, and for the records.*

*(Signed)*

**Rt Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila**  
*Speaker, House of Representatives*  
 23 February, 2021.

**(iii) Bereavement:**

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. David Abel Fuoh (*Sardauna/Gashaka/Kurmi Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of a former Member, Hon. D. C. Hosea (*Sardauna/Gashaka/Kurmi Federal Constituency, 2015 — 2019*), which occurred on Tuesday, 26 January, 2021.

*A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.*

**6. Petitions**

- (i) A petition from Idonije Oyakhilome, on her alleged dismissal from the service of the National Youth Service Corps, was presented and laid by Hon. Ihonvbere Julius (*Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) The following Petitions were presented and laid by Hon. James Adisa Owolabi (*Ifako/Ijaye Federal Constituency*):
- (a) Rabi-Okioposun Akeem Ademola, on behalf of Late Muyinat Amuri Rabi, on her disengagement by Nigerian Communication Limited (NITEL);
- (b) Olubamiji Adeosun & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of members of Oyero family of Oyero village, Obada-Oko, Ewekoro Local Government Area, Ogun State, on the non-payment of compensation over encroachment on their land;
- (iii) A petition from Ifem M. O. & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Muoemenam Christain Chukwuemeka, on alleged inhuman treatment, detention and imprisonment by Police and Immigration Officers of Abu Dhabi, United Emirate, was presented and laid by Hon. Obinna Chidoka (*Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*);
- (iv) A petition from Abdulsalam Abdulfatai & Co. (Legal Practitioners), Liberty Chambers, on behalf of Corporal Rauf Fawale, who was allegedly murdered by David Olowoporoku and 2 others of the Department of State Services, was presented and laid by Hon. Olubukola Oyewo (*Irepodun Olorunda/Orolu Osogbo Federal Constituency*);
- (v) The following Petitions were presented and laid by Hon. Tolu Akande Sadipe (*Oluyole Federal Constituency*):
- (a) B. A. Akande on behalf of disengaged workers of Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), on the non-payment of their outstanding severance package and other allowances; and
- (b) Abiodun Olukoga, on alleged unlawful dismissal by the University of Venda, Limpopo Province, South Africa.

*Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.*

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

(i) ***Need to Re-Open the Osubi Airport, in Okpe Local Government Area, Delta State for Commercial Operation:***

Hon. Oberuakpefe Anthony Afe (*Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie 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 Re-Open the Osubi Airport, in Okpe Local Government Area, Delta State for Commercial Operation:**

The House:

*Notes* that Osubi Airport, also known as Warri Airport, located at Osubi community in Okpe Local Government Area was originally established as a private facility by the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC);

*Also notes* that the Airport was commissioned on 1 April, 1991, with full commercial activities operating with modern Dornier 328 and Aero Contractor 50 Passenger Dash Aircraft operated in partnership with other Oil companies;

*Aware* that in 2015, the Federal Government of Nigeria acquired the Airport and later leased it out to Shoreline Oil Services Limited (SOSL) until February 2020, when the contract was terminated due to myraids of complaints by users;

*Cognizant* of the need to re-open the Airport due to its importance to Oil and Gas operations and other commercial activities in Nigeria;

*Convinced* that available reports from the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Nigeria Airspace Management Agency (NAMA), the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), etc. indicate that the Osubi Airport is viable and complies with necessary precautionary and safety measures even during the COVID-19 pandemic;

*Resolve to:*

Urge the Federal Government through the Ministry of Aviation and other relevant Agencies of the Government to ensure that Osubi Airport is re-opened for operations as soon as possible (*Hon. Oberuakpefe Anthony Afe — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that Osubi Airport, also known as Warri Airport, located at Osubi community in Okpe Local Government Area was originally established as a private facility by the Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC);

*Also noted* that the Airport was commissioned on 1 April, 1991, with full commercial activities operating with modern Dornier 328 and Aero Contractor 50 Passenger Dash Aircraft operated in partnership with other Oil companies;

*Aware* that in 2015, the Federal Government of Nigeria acquired the Airport and later leased it out to Shoreline Oil Services Limited (SOSL) until February 2020, when the contract was terminated due to myriads of complaints by users;

*Cognizant* of the need to re-open the Airport due to its importance to Oil and Gas operations and other commercial activities in Nigeria;

*Convinced* that available reports from the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), Nigeria Airspace Management Agency (NAMA), the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), etc. indicate that the Osubi Airport is viable and complies with necessary precautionary and safety measures even during the COVID-19 pandemic;

*Resolved to:*

Urge the Federal Government through the Ministry of Aviation and other relevant Agencies of the Government to ensure that Osubi Airport is re-opened for operations as soon as possible (HR. 07/02/2021).

(ii) ***Intensification of Efforts by the Service Chiefs and the Inspector-General of Police in the Rescue of the Adducted School Children and Staff of Government Science Secondary School, Kagara, Niger State:***

Hon. Unyime Idem (*Ukanafun/Oruk Anam 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.*

***Intensification of Efforts by the Service Chiefs and the Inspector-General of Police in the Rescue of the Adducted School Children and Staff of Government Science Secondary School, Kagara, Niger State:***

The House:

*Notes* that on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at about 2.00 a.m. the Government Science Secondary School, Kagara, Niger State was attacked by unknown gunmen reportedly dressed in military uniforms and killed one (1) student, abducted twenty-seven (27) students and three (3) members of the staff alongside twelve (12) of their relatives and several others running into nearby bushes for safety;

*Also notes* that while the government and the security agencies were working in securing the release of the several abducted persons, another incident occurred in Shiroro also in Niger State, on Thursday, February 18, 2021 where gunmen attacked and killed 1 person, injured 2, and a yet to be ascertained number abducted;

*Devastated* that the affected pupils and their families will be deeply traumatized, especially the family of the deceased pupil;

*Saddened* that the abductors released images of their location and one of them was holding a Rocket-Propelled Grenade (RPG), a shoulder-fired missile weapon that launches rockets equipped with an explosive warhead which only Federal Government could grant the licence;

*Concerned* that the recent happenings particularly in Niger State is horrible and the government must move swiftly to curtail this menace;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) condemn in totality the attack and abduction of students and staff of Government Science Secondary School, Kagara, Niger State;
- (ii) urge the Service Chiefs, the Inspector-General of Police and other security agencies to intensify efforts for the rescue of the abductees; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to ensure compliance (*Hon. Unyime Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at about 2.00 a.m. the Government Science Secondary School, Kagara, Niger State was attacked by unknown gunmen reportedly dressed in military uniforms and killed one (1) student, abducted twenty-seven (27) students and three (3) members of the staff alongside twelve (12) of their relatives and several others running into nearby bushes for safety;

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- (ii) urge the Service Chiefs, the Inspector-General of Police and other security agencies to intensify efforts for the rescue of the abductees; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to ensure compliance (**HR. 08/02/2021**).

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it take more than 2 matters of urgent public importance" (*Hon. Agunsoye Oluwarotimi — Kosofe Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

(iii) *Incessant Breach of the Procurement Act by the National Primary Health Care Development Agency:*

Hon. Agunsoye Oluwarotimi (*Kosofe 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.*

**Incessant Breach of the Procurement Act by the National Primary Health Care Development Agency:**

The House:

*Recalls* that the National Primary Health Care Development Agency is a body corporate established by an Act of Parliament to among other things improve the development of Primary Health Care services in Nigeria;

*Aware* that certain capital projects were voted for and passed in favour of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) in the Appropriation Act, 2020;

*Cognizant* that some of the said capital projects in the NPHCDA, in their various specific forms, were designated to be sited within several Federal Constituencies across Nigeria;

*Notes* that the NPHCDA had since purportedly concluded their procurement processes, and awarded the projects to different companies for execution;

*Worried* that several members of the House of Representatives have expressed displeasure at so many abnormalities stemming out of the execution of the said capital projects in almost all the Federal Constituencies;

*Also worried* that many of the projects awarded by the NPHCDA were poorly or inadequately executed as supplies of items were absolutely different from those specified in the Appropriation Act, 2020, or fake and/or substandard items;

*Determined* to ensure that all government agencies comply strictly with the Procurement Act and ensure that project executions conform with relevant Appropriation Acts;

*Resolves to:*

(i) urge the National Primary Health Care Development Agency to ensure strict compliance with procurement processes and that projects conform with relevant Appropriation Act; and

- (ii) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the allegation and report back in four (4) weeks (*Hon. Oluwarotini Agunsoye — Kosofe Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Recalls* that the National Primary Health Care Development Agency is a body corporate established by an Act of Parliament to among other things improve the development of Primary Health Care services in Nigeria;

*Aware* that certain capital projects were voted for and passed in favour of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) in the Appropriation Act, 2020;

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*Determined* to ensure that all government agencies complies strictly with the Procurement Act and ensure that project executions conforms with relevant Appropriation Acts;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the National Primary Health Care Development Agency to ensure strict compliance with procurement processes and that projects conform with relevant Appropriation Act; and
- (ii) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the allegation and report back in four (4) weeks (**HR. 09/02/2021**).

#### 8. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Witness Protection and Management Bill, 2021(HB. 1200).
- (2) Public Interest Disclosure and Protection Bill, 2020 (HB. 1199).
- (3) National Mental Health Bill, 2021(HB. 1208).
- (4) Nigeria Police Academy (Establishment) Bill, 2021(HB. 1209).
- (5) University of Agriculture and Technology, Okeogun, Bill, 2021 (HB.1210).



## 9. Presentation of Reports

(i) *Committee on Police Affairs:*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the issuance from the consolidated revenue the sum of Eleven Billion, Three Hundred and Fifty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and one Naira, Seventy Kobo (₦11,352,457,101.70) of which One Hundred and Seventy-Six million, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-Six Naira, Fifty Kobo (₦176,768,526.50) only, is for Personnel Expenditure. Five Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-Two Naira, Twenty Kobo (₦547,125,592.20) only, is for Overhead Expenditure and the sum of Ten Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand Naira (₦10,628,562,983.00) only, is for Capital Expenditure for the Year ending 30 April, 2021" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(ii) *Committee on Electoral Matters:*

Report of the Committee on Electoral Matters on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electoral Act, 2010 and Enact the Electoral Act, 2021 to Regulate the Conduct of Elections in Federal, States and Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters (HB.981).

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

(iii) *Ad-hoc Committee on the Screening of Nominees for Appointments as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs:*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Screening of Nominees for Appointments as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria" (*Hon. Babajimi Adegoke Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(iv) *Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on the Need to Investigate the Management, Disbursement and Infrastructure Delivery by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund in Public Institutions in Nigeria (HR. 70/02/2020)" (*Hon. Sulieman Aminu — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

10. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Explosives Act, Cap. E18, 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 (HB.369 and HB.822) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Explosives Act, Cap. E18, 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 (HB.369 and HB.822) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum — Donga/Ussa/Takum Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on National Security and Intelligence.*

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agricultural Produce Technology, Kano, to provide for its Functions and Promote Sound and Basic Scientific Training as a foundation for the Development of Food Storage, Pest Control, Food Chemistry, Agriculture and Food Production taking into Account Indigenous Culture, the need to enhance National Unity, the need to vastly increase the practical content of Student Training and Adequate Preparation of Graduates for Self-Employment in Agriculture and Allied Professions; and for Related Matters (HB. 1005) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agricultural Produce Technology, Kano, to provide for its Functions and Promote Sound and Basic Scientific Training as a foundation for the Development of Food Storage, Pest Control, Food Chemistry, Agriculture and Food Production taking into Account Indigenous Culture, the need to enhance National Unity, the need to vastly increase the practical content of Student Training and Adequate Preparation of Graduates for Self-Employment in Agriculture and Allied Professions; and for Related Matters (HB. 1005) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Dederi Haruna Isa — Karaye/Rogo 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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.*

12. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Second Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Remove Prison from the Exclusive List, provide for Establishment of Correctional Centers in the Concurrent List; and for Related Matters (HB. 1164) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Second Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Remove Prison from the Exclusive List, provide for Establishment of Correctional Centers in the Concurrent List; and for Related Matters (HB. 1164) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende 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 Repeal Section 40 of the Nigerian Correctional Service Act, 2019 and Provide for Establishment of Parole Regime, the Eligibility for the Consideration of Parole in Relation to Persons serving Life Sentences for Murder, the Establishment and Composition of the Parole Board; and for Related Matters (HB. 821) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal Section 40 of the Nigerian Correctional Service Act, 2019 and Provide for Establishment of Parole Regime, the Eligibility for*

the Consideration of Parole in Relation to Persons serving Life Sentences for Murder, the Establishment and Composition of the Parole Board; and for Related Matters (HB. 821) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Nalaraba — Awe/Doma/Keana 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 Interior.*

14. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), to amongst others, Transfer the Subject Matter of Minimum Wage Prescription from the Exclusive Legislative List set out under Part I of the Second Schedule to the Concurrent Legislative List set out under Part II of the Second Schedule; and for Related Matters (HB. 950) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), to amongst others, Transfer the Subject Matter of Minimum Wage Prescription from the Exclusive Legislative List set out under Part I of the Second Schedule to the Concurrent Legislative List set out under Part II of the Second Schedule; and for Related Matters (HB. 950) be read a Second Time”.* (*Hon. Garba Datti Muhammad — Sabon Gari 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.*

15. **Rescission of the Title of the Petition by Abore Hauwa Umar against “Nigeria Police Force” on the Refusal of the NPF Asokoro Division to comply with the senior magistrate court order**  
*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes that on Thursday, 30 May, 2019 the recommendations of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Abore Hauwa Umar against the Nigeria Police force on refusal of the Nigeria Police, Asokoro Division to comply with a Senior Magistrate Court order in Suit No. AB/SMC/OR 231/2012 was considered and approved;*

*Also notes that arising from consideration of the said report, the House recommended that the United Bank of Africa (UBA) should dialogue with Hauwa Abore Umar with a view to determining the rightful entitlement due to her and pay her accordingly;*

*Observes the erroneous use of the title of the petition by Hauwa Abore Umar against the “Nigeria Police Force” on the refusal of the NPF Asokoro Division to comply with the senior magistrate court order in Suit No. AB/AMC/OR231/2012 as heading of the petition, instead of the Petition by Hauwa Abore Umar against the United Bank of Africa (UBA) plc. on the actuated denial, malicious and illegal withholding of benefits, ill will and bias against the petitioner” as the rightful heading;*

*Resolves to:*

Rescind its decision on the Title of the Petition by Hauwa Abore Umar against "Nigeria Police Force" on the refusal of the NPF Asokoro Division to comply with the senior magistrate court order and approve the title of the Petition by Hauwa Abore Umar against the United Bank of Africa Plc (UBA) on actuated denials, malicious and illegal withholding of benefits, ill will and bias against the petitioner (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**16. Extension of time for Submission of Reports on Bills and Motions Referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

*The House:*

*Recalls* that the House at different times debated and referred Bills and Motions numbering about 50 to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services for further legislative action:

*Cognizance* of the provisions of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives to discharge Committees of such Bills and Motions after 60 days if the reports are not submitted;

*Aware* that due to paucity of funds, the interruption and subsequent suspension of plenary due to the lockdown of all activities across the country in year 2020 and part of 2021 as a result of COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee could not hold public and or investigative hearings on all the referrals, hence the committee's inability to submit the reports within the stipulated time;

*Notes* that the Committee is making all necessary arrangements to undertake the assignments with the little resources at its disposal, compile and submit its reports on the referrals within 8 weeks;

*Resolves to:*

Extend the time for the submission of the Committee's reports by eight (8) weeks to enable the Committee concludes its assignment (*Hon. Aminu Suleiman — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

*The House:*

*Recalled* that the House at different times debated and referred Bills and Motions numbering about 50 to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services for further legislative action;

*Cognizance* of the provisions of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives to discharge Committees of such Bills and Motions after 60 days if the reports are not submitted;

*Aware* that due to paucity of funds, the interruption and subsequent suspension of plenary due to the lockdown of all activities across the country in year 2020 and part of 2021 as a result of COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee could not hold public and or investigative hearings on all the referrals, hence the committee's inability to submit the reports within the stipulated time;

*Noted* that the Committee is making all necessary arrangements to undertake the assignments with the little resources at its disposal, compile and submit its reports on the referrals within 8 weeks;

*Resolved to:*

Extend the time for the submission of the Committee's reports by eight (8) weeks to enable the Committee concludes its assignment.

*By leave of the House, the extension of eight (8) weeks was approved.*

**17. Reinstatement of Sapele Federal Constituency and Two State Constituencies in Delta State.**  
*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that Sapele Local Government Area of Delta State had two State constituencies of Sapele Rural Constituency and Sapele Urban Constituency and one Federal Constituency (Sapele Federal Constituency) before the general elections in 1999 and subsequent elections;

*Also notes* that Sapele Local Government Area is the only local government council that suffered abridgement of two State Constituencies to one State Constituency and the scrapping of the Federal constituency while other local government Areas of her status migrated from two to more constituencies;

*Aware* that it is on record that Sapele Rural State Constituency consist of Sapele had the following Wards: Ward 1, Ward 9, Ward 10 and Ward 11, while Sapele Urban Constituency consist of Sapele had Ward 2, Ward 3, Ward 4, Ward 5, Ward 6, Ward 7 and Ward 8;

*Also aware* of the protest by members of Sapele Local Government Area to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in year 2004 and after looking into the merits of the case presented by Sapele people, INEC decided that the Sapele Federal Constituency be reinstated vide a Memo dated 23 May, 2004, and the decision for reinstatement was duly communicated to the National Assembly for further legislative action as prescribed by the 1999 Constitution;

*Worried* that despite the well informed and constitutionally supported communication by INEC to the National Assembly which ought to have been given effect by a resolution of the National Assembly in 2007, the National Assembly, either out of oversight or distractions, failed to reinstate Sapele Federal Constituency and the two-State Constituencies;

*Further aware* that the Independent National Electoral Commission had organized three successive general elections since the communication to the National Assembly for implementation, yet effect has not been given to the legal and substantiated decision of INEC;

*Recalls* that the Court of Appeal Benin Judicial Division made judicial pronouncement between the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) vs Dr Olorogun Ebenezer Okorodudu and others affirming the earlier ruling of the Federal High Court, Warri Judicial Division to wit: to restore the two Sapele State Constituencies, comprising of Sapele Urban and Sapele Rural Constituencies as separate and distinct State Constituencies in line with relevant provisions of the Constitution;

*Cognizant* that the 2023 general elections are fast approaching and therefore it is imperative to bring to the attention of the House the unimplemented reinstatement of Sapele Federal Constituency;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Independent National Electoral Commission to recognize Sapele Federal Constituency and the two Sapele State Constituencies accordingly and conduct subsequent elections for Sapele Federal Constituency and the two Sapele State Constituencies in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to ensure compliance (*Hon. Oberuakpefe Anthony Afe — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Agreed to.*

## The House:

*Notes* that Sapele Local Government Area of Delta State had two State constituencies of Sapele Rural Constituency and Sapele Urban Constituency and one Federal Constituency (Sapele Federal Constituency) before the general elections in 1999 and subsequent elections;

*Also notes* that Sapele Local Government Area is the only local government council that suffered abridgement of two State Constituencies to one State Constituency and the scrapping of the Federal constituency while other local government Areas of her status migrated from two to more constituencies;

*Aware* that it is on record that Sapele Rural State Constituency consist of Sapele had the following Wards: Ward 1, Ward 9, Ward 10 and Ward 11, while Sapele Urban Constituency consist of Sapele had Ward 2, Ward 3, Ward 4, Ward 5, Ward 6, Ward 7 and Ward 8;

*Also aware* of the protest by members of Sapele Local Government Area to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in year 2004 and after looking into the merits of the case presented by Sapele people, INEC decided that the Sapele Federal Constituency be reinstated vide a Memo dated 23 May, 2004, and the decision for reinstatement was duly communicated to the National Assembly for further legislative action as prescribed by the 1999 Constitution;

*Worried* that despite the well informed and constitutionally supported communication by INEC to the National Assembly which ought to have been given effect by a resolution of the National Assembly in 2007, the National Assembly, either out of oversight or distractions, failed to reinstate Sapele Federal Constituency and the two-State Constituencies;

*Further aware* that the Independent National Electoral Commission had organized three successive general elections since the communication to the National Assembly for implementation, yet effect has not been given to the legal and substantiated decision of INEC;

*Recalls* that the Court of Appeal Benin Judicial Division made judicial pronouncement between the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) vs Dr Olorogun Ebenezer Okorodudu and others affirming the earlier ruling of the Federal High Court, Warri Judicial Division to wit: to restore the two Sapele State Constituencies, comprising of Sapele Urban and Sapele Rural Constituencies as separate and distinct State Constituencies in line with relevant provisions of the Constitution;

*Cognizant* that the 2023 general elections are fast approaching and therefore it is imperative to bring to the attention of the House the unimplemented reinstatement of Sapele Federal Constituency;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the Independent National Electoral Commission to recognize Sapele Federal Constituency and the two Sapele State Constituencies accordingly and conduct subsequent elections for Sapele Federal Constituency and the two Sapele State Constituencies in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to ensure compliance (**HR. 10/02/2021**).

**18. Call on the Federal Government to Re-Visit the Ban on Employment in Federal Universities**  
*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that in the 2020 Appropriation Bill, the Federal Government proposed a national budget of ₦10.59 trillion but due to the fall in crude oil prices and COVID-19 global Pandemic, the Government was forced to trim down the Budget to about ₦9 trillion, shift the benchmark Oil Price from US\$57 per barrel to \$28 Dollar per Barrel and ban recruitments into Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs);

*Also notes* that a recent oversight of Federal Universities in Nigeria revealed that the institutions have an avalanche of internal vacancies for both academic and non-academic positions, but because of the ban on recruitment, the positions cannot be filled, thus hampering smooth academic programmes in the Universities;

*Cognizant* that the amount appropriated in the 2020 national budget for personnel expenditure in the Universities can accommodate the internal vacancies, hence the Universities should be allowed to fill the vacancies, especially where the amounts appropriated for capital expenditure can offset the attendant personnel costs;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Government to lift the ban on recruitment into Federal Universities in order to fill the existing vacancies so as not to hamper the smooth running of the Academic Institutions;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ascertain the number of internal vacancies in all Federal Government Universities with a view to monitoring their replacements in order to curb inefficiency and waste (*Hon. Oluga Taiwo Olukemi — Ayedaade/Irewole/Isokan Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that in the 2020 Appropriation Bill, the Federal Government proposed a national budget of ₦10.59 trillion but due to the fall in crude oil prices and COVID-19 global Pandemic, the Government was forced to trim down the Budget to about ₦9 trillion, shift the benchmark Oil Price from US\$57 per barrel to \$28 Dollar per Barrel and ban recruitments into Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs);

*Also noted* that a recent oversight of Federal Universities in Nigeria revealed that the institutions have an avalanche of internal vacancies for both academic and non-academic positions, but because of the ban on recruitment, the positions cannot be filled, thus hampering smooth academic programmes in the Universities;

*Cognizant* that the amount appropriated in the 2020 national budget for personnel expenditure in the Universities can accommodate the internal vacancies, hence the Universities should be allowed to fill the vacancies, especially where the amounts appropriated for capital expenditure can offset the attendant personnel costs;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Government to lift the ban on recruitment into Federal Universities in order to fill the existing vacancies so as not to hamper the smooth running of the Academic Institutions;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ascertain the number of internal vacancies in all Federal Government Universities with a view to monitoring their replacements in order to curb inefficiency and waste (HR. 11/02/2021).

**19. Destructive Rainstorm at Ora-Igbomina, Ifedayo Local Government Area of Osun State**  
*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that on Sunday, 14 February, 2021, a rainstorm ravaged Ora-Igbomina Community in Ifedayo Local Government Area of Osun State affecting a number of public buildings, mostly classroom blocks which had their roofs blown off, while several residential buildings belonging to the people of Ora-Igbomina Community were equally affected;

*Worried* that the rainstorm has displaced large number of secondary school children, as well as other Nigerians, thereby rendering them as internally displaced persons in their natural habitat as they cannot attend classes or go about their daily chores, thereby causing untold hardship to citizens who urgently need assistance.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to visit the scene and assess the extent of damage done to public and private buildings;
- (ii) also urge NEMA to thereafter provide emergency relief materials for the affected schools and displaced students;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (Hon. Olufemi Fakeye — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency).

*Agreed to.*

(HR. 12/02/2021).

*Motion referred to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).*



20. **Need to Investigate Non-Compliance with the Environmental Impact Assessment Act in the Oil and Gas Sector for Sustainable Environment and Protection of Host Communities**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that at the 1992 United Nation's Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Heads of States and Governments declared that all member countries should conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for major development projects, which informed the enactment of the Environmental Impact Assessment Act in Nigeria;

*Aware* that the EIA Act mandates the assessments of proposed projects or activities likely to cause significant damage to the environment and presently, the major national legal framework for ensuring environmental sustainability and covers aspects all required for environmental impact assessment;

*Concerned* that operational activities in the oil and gas sector requires drilling, pipe lining, building platforms such as tank farms, oil depot, refineries, terminal, flow lines-oil depots, refineries, hydrocarbon processing facilities, etc., which sites are abandoned without decommissioning;

*Also concerned* that the non-compliance with EIA Act results in the gross deterioration of Nigeria's environment thus affecting the lives and property of Nigerians in host communities;

*Determined* to arrest this unpleasant development from degenerating and to halt the culture of impunity and brazen disregard of the EIA Act by oil and gas companies;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committees on Environment, and Host Communities to visit the affected oil and gas facilities and host communities to investigate the alleged breaches of the Environmental Impact Assessment Act and report back within eight (8) weeks (*Hon. Johnson Egwakhide Oghuma — Etsako East/West Central Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that at the 1992 United Nation's Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Heads of States and Governments declared that all member countries should conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for major development projects, which informed the enactment of the Environmental Impact Assessment Act in Nigeria;

*Aware* that the EIA Act mandates the assessments of proposed projects or activities likely to cause significant damage to the environment and presently, the major national legal framework for ensuring environmental sustainability and covers aspects all required for environmental impact assessment;

*Concerned* that operational activities in the oil and gas sector requires drilling, pipe lining, building platforms such as tank farms, oil depot, refineries, terminal, flow lines-oil depots, refineries, hydrocarbon processing facilities, etc., which sites are abandoned without decommissioning;

*Also concerned* that the non-compliance with EIA Act results in the gross deterioration of Nigeria's environment thus affecting the lives and property of Nigerians in host communities;

*Determined* to arrest this unpleasant development from degenerating and to halt the culture of impunity and brazen disregard of the EIA Act by oil and gas companies;

*Resolved to:*

Mandate the Committees on Environment and Host Communities to visit the affected oil and gas facilities and host communities to investigate the alleged breaches of the Environmental Impact Assessment Act and report back within eight (8) weeks (HR. 13/02/2021).

21. **Consideration of Reports**

(i) **Committee on Police Affairs:**

Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the issuance from the consolidated revenue the sum of Eleven Billion, Three Hundred and Fifty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and one Naira, Seventy Kobo (₦ 11,352,457,101.70) of which One Hundred and Seventy-Six million, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty-Six Naira, Fifty Kobo (₦176,768,526.50) only, is for Personnel Expenditure, Five Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-Two Naira, Twenty Kobo (₦ 547,125,592.20) only, is for Overhead Expenditure and the sum of Ten Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty-Eight Million, Five Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand Naira (₦10,628,562,983.00) only, is for Capital Expenditure for the Year ending 30 April 2021.

*Order deferred by leave of the House.*

(ii) **Committee on Healthcare Services:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Healthcare Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency Act, Cap. N69, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB.39)" (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri 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 NATIONAL PRIMARY  
HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ACT, 1992, NO. 29  
AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND ITS GOVERNING BOARD, ETC.

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 1: Establishment of the National Primary Health Care Development Agency**

(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (in this Act referred to as "the Agency") which shall be supervised by the Federal Ministry of Health.

(2) The Agency —

(a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and

- (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 1 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 2: Establishment and composition of the Governing Board of the Agency**

- (1) There is hereby established for the Agency a Governing Board in this Bill (referred to as the Board) which shall consist of —
- (a) a Chairman, who shall be a highly respected public health practitioner with at least not less than 10 years' experience in primary health care,
  - (b) a representative of the Minister in charge of Health of at least not below the rank of Director in the Federal Ministry of Health;
  - (c) one person each to represent the following, that is —
    - (i) the Principals/Provosts of Schools/Colleges of Health Technology;
    - (ii) the Provosts of Colleges of Medicine;
    - (iii) the Principals of Community Health Officers Training institutions;
    - (iv) the Community Health Practitioners Association of Nigeria;
    - (v) the Nigerian Medical Association; and
    - (vi) the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives;
    - (vii) Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria;
  - (d) one person to represent a State Ministry of Health from each Primary Health Care Zone, to be nominated by the National Council of Health;
  - (e) one person to represent Association of Local Government of Nigeria (ALGON) from each of the six geopolitical zones to be rotated among the States in each zone;
  - (f) one person to represent non-Governmental associations working in the field of primary health care;
  - (g) one person to represent the National Planning Commission;
  - (h) one person to represent the Directorate for Social Mobilisation;
  - (i) one person to represent the Directorate of Food, Roads and Rural Infrastructures;
  - (j) one person to represent the Ministry of Women Affairs;
  - (k) one person to represent the Civil Society Organizations; and

- (1) the Director General of the Agency who shall be the Secretary to the Board.
- (2) The President shall appoint the Chairman of the Board, and the Minister shall appoint the other members of the Board, on the recommendation of the bodies concerned, if any.
- (3) A member of the Board appointed otherwise than by office shall hold office for a period of four years, and subject to the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, shall be eligible for re-appointment for only one further period of four years except the representatives of ALGON.
- (4) The office of a member of the Board shall become vacant if —
- he resigns as a member of the Board by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Minister;
  - the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Board for the member to continue in office and notices the member in writing to that effect;
  - he ceases to be a member of the body which he represents on the board; or
  - becomes incapacitated and is unable to perform the duties of his office due to ill health or otherwise.
- (5) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other matters mentioned therein. [Schedule] (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 2 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

## PART II — DEFINITION AND COMPONENTS OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

### *Committee Recommendation:*

#### **Clause 3: Definition of Primary Health Care**

##### (1) Primary Health Care —

- is essential health care based on practical, scientifically sound and socially acceptable methods and technology made universally accessible to individuals and families in community through their full participation and at a cost that the community and country can afford to maintain at every stage of their development in the spirit of their self-reliance and self-determination;
- forms an integral part of the country's health system, of which it is the central function and main focus of the overall social and economic development of the community;
- is the first level of contact of individuals, the family and the community with national health system, bringing health care as close as possible to where people live and work and constitutes the first element of a continuing health care process; and

- (d) the principles are inter-sectoral, community participation, use of affordable appropriate technology, equity and social justice.
- (2) Primary Health Care forms an integral part and nucleus of the social and economic development of the communities in Nigeria and Nigeria's health system (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 3 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 4: Components of Primary Health Care**  
Primary Health Care shall include —

- (a) health education concerning prevailing health problems;
- (b) promotion of food supply and proper nutrition;
- (c) adequate supply of safe water and basic sanitation;
- (d) maternal and child health care including family planning;
- (e) immunization against major infectious diseases;
- (f) prevention and control of locally endemic diseases;
- (g) appropriate treatment for common ailments and injuries;
- (h) supply of essential drugs;
- (i) primary eye care;
- (j) care of the elderly;
- (k) oral health;
- (l) mental health;
- (m) constant supply of electricity;
- (n) additional components approved by the National Council on Health from time to time; and
- (o) for the purpose of (e) in this subsection, the Agency is —
- (i) to effectively prevent, through immunization and provision of potent vaccines, the occurrence of vaccine preventable diseases,
- (ii) to support States and local governments in their immunization programme by procuring and supplying them with bundled vaccines (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 4 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

## PART III — FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE AGENCY

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 5: Functions of the Agency**

The functions of the Agency shall be —

- (a) to provide support for the development and implementation of the National Health Policy by —
  - (i) reviewing existing health policies particularly as to their relevance to the development of primary health care and to the integrated development of health services and health manpower and propose changes when necessary;
  - (ii) preparing alternative proposals for decision makers at all levels based on scientific analysis, including proposals for health legislation; and
  - (iii) assisting the translation of policies into relevant and feasible strategies, based on research evidence, wherever appropriate;
- (b) through an Established Technical Support Programme (TSP), provide technical support for the planning, management and implementation of primary health care by —
  - (i) stimulating and assisting States and Local Government Areas through State Primary Health Care Boards to initiate or accelerate primary health care development where none is taking place or is at very slow pace, and specifically, by supporting the development of capabilities at State and Local Government Area levels in the planning, reviewing and re-planning of their health programmes;
  - (ii) promoting the participation of women at all levels of primary health care planning, management and implementation particularly at the Local Government Area level;
  - (iii) conducting studies on health plans for primary health care at various levels to see whether they are relevant to the National Health Policy, feasible and multi-sectoral;
  - (iv) promoting the monitoring of plan implementation at various levels;
  - (v) stimulating the technical development of primary health care on an equitable basis in all Local Government Areas; and
  - (vi) providing technical support on cutting edge innovations and strategies in the implementation of primary health care;
- (c) to mobilise resources, nationally and internationally, for the development of primary health care in support of the programmes of the Agency and to conduct or commission studies on resource mobilisation for health and on issues of cost and financing on equitable basis;
- (d) to provide support to the monitoring and evaluation of the National Health Policy by —

- (i) monitoring the development and implementation of primary health care programmes to ensure that it keeps as much as possible within the guidelines set out in the National Health Policy;
  - (ii) developing guidelines and designing frameworks for periodic evaluation of primary health care at the various levels;
  - (iii) checking the monitoring and evaluation process nationally, with particular respect to the developing of capabilities to analyse and make use of monitoring and evaluation data for management decision-making at all levels;
- (e) to provide guidelines and protocols for the management and provision of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health Plus Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) services at primary healthcare and community levels:
- (f) to promote health manpower development by —
- (i) providing technical support to the preparation of health manpower policy, including manpower projections to enhance development of primary health care manpower plan;
  - (ii) providing advocacy and support for the orientation of medical under-graduate education and the education of other health professionals towards primary health care;
  - (iii) identifying the orientation and continuing education needs of primary health care manpower, including medical manpower and by organising programmes to meet those needs;
  - (iv) supporting directly the strengthening of the Schools of Health Technology;
- (g) to provide support to the ward health system by —
- (i) paying special attention and providing maximum support to the training, development, logistic support and supervision of the community-based health workers and to the relationship between those workers and their communities and the mechanisms which link those workers to the other levels of the health system; and
  - (ii) paying special attention to the involvement of women and grassroots women's organisations in the ward health system;
- (h) to promote health systems research by —
- (i) promoting and supporting problem-oriented health systems research as a tool for finding better ways for the provision of essential care as a component of health for all and by introducing health systems research in the Primary health care system;
  - (ii) undertaking or commissioning health systems and operations research into primary health care Programmes; and

- (iii) responding to requests from Government and other agencies in organising special studies and mobilising experts who will respond rapidly and in-depth to guide legislative and administrative actions;
- (i) to promote technical collaboration by —
    - (i) stimulating tertiary institutions, non-Governmental organisations and international agencies to work with State Primary Health Care Boards and Local Government Areas in nurturing their capacity for problem solving;
    - (ii) encouraging States and Local Government Areas to seek technical collaboration from other local Government Areas and other bodies in developing and implementing their primary health care programmes;
    - (iii) promoting collaborations with other sectors for primary health care development and implementation at all levels;
    - (iv) monitoring the collaboration of primary health care between the international agencies and Governments at all levels;
    - (v) promoting and organizing the sharing of experience of the Agency locally and globally through publications, reports, conferences and other means and the collection of all relevant information from other countries and international organisations and disseminating such information to all interested parties; and
    - (vi) promoting maximum support for all its efforts by networking and creating formal and informal collaboration with relevant Nigerian and international institutions;
  - (j) to promote primary health care by —
    - (i) advocacy to leaders at the national and state levels, to non-Governmental organisations, donors, private sector, other stakeholders and through the mass media, to promote primary health care and by making efforts to ensure that elected and party officials are continually oriented towards primary health care and universal health coverage;
    - (ii) re-orientating other health professional towards primary health care by means of conferences, seminars and other meetings;
    - (iii) supporting the documentation of best practices in primary health care through commissioning of case-studies, reviews, books, articles, newsletters and other media productions, as appropriate;
    - (iv) establishing resource centres to serve as national and zonal depositories of information on primary health care implementation;
    - (v) organising seminars, reviews and other meetings to promote primary health care and share experience in implementation with a view to strengthening the primary health care system;



- (vi) collaborating with Environmental Health Practitioners for waste management and disposal; and
- (vii) providing annual reports which are widely disseminated on the status of primary health care implementation nation-wide;

(k) to promote accountability for the primary health care system by:

- (i) undertaking annual reviews of the performance of the State Primary Health Care Boards (SPHCBs) and publishing reports on their progress;
- (ii) developing and implementing a reward and sanction framework for performance of State Primary Health Care Board (SPHCBs) and Local Government Area Health Authorities;
- (iii) providing or withdrawing of License for provision of primary health care services in line with defined standards for functionality;
- (iv) obtaining and publishing an annual report of funding of health facilities from States and Local Government Areas;

(l) to develop and enforce the use of protocols, standards and guidelines for effective implementation of primary health care at all levels;

(m) to set up a well structured Primary Health Care Institute

- (i) for training and capacity building of mid-level officers; and
- (ii) for conducting research in Primary Health Care systems development and implementation;

(n) to collaborate with other stakeholders in reactivating the existing Primary Health Care training institutes in the country and establishing new ones as the need arises;

(o) to plan, procure, administer and recommend appropriate vaccines into the national immunization schedule for eligible children, women of childbearing age and other targeted populations;

(p) to promote local production of human vaccines working in collaboration with other relevant Agencies of Government and Non-Governmental Organizations by —

- (i) providing guidance and standards in the business of production, sale and distribution of quality vaccines (and any other preparation used to confer immunity to a disease or the prevention, amelioration and treatment of diseases) and allied healthcare products,

(ii) supporting Research and Development for candidate vaccines and biologicals to prevent communicable diseases

(iii) building capacity for local production of vaccines in order to facilitate the transfer of technology to the country,

- (iv) participating in all other activities as may be necessary for the execution of the Joint venture agreement towards local vaccine production;
- (q) to collaborate with other stakeholders in the establishment of a Primary Healthcare Institute as a core component of the technical support programme;
- (r) to perform such other functions as may, from time to time, be assigned to it (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 5 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

#### PART IV— STAFF OF THE AGENCY

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 6: Appointment of the Director General and other staff of the Agency**

- (1) There shall be appointed for the Agency by the President, a Director General
  - (a) who shall be a health professional, with at least 15 years post graduate experience in relevant field of medicine or public health;
  - (b) whose rank upon appointment, shall be equivalent to that of a permanent secretary in the Federal Civil Service;
- (2) The Director General shall be the head of the secretariat of the Agency and head the team responsible for guiding the development of the primary health care system;
- (3) The Director General shall be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Agency, keep the books and records of the Agency and be subject to the supervision of the Chairman and the Board.
- (4) The Board may, from time to time, appoint for the Agency such other staff, as it may deem necessary, to assist the Director General in the performance of his functions under this Bill.
- (5) The members of staff of the Agency appointed under subsection (4) of this section shall be appointed on such terms and conditions of service as the Board may, after consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission, determine.
- (6) The staff of the Agency shall be public officers as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 as amended (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 6 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 7: Pensions**

- (1) Service in the Agency shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pensions Act and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the Agency shall be entitled to pensions, gratuities and other benefits as are prescribed there under.

- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the Agency may appoint a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits in respect of that office.
- (3) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the Pensions Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation, other than the power to make regulations under section 23 thereof, is hereby vested in and shall be exercisable by the Agency and not by any other person or authority (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 7 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

#### PART V — ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-NATIONAL STRUCTURES

##### *Committee Recommendation:*

##### **Clause 8: Primary Health Care Zones**

- (1) For the purpose of effectively discharging its functions under this Bill, the Agency shall decentralize its field activities and for that purpose align its activities with the six (6) geopolitical zones made up of —
  - (a) South-East Zone with headquarters at Enugu, comprising Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo States;
  - (b) South-South Zone with headquarters at Benin, comprising Akwa-Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Edo and Rivers States;
  - (c) South-West Zone with headquarters at Ikeja, comprising Ekiti, Ogun, Ondo, Osun, Lagos and Oyo States;
  - (d) North-East Zone with headquarters at Bauchi, comprising Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe States;
  - (e) North-West Zone with headquarters at Kano, comprising Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara States; and
  - (f) North Central with headquarters at Minna, comprising Benue, Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, FCT, Niger and Plateau States.
- (2) The Agency shall have offices in all the States of the Federation.
- (3) State Primary Health Care Boards shall be established by States to coordinate the implementation of Primary Health Care at the state level.
- (4) The Agency may have a representative that serves as a statutory member of State Primary Health Care Boards.
- (5) In fulfilment of its oversight roles on the State Primary Health Care Boards, the Agency may:
  - (a) provide guidance and support to States towards the selection of public health experts to manage SPHCB;
  - (b) provide guidance and support to States in the constitution of the Governing Board of SPHCB; and

- (c) work with relevant stakeholders in performance management functions that enhances the quality of primary healthcare in States (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 8 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

#### PART VI — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

##### **Committee Recommendation:**

##### **Clause 9: Fund of the Agency**

- (1) The Agency shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Agency.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section,—
- (a) such payments as may be made to it by the Federal Government for the running expenses of the Agency;
- (b) allocation from the Basic Health Care Provision Fund as provided for in the National Health Act, Cap. 8, 2014;
- (c) all sums accruing to the Agency by way of gifts, endowments, bequests, credits, grants or other contributions by persons and organizations;
- (d) foreign aid and assistance from bilateral and multilateral agencies; and
- (d) all other assets accruing, from time to time (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 9 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

##### **Committee Recommendation:**

##### **Clause 10: Expenditure of the Agency**

The Agency may, from time to time, apply the proceeds of the fund established in pursuance of section 9 of this Bill —

- (a) to the cost of administration of the Agency;
- (b) for reimbursing members of the Board or of any committee set up by the Board for such expenses as may be expressly authorised by the Board in accordance with the rates approved by the President;
- (c) to the payment of salaries, fees or other remuneration, allowances, pensions and gratuities payable to the officers and servants of the Agency;
- (d) for the maintenance of any property vested in the Agency;
- (e) for and in connection with all its functions under this Bill; and
- (f) disbursement to States and Local Governments benefitting from the Basic Health Care Provision Fund as provided for in the National Health Act, Cap. 8, 2014 (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 10 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 11: Annual estimates and accounts**

- (1) The Board shall, not later than 30th of September in each year, submit to the Minister an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Agency during the following year.
- (2) The Board shall keep proper accounts of the Agency in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto and shall cause the accounts to be audited not later than six months after the end of each year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 11 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 12: Provision of bundled vaccines**

- (1) For the provisions of Part II, section 4 (4), the funds for the procurement of bundled vaccines for States and local government areas shall be a first line charge from the Federation Account
- (2) This shall be based on annual computed vaccines requirement provided by the Agency (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 12 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

PART VII — TRANSFER OF THE FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL  
PROGRAMME ON IMMUNIZATION TO THE AGENCY

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 13: Transfer of the functions of National Programme on Immunization to the Agency**

By this Amendment the functions, duties and powers of the defunct National Programme on Immunization contained in Act No. 12 of 1997 are hereby transferred to the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 13 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

PART VIII — MISCELLANEOUS

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 14: Annual reports**

The Board shall prepare and submit to the President through the Minister, not later than 30th June in each year, a report in such form as he may direct on the activities of the Agency during the immediately preceding year, and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Agency for that year and the auditor's report thereon (*Hon. Tanko Sununu. — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 14 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 15: Access to records, etc.**

- (1) For the purpose of carrying out the functions of the Agency under this Bill, the Director General or any other officer of the Agency authorised in that behalf shall —
- (a) have a right of access to all the records of any health institution or authority engaged in primary health care;
  - (b) by notice in writing served on a person in charge of any health institution or authority require that person or authority to furnish information on such matters as may be specified in the notice.
- (2) It shall be the duty of any person or authority required to furnish information pursuant to subsection (1) of this section to comply with the notice within a reasonable period (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 15 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 16: Power of Minister to give directives**

The Minister shall give directives of a general or special character to the Agency relating to the performance by the Agency of any or all its functions under this Bill, and it shall be the duty of the Agency to comply and give effect to the directives (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 16 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 17: Regulations**

The Minister shall make regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill. (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that Clause 17 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 18: Interpretation**

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Agency" means the National Primary Health Care Development Agency established by section 1 of this Act (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the word "Agency" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.*

"functions" includes duties and powers (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the word "functions" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.*

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to health (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the meaning of the word "Minister" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.*

"primary health care" includes care designed to prevent disease and promote health and out-patient care, including general medical care, maternal and child health care, domiciliary health care and rehabilitation and nursing care, including home visit (Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency).

*Question that the meaning of the words "primary health care" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.*

"Community based Health Workers" include Community Health Influencers, Promoters and Services (CHIPS) Agents, the Community health worker and traditional birth assistant (Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency).

*Question that the meaning of the words "Community based Health Workers" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.*

"Bundled vaccines" refer to the availability of vaccines with full complement of devices, injection materials and diluent in the case of lyophilized vaccine (Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency).

*Question that the meaning of the words "Bundled vaccines" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.*

*Question that Clause 18 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

**Committee Recommendation:**

**Clause 19: Short Title**

This Bill may be cited as the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency).

*Question that Clause 19 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.*

## SCHEDULE

### Section 2 (5)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD AND THE AGENCY PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

1. Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Board and any committee thereof.
2. Every meeting of the Board shall be presided over by the Chairman and if the Chairman is unable to attend a meeting, the members present at the meeting shall elect one of their number to preside at the meeting.
3. The quorum at a meeting of the Board shall consist of the Chairman (or in an appropriate case, the person presiding at the meeting pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule) and eight other members.

4. Upon any special occasion, the Board may co-opt any person to be member for as many meetings as may be necessary, and that person while so co-opted shall have all the rights and privileges of a member, except that he shall not be entitled to vote or count towards a quorum.
5. The board shall hold not more than four meetings in a year, except for emergency meetings which may be called as the need arises.

#### *Committees*

6.
  - (1) Subject to its standing orders, the Board may appoint such number of standing and ad-hoc committees as it thinks fit to consider and report on any matter with which the Agency is concerned.
  - (2) Every committee appointed under the provisions of sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be presided over by a member of the Board and shall be made up of such number of persons, not necessarily members of the Board, as the Board may determine in each case.
7. The decision of a committee shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board of the Agency.

#### *Miscellaneous*

8. The fixing of the seal of the Agency shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and of the Director General of the Agency or such other member authorized generally or specially by the Board to act for that purpose.
9. Any contract or instrument which, if made by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Agency by the Director General or by any other person generally or specifically authorized by the Board to act for that purpose.
10. Any document purporting to be a contract, an instrument or other document signed or sealed on behalf of the Agency shall be received in evidence and, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed, without further proof, to have been so signed or sealed.
11. The validity of a proceeding of the Board or a committee thereof shall not be adversely affected —
  - (a) by any vacancy in the membership of the Board; or
  - (b) by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or committee; or
  - (c) by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceeding.
12. A member of the Board or committee who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board or committee shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the provisions of the Schedule stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.*



**Explanatory Note:**

This Bill seeks to amend the National Primary Health Care Development Agency Act to provide for definition and components of primary health care in Nigeria (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to amend the National Primary Health Care Development Agency Act, 1992 No. 29 and for Matters Connected Therewith (*Hon. Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Chairman to report Bill.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Healthcare Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency Act, Cap. N69, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB.39) and approved Clauses 1 - 19, the Schedule, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(iii) *Ad-hoc Committee on the Screening of Nominees for Appointment of Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs:*

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Screening of Nominees for Appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria" (Hon. Babajimi Adegoke Benson — Ikorodu 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)*

**Recommendation (i):**

"That Major-General Lucky E. O. Irabor, be CONFIRMED as the CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; having successfully undergone the screening process of this Committee" (*Hon. Babajimi Adegoke Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Recommendation (ii):**

"That Major-General brahim Attahiru, be CONFIRMED as the CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; having successfully undergone the screening process of this Committee" (*Hon. Babajimi Adegoke Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Recommendation (iii):*

"That Rear Admiral Awwal Zubairu Gambo, be CONFIRMED as the CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; having successfully undergone the screening process of this Committee" (*Hon. Babajimi Adegoke Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Recommendation (iv):*

"That Air Vice Marshal Ishlaka Oladayo Amao, be CONFIRMED as the CHIEF OF AIR STAFF of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; having successfully undergone the screening process of this Committee" (*Hon. Babajimi Adegoke Benson — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

## (HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Screening of Nominees for Appointment as Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and approved the Recommendations (i) - (iv) of the Report.

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

22. **Personal Explanation (Order Eight, Rule 5)**

Hon. Mohammed Shehu (*Koko-Besse/Maiyama Federal Constituency*), expressed sadness over the unfortunate crash of a military Air Force plane that occurred on Sunday, 21 February, 2021 which claimed the lives of the 7 crew members. He urged the House to send a delegation to commiserate with the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, and the Chief of Air Staff, and to observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased.

*A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.*

23. **Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 24 February, 2021 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 3.29 p.m.*

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila  
*Speaker*

## CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 3 December, 2020, item 6 (c), **Science Research Institutes (Deputy Chairman)**, leave out the name Hon. Ali Lawan Shettima and insert the name Hon. Mohammed Jafaru instead thereof.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila  
*Speaker*