



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 25 March, 2021

1. The House met at 11.31 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 24 March, 2021.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**

(i) **Constitution of Committee on Safety Standards:**

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Ibrahim Hamza	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Onwuaso Chinedu Samuel	—	<i>Deputy Chairman</i>
(3)	Hon. Samuel Godday Odagboyi	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Bulus Solomon Maren	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Maitala Haruna	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Jiba Yohanna Micah	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Zacharias David Idris	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Aisowieren Patrick	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Idahosa Dennis	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Igwe Chinyere Emmanuel	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Nnam-Obi Uchechuku	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Ibrahim Usman Auyo	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Abdullah Babangida Alasa	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Usman Ahmed Liman	—	<i>Member</i>
(15)	Hon. Dalhatu Hamza Batagarawa	—	<i>Member</i>
(16)	Hon. Amos Magaji	—	<i>Member</i>
(17)	Hon. Magaji Jaafar Abubakar	—	<i>Member</i>
(18)	Hon. Bauchi Yaya Tongo	—	<i>Member</i>
(19)	Hon. Mashema Bashir	—	<i>Member</i>
(20)	Hon. Kwewum Rimamnde Shawulu	—	<i>Member</i>
(21)	Hon. Balogun Adebayo Olusegun	—	<i>Member</i>

(22)	Hon. Samuel Adejare	—	Member
(23)	Hon. Osunsanya Kolapo Korede	—	Member
(24)	Hon. Adelegbe Oluwatimehin	—	Member
(25)	Hon. Olatubòsun Olajide Boladale	—	Member
(26)	Hon. Amadi Dennis	—	Member
(27)	Hon. Umcoji Chukwuma Michael	—	Member
(28)	Hon. Makwe Livinus Makwe	—	Member
(29)	Hon. Atigwe Simon Chukwuemeka	—	Member
(30)	Hon. Kaoje Bello A.	—	Member
(31)	Hon. Shehu Balarabe Kakale	—	Member.

(ii) **Appointment of Member, Governing Council of National Institute of Legislative and Democratic Studies (NILDS):**

Mr Speaker announced the appointment of Hon. Ifon Patrick Nathan as member of the Governing Council of NILDS.

5. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Chris Okpala & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Franklin Idoko, on alleged bunkering of Nigerian Petroleum Products by Trade Berga Operators Limited and Deep Frontline Shippers Limited, was presented and laid by Hon. Bamidele Salami (*Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*); and
- (ii) A petition from Siyaka Salami, on his dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Joseph Asuku Bello (*Adavi/Okehi Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1284).
- (2) Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1267).
- (3) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021(HB.1285).
- (4) Rice Import Restriction and Anti-Smuggling/Hoarding Bill, 2021 (HB.1286).
- (5) National Polytechnics Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2021(HB.1287).
- (6) National Gaming Bill, 2021 (HB. 1288).
- (7) Export Prohibition Act (Repeal) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1289).
- (8) Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1291).
- (9) Federal College of Education, Amaigbo, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1292).
- (10) Fire and Emergency Service Bill, 2021 (HB. 1293).
- (11) Kuru Federal Hospital and Infectious Diseases Centre (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1294).
- (12) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1295).
- (13) Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1296).

7. Presentation of Reports**(i) Committee on Justice:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Establish the South-West Development Commission charged with Responsibility, among others, to Receive and Manage Funds from Allocation of the Federation Account, including Donations and Gifts, the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Roads, Houses and other Infrastructural Damages Suffered by the Region and the Need to Tackle the Ecological Problems and any other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the South West States; and for Related Matters (HB.597)" (*Hon. Ozurigbo Ugonna — Nkwere/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Justice:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Establish the South-South Development Commission charged with Responsibility to Receive and Manage Funds from the Federation Account Allocation and other Sources, Donations, Grants and Aids for the Integration, Development, Resolution of Infrastructural Deficit, Militancy, Communal Crisis as well as Tackle Ecological and Environmental Problems; and for Related Matters. (HB.630)" (*Hon. Ozurigbo Ugonna — Nkwere/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Education, Kontagora; and for Related Matters (HB.1136) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Education, Kontagora; and for Related Matters (HB.1136) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria charged with Responsibility for Registration and Disciplining of Members of the Profession; and for Related Matters (HB. 896) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria charged with Responsibility for Registration and Disciplining of Members of the Profession; and for Related Matters (HB. 896) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba; and for Related Matters (HB.789) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba; and for Related Matters (HB.789) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency Act, 2006; and for Related Matters (HB. 351) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency Act, 2006; and for Related Matters (HB. 351) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Council for Psychologists charged with Responsibility for Determining the Standards of Knowledge and Skills to be Attained by Persons seeking to become Registered Members of the Psychology Profession in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 848) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Council for Psychologists charged with Responsibility for Determining the Standards of Knowledge and Skills to be Attained by Persons seeking to become Registered Members of the Psychology Profession in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 848) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopedic Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. O10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for Establishment of Orthopaedic Hospital, Jos, Plateau State; and for Related Matters (HB. 886) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. O10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for Establishment of Orthopaedic Hospital, Jos, Plateau State; and for Related Matters (HB. 886) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

14. **A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Federal Medical Centre, Wase, Plateau State; and for Related Matters (HB. 885) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Federal Medical Centre, Wase, Plateau State; and for Related Matters (HB. 885) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Bida, Niger State for the purpose of Providing Qualitative Education in Medicine and Health Sciences; and for Related Matters (HB. 411) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Bida, Niger State for the purpose of Providing Qualitative Education in Medicine and Health Sciences; and for Related Matters (HB. 411) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. O10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for Establishment of Orthopaedic Hospitals, Benin, Edo State and Jalingo, Taraba State; and for Related Matters, 2020 (HB. 1284) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. O10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for Establishment of Orthopaedic Hospitals, Benin, Edo State and Jalingo, Taraba State; and for Related Matters, 2020 (HB. 1284) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase 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 Health Institutions.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Technology, Saapenwa Ogoni; and for Related Matters (HB. 1219) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Technology, Saapenwa Ogoni; and for Related Matters (HB. 1219) 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.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Bende to provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Sciences, Commerce, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and carry out Research in the Development and Adaptation of Techniques; and also make provision for Appointment of a Provost and Officials of the College to carry out the Administration and Disciplining of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 852) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Bende to provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Sciences, Commerce, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and carry out

Research in the Development and Adaptation of Techniques; and also make provision for Appointment of a Provost and Officials of the College to carry out the Administration and Disciplining of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 852) 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 Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.

19. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Second Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Transfer Quarantine from the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent Legislative List; and for Related Matters (HB. 1235) — 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 (as amended) to Transfer Quarantine from the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent Legislative List; and for Related Matters (HB. 1235) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Abbass Tajudeen — Zaria 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.

20. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Coastal and Inland Shipping (Cabotage) Act, No. 5, 2003 to Restrict the Use of Foreign Vessels in Domestic Coastal and Inland Commercial Activities, to Promote the Development of Indigenous Tonnage and Establish a Cabotage Vessel Financing Fund; and for Related Matters (HB. 778) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Coastal and Inland Shipping (Cabotage) Act, No. 5, 2003 to Restrict the Use of Foreign Vessels in Domestic Coastal and Inland Commercial Activities, to Promote the Development of Indigenous Tonnage and Establish a Cabotage Vessel Financing Fund; and for Related Matters (HB. 778) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu — Onitsha North/Onitsha South 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 Maritime Safety, Education and Administration.

21. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Directorate of Employment Act, Cap. N28, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Objectives of the Directorate, Review the Composition of the Board and Enhance the Funding Regime of the Directorate for better Access to Credit for Youth Self-Empowerment and change the Short Title of the Act to National Agency for Job Creation and Human Capital Development; and for Related Matters (HB. 709 and HB. 1049) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Directorate of Employment Act, Cap. N28, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Objectives of

the Directorate, Review the Composition of the Board and Enhance the Funding Regime of the Directorate for better Access to Credit for Youth Self-Empowerment and change the Short Title of the Act to National Agency for Job Creation and Human Capital Development; and for Related Matters (HB. 709 and HB. 1049) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Bamidele Salam — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo 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 Labour, Employment and Productivity.

22. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Agriculture, Affa, Enugu State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1205) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Agriculture, Affa, Enugu State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1205) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Amadi Dennis Oguerinwa — Ezeagu/Udi 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.

23. **Need to Investigate the Refusal of the Head of Service of the Federation to Post 35 Candidates Employed by the Federal Civil Service Commission**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the recruitment process in the Federal Civil Service is preceded by the availability of vacancies and source of funding for recruitment of candidates into various cadres and positions;

*Also notes that the Federal Civil Service Commission advertised vacancies for employment into various Ministries, Departments and Agencies in national dailies including **Daily Trust**, on Monday, 19 September, 2016;*

Aware that upon completion of the selection and recruitment processes, successful applicants, cutting across the 6 geopolitical zones, were issued letters of appointments;

Also aware that in compliance with administrative procedures, the Bureau of Public Procurement was among the establishments that vacancies were declared and candidates were duly recruited as procurement officers;

Further notes that between 3 and 7 September, 2018, the Bureau of Public Procurement expended public funds to conduct an induction training programme for the recruited procurement officers;

Concerned that rather than absorb all the inducted and trained recruited officers, the Bureau of Public Procurement selected a few among them for posting and rejected 35 persons, who were subsequently sent to the Head of Service for reposting to other Ministries and Establishments;

Also concerned that due to their rejection by the Bureau, the Federal Civil Service Commission through its Department of Recruitment secured a waiver for change of Cadre for the 35 persons from Procurement Cadre to other Cadres; however, since 2018, the affected persons have been left in limbo without any communication on their postings;

Further concerned that other persons recruited along with the 35 affected persons have since undergone various stages of career development including confirmation in the civil service and indeed, promotions to the next grade levels;

Further aware that the issuance of appointment letters to those persons signified a contract which is currently being negated and also represents grave injustice to the affected persons, including their career developments;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Head of Service of the Federation to cause the immediate posting of the 35 affected persons for the assumption of duty while also ensuring that their years of service are regularized and reconciled notionally with others who were employed on the same date and grade levels;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Public Service Matters to investigate the matter and ensure compliance (*Hon. Sani Umar Bala — Tsanyawa/Kunchi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the recruitment process in the Federal Civil Service is preceded by the availability of vacancies and source of funding for recruitment of candidates into various cadres and positions;

Also noted that the Federal Civil Service Commission advertised vacancies for employment into various Ministries, Departments and Agencies in national dailies including *Daily Trust*, on Monday, 19 September, 2016;

Aware that upon completion of the selection and recruitment processes, successful applicants, cutting across the 6 geopolitical zones, were issued letters of appointments;

Also aware that in compliance with administrative procedures, the Bureau of Public Procurement was among the establishments that vacancies were declared and candidates were duly recruited as procurement officers;

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Concerned that rather than absorb all the inducted and trained recruited officers, the Bureau of Public Procurement selected a few among them for posting and rejected 35 persons, who were subsequently sent to the Head of Service for reposting to other Ministries and Establishments;

Also concerned that due to their rejection by the Bureau, the Federal Civil Service Commission through its Department of Recruitment secured a waiver for change of Cadre for the 35 persons from Procurement Cadre to other Cadres; however, since 2018, the affected persons have been left in limbo without any communication on their postings;

Further concerned that other persons recruited along with the 35 affected persons have since undergone various stages of career development including confirmation in the civil service and indeed, promotions to the next grade levels;

Further aware that the issuance of appointment letters to those persons signified a contract which is currently being negated and also represents grave injustice to the affected persons, including their career developments;

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- (i) call on the Head of Service of the Federation to cause the immediate posting of the 35 affected persons for the assumption of duty while also ensuring that their years of service are regularized and reconciled notionally with others who were employed on the same date and grade levels;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Public Service Matters to investigate the matter and ensure compliance (HR. 67/03/2021).

24. Need to Ascertain the Level of Food Security in Nigeria

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

25. Need to Provide Relief Materials to Victims of Fire Incidence at the Katsina Central Market
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on 22 March, 2021, the Katsina Central Market was gutted by fire which lasted for over eleven hours and destroyed goods and properties worth billions of naira and is so far, the worst ever since the creation of the State;

Also notes that the fire started from a Bank located in the centre of the market and engulfed about 2000 shops and has now left the victims with the challenge of how to restart their businesses without capital and shops;

Informed that the victims and their dependents will be demoralized if urgent steps are not taken to provide relief materials with sustainable measures that will rehabilitate the destroyed market in such a manner that will forestall further reoccurrence;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other relevant Agencies to provide relief materials to the victims for their survival and business reactivation;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Trade and Investment to facilitate a well-coordinated intervention by specialized bodies such as the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture;
- (iii) set up a delegation to convey empathy to the government and people of Katsina State over this tragedy;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (Hon. Salisu Iro Isansi — Katsina Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (v) as follows:

“Mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to investigate the remote and immediate causes of the disaster and suggest measures to avoid re-occurrence of the unfortunate incidence” (*Hon. Ahmed Usman Jaha — Chibok/Dambo/Gwoza Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on 22 March, 2021, the Katsina Central Market was gutted by fire which lasted for over eleven hours and destroyed goods and properties worth billions of naira and is so far, the worst ever since the creation of the State;

Also noted that the fire started from a Bank located in the centre of the market and engulfed about 2000 shops and has now left the victims with the challenge of how to restart their businesses without capital and shops;

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- (iii) set up a delegation to convey empathy to the government and people of Katsina State over this tragedy;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to:
 - (a) investigate the remote and immediate causes of the disaster and suggest measures to avoid re-occurrence of the unfortunate incidence;
 - (b) ensure compliance (**HR. 68/03/2021**).

26. Need to Curb Fishing by Foreign Vessels on Nigeria's Territorial Waters

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

27. Call to Investigate the Sale of Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority's Housing Estate at Katsina State Area Office by the Presidential Implementation Committee on Federal Government Landed Properties

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority (SRRBDA) is a parastatal under the Federal Ministry of Water Resources with its headquarters at Sokoto and covers four out of seven States in North-Western Nigeria, namely Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara States;

Aware that the Authority's Katsina Area Office is located in a strategic area in Katsina State and is a fenced complex comprising both offices and residential accommodations for staff of the Authority;

Also aware that the Complex is made up of 17 units of Senior Staff Quarters, 12 nos intermediate Staff Quarters, 10 nos Junior Staff Quarters, 21 nos Boy Quarters, 2 nos Office Blocks, 1 fertilizer store and a fallow land of about 10 hectares;

Further aware that some of the houses were rented to Katsina State Government by the SRRBDA but the tenancy agreement between the Katsina State government and the Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority was revoked and a vacation order was issued to the tenants;

Worried that to date, the tenants have not vacated the houses and some of them are beneficiaries of a purported and unlawful sale of those properties;

Cognizant of the importance of Area Offices in the Authority's operations as they serve as the liaison between the headquarters and the State Government;

Also cognizant that the area office is currently supervising important projects such as the Zobe Dam and Irrigation Project in Dutsinma Local Government Area (LGA), Jibia Dam and Irrigation Project in Jibia LGA and Sabke Dam and Irrigation Project in Daura LGA, all in Katsina State;

Further cognizant that the Katsina Area Office has been included in the inventory of the fixed assets of the Authority submitted to the Public-Private-Partnership Consultants working on the partial commercialization of River Basin Development Authorities;

Concerned that the Presidential Implementation Committee (PIC) on Federal Government Landed Properties may have, in 2015, acted beyond its mandate in defining the Katsina State Area Office Complex as an isolated property and went ahead to dispose of them without the consent of the Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority which is presently in possession of the Certificate of Occupancy of its Katsina State Area Office Housing Estate;

Also worried that some of the policies that guided the Presidential Implementation Committee are being grossly abused by a few individuals who have been given the responsibility of implementing them and it has been alleged that the Presidential Implementation Committee officials are involved through the allocation of lands and houses in the Area Office to themselves and their cronies;

Further worried that the appeal by the Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority to the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) through the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to direct the Presidential Implementation Committee to reverse the sale and return all the sold units to the Authority is not likely to yield any positive outcome as a result of the flippant posture of the Committee constituted to investigate the matter;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Water Resources to investigate the matter with a view to reviewing the sale of Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority's Housing Estate at Katsina State Area Office by the Presidential Implementation Committee (PIC) on Federal Government Landed Properties and report back within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Nasiru Sani Zangon Daura — Zango/Baur Federal Constituency*)

Deba:

Agreed to.

The House:

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Worried that to date, the tenants have not vacated the houses and some of them are beneficiaries of a purported and unlawful sale of those properties;

Cognizant of the importance of Area Offices in the Authority's operations as they serve as the liaison between the headquarters and the State Government;

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28. **Need to Investigate the Pattern of Estimation and Spending of Recurrent Expenditure by Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House:

29. **Need to Grant Access to Former Members of the National Assembly into the Assembly Complex**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

30. **Adjournment of First Sitting**

That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 1.30 p.m. (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.15 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 20 October, 2020, page 823, item 18, in the Referral, leave out the words "*Committees on Legislative Compliance*", and insert the words "*Committee on Legislative Library, Research and Documentation*".

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