



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 24 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, 23 February, 2021.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**

(i) **Ad-hoc Committees:**

Mr Speaker named the membership of the following *Ad-hoc* Committees:

(a) **Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the ₦19.2 Billion Railway Rehabilitation Contract Awarded to Eser Contracting Industry Company Incorporated (HR.115/12/2020):**

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| (1) | Hon. Hassan Abubakar Nalaraba | — | Chairman |
| (2) | Hon. Micah Jiba | — | Member |
| (3) | Hon. Chinedu Martins | — | Member |
| (4) | Hon. Femi Adebayo | — | Member |
| (5) | Hon. Abubakar Kani Faggo | — | Member |
| (6) | Hon. Suleiman Aliyu Lere | — | Member |
| (7) | Hon. Ezenwankwo Okwudili | — | Member |
| (8) | Hon. Sumaila Suleman | — | Member |
| (9) | Hon. Ahmed Badau Yusuf | — | Member |
| (10) | Hon. Sani Bala | — | Member |
| (11) | Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan | — | Member |
| (12) | Hon. Ali Wudil Muhammed | — | Member |
| (13) | Hon. Maitala Haruna | — | Member |
| (14) | Hon. Sani Zangon Daura Nasiru | — | Member |

(b) **Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Governing Lease of Federal Government-Owned Assets (HR. 121/12/2020):**

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| (1) | Hon. Daniel Effiong Asuquo | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Ganiyu Johnson | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Obinna Chidoka | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Sani Bala | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Musa Fagen Gawo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Julius Pondi | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (7) | Hon. Rurum Alhassan Kabiru Usman | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (8) | Hon. Goodhead Borna | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (9) | Hon. Abejide Leke Joseph | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (10) | Hon. Kabiru Idris | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (11) | Hon. Umar Kamba | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (12) | Hon. Abdulkadir Sa'ad Abdul. Ningi | — | <i>Member</i> |

(c) **Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate and Recover Monies, Assets and Dividends of Federal Government in Some Privat**

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| (1) | Hon. Makama Misau Ibrahim | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Adeyemi Alli Taofeek | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Benjamin Mzondu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Kabiru Yahaya | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Kolawole Lawal | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Zakari David | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (7) | Hon. Miriam Onuoha | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (8) | Hon. Usman Abdullahi | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (9) | Hon. Tijjani Zakariya | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (10) | Hon. Muda Lawal | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (11) | Hon. Shehu Balarabe | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (12) | Hon. Zainab Gimba | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (13) | Hon. Samuel Godday Odagboyi | — | <i>Member</i> |

(ii) **Constitution of the membership of Committees:**
Mr Speaker constituted the following Committees:(a) **Committee on Science Research Institutions:**

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| (1) | Hon. Akinremi Olaide Adewale | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Mohammed Jafaru | — | <i>Deputy Chairman</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Dike Chisom Promise | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Pondi Julius | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Ise-Idehen Jude | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Ifon Patrick Nathan | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (7) | Hon. Mshelia Haruna | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (8) | Hon. Nyampa Zakaria Dauda | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (9) | Hon. Abubakar Yunusa Ahmad | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (10) | Hon. Kasimu Bello Maigari | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (11) | Hon. Fatoba Steve Olusola | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (12) | Hon. Ojerinde Olumide Abiodun | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (13) | Hon. Ajilesoro Abimbola Taofeek | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (14) | Hon. Obasa Tajudeen Adekunle | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (15) | Hon. Bulus Solomon Maren | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (16) | Hon. Bello Joseph Asuku | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (17) | Hon. Samson Okwu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (18) | Hon. Usman Abdulkarim | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (19) | Hon. Nkole Uko Ndukwe | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (20) | Hon. Chidoka Obinna | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (21) | Hon. Chike Okafor | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (22) | Hon. Atigwe Simon Chukwuemeka | — | <i>Member</i> |

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| (23) | Hon. Aliyu Almustapha Ibrahim | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (24) | Hon. Idris Kabiru | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (25) | Hon. Saleh Gabriel Zock | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (26) | Hon. Sani Nazifi | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (27) | Hon. Olododo Cook Abdulganiyu | — | <i>Member</i> |

(b) Committee on Host Communities:

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| (1) | Hon. Dekor Durnamene Robinson | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Ikenna Elezieanya | — | <i>Deputy Chairman</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Nwuzi Ephraim | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Igbakpa Ben Rollands | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Agbedi Federick | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Ogun Sergius Oseasochie | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (7) | Hon. Edim Eta Mbora | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (8) | Hon. Ekpenyong Basse | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (9) | Hon. Kingsley Uju | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (10) | Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (11) | Hon. Chukwuegbo Ofor Gregory | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (12) | Hon. Chinedu Ogah | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (13) | Hon. Samuel Chinedu Onwuaso | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (14) | Hon. Victor Akinjo | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (15) | Hon. Egberongbe Adewale | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (16) | Hon. Taiwo Adewale | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (17) | Hon. Adekoya Adesegun | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (18) | Hon. Jaha Ahmed Baba | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (19) | Hon. Danladi Tijo Biado | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (20) | Hon. Mashema Uba Bashir | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (21) | Hon. Umar Ibrahim Potiskum | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (22) | Hon. Mzonde Benjamin Ben | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (23) | Hon. Mohammed Omar Bio | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (24) | Hon. Shehu Saleh Rajiu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (25) | Hon. Suleiman Aliyu Lere | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (26) | Hon. Mohammed Mahmud | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (27) | Hon. Amiru Tukur | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (28) | Hon. Abdullahi Umar Kamba | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (29) | Hon. Sokpo Kpam Jimin | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (30) | Hon. Tyough Robert Aondona | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (31) | Hon. Sani Ado Kiri | — | <i>Member</i> |

(c) Committee on Disabilities:

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| (1) | Hon. Miriam Onuoha | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Komsol Alphonsus Longgap | — | <i>Deputy Chairman</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Afe Obaruakpefe Anthony | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Edionwele Joe Eghonghon | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Agbedi Frederick | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Gogo Bright Tamuno | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (7) | Hon. Ekong Nsikak Okon | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (8) | Hon. Nyampa Zakaria Dauda | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (9) | Hon. Ahmed Shehu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (10) | Hon. Bauchi Yaya Tango | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (11) | Hon. Rahis Abdulkadir | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (12) | Hon. Olatubonsun Olajide | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (13) | Hon. Afolabi Rasheed Olalekan | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (14) | Hon. Adelegbe Oluwatimehin | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (15) | Hon. Ganiyu Abiodun Johnson | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (16) | Hon. Egeh Emmanuel Ajop-Ogene | — | <i>Member</i> |

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| (17) | Hon. Isah Usman | — | Member |
| (18) | Hon. Samuel Godday Odagboyi | — | Member |
| (19) | Hon. Bagos Dachung Musa | — | Member |
| (20) | Hon. Dozie Nwankwo | — | Member |
| (21) | Hon. Amadi Dennis | — | Member |
| (22) | Hon. Ezenwankwo Okwudili | — | Member |
| (23) | Hon. Iro Salisu Isansi | — | Member |
| (24) | Hon. Yakubu Mohammed Bello | — | Member |
| (25) | Hon. Ahmed Muktar | — | Member |
| (26) | Hon. Ahmad Badau Yusuf | — | Member |
| (27) | Hon. Kabiru Amadu | — | Member |

5. Petition

A petition from Okechukwu Okole and 2 others, on alleged trespass on their properties by Lanre Olaoluwa, an agent of Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON), was presented and laid by Hon. Ibrahim Babajide Obanikoro (*Eti-Osa Federal Constituency*);

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal Eye Centre, Illeh, Edo State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1184).
- (2) Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Kurfi (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1185).
- (3) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1189).
- (4) National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1190).
- (5) Election Criminal-Tribunal Bill, 2021 (HB. 1218).
- (6) Federal University of Environmental Technology, Saakpenwa, Ogoni, Bill, 2021 (HB.1219).
- (7) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1211).
- (8) National Institute of Oil and Gas Technology and Entrepreneurial Studies (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1212).
- (9) Regulations Approval Bill, 2021 (HB. 1213).
- (10) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2021 (HB.1216).
- (11) Legal Practitioners Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.1217).
- (12) Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB.1218).

7. Presentation of Reports

- (i) *Ad-hoc Committee on Non-Implementation of Pay-As-You-Go and sudden Increment of Tariffs Plan by Broadcast Digital Satellite Service Providers: Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Non-Implementation of Pay-As-You-Go and sudden Increment of Tariffs Plan by Broadcast Digital Satellite Service Providers (HR. 168/06/2020)" (Hon. Unyime Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency).*

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) *Committee on Water Resources:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Water Resources on the Need to Complete the Abandoned Kafin Zaki Dam Project in Bauchi State (HR.86/03/2020)" (Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) *Committee on Water Resources:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Water Resources on the Need to Address the Challenges Facing Residents of Gurara Dam in Kaduna State (HR.197/11/2019)" (Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) *Committee on Water Resources:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Water Resources on the Need to Complete the Abandoned Owena Multipurpose Dam Project (HR.65/02/2020)" (Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. **Need to Rehabilitate Okpella/Okene Expressway**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the deplorable state of Okpella/Okene Expressway connecting the South-East and South-South States to the Federal Capital Territory;

Also notes that the state of the road has led to dire economic losses and untold hardship on motorists who spend days on the road due to its deplorable condition;

Further notes that as year 2021 raining season approaches, it reminds us of the harrowing experiences that motorists go through every year on the road, of particular note is the Okpella/Okene portion of the highway;

Concerned that the state of the road has encouraged criminal activities such as kidnappings and armed robberies and if rehabilitation work is not carried out on this portion of the road before the rain season, travelling on that road would be a nightmare;

Aware that the dualization of Lokoja-Benin road, Obajana Junction-Benin sectional Phase 1 Obajana - Okene, Kogi State has been an ongoing Project by the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing;

Also aware that the objectives of roads development in the country are to reduce passenger travel times, vehicle operating costs and traffic-related injuries or fatalities on targeted federal roads;

Cognizant that in the face of funding challenges, it is the responsibility of the Federal Government to sustainably manage federal roads for the overall benefits of the citizenry;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the President to direct the Hon. Minister, Federal Ministry of Works and Housing through its relevant Agencies to commence rehabilitation work on the Okpella/Okene portion of the road;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance (*Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 14/02/2021).

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

9. Extension of Time for the Committee on Public Procurement to conclude its Assignment

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on Wednesday, 10 February, 2021, the House passed a resolution to investigate the procurement, staff victimization and ongoing management problem at the Project Development Institute (PRODA) Enugu;

Also notes that the motion was referred to the Committee on Public Procurement which was given 7 days to conclude investigation and report back to the House;

Informed that the Committee, having commenced the investigation, will require more time in order to accommodate more submissions as well as interview critical stakeholders who missed the first sitting on Thursday, 17 February 2021;

Resolves to:

Extend the time for the Committee for another (2) weeks to conclude its assignment (*Hon. Uju Kingsley — Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Oru West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

10. Need for Proactive Measures to prevent the spread of Cervical Cancer in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that cervical cancer is the most common type of cancer in the African region which accounts for 22% of female cancers and 12% of newly diagnosed cancers with about 17 people dying of cancer worldwide, 26 women are estimated to have died of cancer in Nigeria, while every two minutes' women die of cervical cancer caused by the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV);

Also notes that the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection that has no cure but there is a vaccine, (HPV Vaccine) that can prevent it if given before a girl or woman is exposed to the virus;

Further notes that the World Health Organization (WHO) reported that in 2017, 14,089 Nigerian women suffered from cervical cancer, thus making it the second leading cause of cancer death in Nigeria;

Aware that Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccinations have helped to reduce this deadly disease in the developed world, but is not part of the national routine vaccination in Nigeria despite its availability and capacity to prevent cervical cancer among girls and women;

Cognizant of the fact that the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine as part of the routine vaccination in all countries of the world and over 71 countries have included it in their routine vaccination;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to add the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine to the list of national routine vaccination/immunization program in Nigeria;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministries of Women Affairs, Health and Youth Development to create awareness on the causes, prevention, and management of cervical cancer, the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and the vaccine recommended by the World Health Organisation;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Health Care Services to ensure compliance (*Hon. Bamidele Salam — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:

“Urge the House to amend the Primary Health Care Act to include prayers (i) and (ii) of the Motion” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that cervical cancer is the most common type of cancer in the African region which accounts for 22% of female cancers and 12% of newly diagnosed cancers with about 17 people dying of cancer worldwide, 26 women are estimated to have died of cancer in Nigeria, while every two minutes' women die of cervical cancer caused by the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV);

Also noted that the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection that has no cure but there is a vaccine, (HPV Vaccine) that can prevent it if given before a girl or woman is exposed to the virus;

Further noted that the World Health Organization (WHO) reported that in 2017, 14,089 Nigerian women suffered from cervical cancer, thus making it the second leading cause of cancer death in Nigeria;

Aware that Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccinations have helped to reduce this deadly disease in the developed world, but is not part of the national routine vaccination in Nigeria despite its availability and capacity to prevent cervical cancer among girls and women;

Cognizant of the fact that the World Health Organization (WHO) recommends Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine as part of the routine vaccination in all countries of the world and over 71 countries have included it in their routine vaccination;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to add the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine to the list of National routine vaccination/immunization program in Nigeria;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministries of Women Affairs, Health and Youth Development to create awareness on the causes, prevention, and management of cervical cancer, the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and the vaccine recommended by the World Health Organisation;
- (iii) further urge the House to amend the Primary Health Care Act to include prayers (i) and (ii) of the Motion;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to ensure compliance (HR. 15/02/2021).

11. Need for Regulation of Recreational Centers in the Federal Capital Territory

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the tragic death of a 10 years old Master Khalifah Suleiman in a Go-Karting (Car Race) accident in Abuja Amusement Park on 17 January, 2021, when a Go-Karting driven by another child lost control and rammed into Kahlifah Suleiman's Go-Karting;

Also notes that the accident occurred as a result of non-compliance with safety regulations of Go-Karting, among which are:

- (a) mandatory wearing of proper protective equipment (helmets/caps) according to the coach's instruction, and
- (b) fastening of seat belts at all times;

Further notes that Khalifah Suleiman's death could have been avoided if the instructors had ensured that he wore a protective helmet before getting on the Go-Karting with the seat belt fastened;

Concerned that due to lack of monitoring and enforcement of compliance with safety regulations, several accidents resulting in injuries and sometimes death have been occurring in some of the amusement parks/centres, particularly the Go-Karting race tracks, and the incidents are mostly unreported, and as such, no penalties imposed on defaulting operators;

Aware of the possibility of further injuries or loss of lives of fun-seekers, particularly children, if the authorities and regulators do not beam their searchlight on the activities of Amusement Parks/Centres, and ensure that they comply with all safety regulations and guidelines;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of Master Khalifa Suleiman;

- (ii) urge the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory to scrutinize the operations of Recreation Centres in the FCT to ensure full compliance with safety standards, regulations and guidelines and also ensure that all defaulters face appropriate sanctions and prosecution, where necessary; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Kabir Idris — Kura/Madobi/Garun Mallam Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:*
“Urge the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory to provide first aid facilities in all the Recreational centres for both adult and children, and ensure compliance” (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert a new Prayer (v) as follows:*
“mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory to investigate the incident and report back within one month” (*Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha — Isuikwuato/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the tragic death of a 10 years old Master Khalifah Suleiman in a Go-Karting (Car Race) accident in Abuja Amusement Park on 17 January, 2021, when a Go-Karting driven by another child lost control and rammed into Kahlifah Suleiman's Go-Karting;

Also noted that the accident occurred as a result of non-compliance with safety regulations of Go-Karting, among which are:

- (a) mandatory wearing of proper protective equipment (helmets/caps) according to the coach's instruction, and
- (b) fastening of seat belts at all times;

Further noted that Khalifah Suleiman's death could have been avoided if the instructors had ensured that he wore a protective helmet before getting on the Go-Karting with the seat belt fastened;

Concerned that due to lack of monitoring and enforcement of compliance with safety regulations several accidents resulting in injuries and sometimes death have been occurring in some of the amusement parks/centres, particularly the Go-Karting race tracks, and the incidents are mostly unreported, and as such, no penalties imposed on defaulting operators;

Aware of the possibility of further injuries or loss of lives of fun-seekers, particularly children, if the authorities and regulators do not beam their searchlight on the activities of Amusement Parks/Centres, and ensure that they comply with all safety regulations and guidelines;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of Master Khalifa Suleiman;

- (ii) urge the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory to:
- (a) scrutinize the operations of Recreational Centres in the FCT to ensure full compliance with safety standards, regulations and guidelines and also ensure that all defaulters face appropriate sanctions and prosecution, where necessary, and
 - (b) provide first aid facilities in all the Recreational Centres for both adult and children, and ensure compliance;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory to investigate the incident and report back within one month; and
- (iv) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (HR. 16/02/2021).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

12. Call to Address the Spate of Communal Clashes and Killings in Bali Local Government Area of Taraba State

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. Need to Reverse the Executive Order and Police Directive Banning Possession and Issuance of New Licenses for Firearms in the Country

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

14. Fire Incident at Ufuma Junction Market in Orumba North of Anambra State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on 6 December 2020, an outbreak of fire erupted at Ufuma Junction Market in Orumba North Local Government Area of Anambra State, destroying properties worth millions of naira;

Informed that the fire outbreak could not be controlled by members of the community due to the absence of firefighting equipment/personnel, until it razed down many lockup shops belonging to traders, forcing them out of business;

Also informed that the shops affected by the fire outbreak were stocked with goods such as foodstuff, assorted drinks, drugs, motorcycle spare parts and building materials to meet up with the usual high demands;

Concerned that the traders affected by the fire incident secured credit facilities, not minding the high rate of foreign exchange to meet up with high demands of the season and are now facing undue economic hardship;

Aware that the continued absence of a Federal Fire Service in Anambra State contributed to the extent of damage wrecked by the fire;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the affected victims of Ufuma Junction Fire Outbreak in Anambra State;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to establish a Fire Station in Onitsha which is the hub of business activities in Anambra State;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to investigate the causes of the Ufuma Junction Market Fire Outbreak and report back in four (4) Weeks (*Hon. Okwudili Christopher Ezenwankwo — Orumba North/Orumba South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 17/02/2021)

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

15. **Need to Re-invigorate the National Orientation Agency (NOA) for impactful discharge of its Mandate**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

16. **Need to Upgrade Ogbunike Cave in Oyi Local Government Area of Anambra State to International Standards**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Ogbunike Cave, discovered by Ukwa over 4000 years ago, is a major tourist attraction in the South Eastern part of Nigeria, and records an annual patronage of over 2 million tourists from within and outside the country to behold the wonders of nature;

Also notes that the main cave is made up of a massive structure with a big open chamber linked by small tunnels and passages taking its name from Ogbunike, a town in Oyi Local Government Area of Anambra State;

Further notes that beyond serving as a tourist centre, it also serves as a place of refuge and worship, especially for indigenes of the community who believe that it was created by a deity who lives in the cave;

Aware that in 2007, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) included Ogbunike Cave in its tentative list of treasures to be considered as World Heritage Site after it was submitted by the National Commission for Museums and Monuments;

Also aware that Anambra State Government has contributed immensely to the preservation and upgrading of the site, but there are still lots of work left to be done to raise Ogbunike Cave to the status of a world heritage site;

Cognizant that the Country is currently suffering huge revenue losses as a result, in part, to the neglect of most of its tourist sites, like Ogbunike Cave, at a time that most Countries are trying to diversify their economies to cushion the effects of COVID-19 Pandemic;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) and the National Commission for Museums and Monuments to urgently carry out a feasibility study on the cave and mobilize resources needed to upgrade the cave to International Standards;

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Culture and Tourism, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Vincent Ofumelu — Oyi/Ayemelum Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out Prayer (i), and insert a new Prayer (i) as follows:*
“Urge the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) and the National Commission for Museums and Monuments (NCMM) to urgently take over and work out an arrangement with the Anambra State Government to carry out a feasibility study on the cave and mobilize resources needed to upgrade the cave to International Standards” (*Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu — Onitsha North/Onitsha South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Prayer (i) immediately after the words “study on the”, *leave out* the words “cave”, and *insert* the words “venerated sites in the country” (*Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Ogbunike Cave, discovered by Ukwa over 4000 years ago, is a major tourist attraction in the South Eastern part of Nigeria, and records an annual patronage of over 2 million tourists from within and outside the country to behold the wonders of nature;

Also noted that the main cave is made up of a massive structure with a big open chamber linked by small tunnels and passages taking its name from Ogbunike, a town in Oyi Local Government Area of Anambra State;

Further noted that beyond serving as a tourist centre, it also serves as a place of refuge and worship, especially for indigenes of the community who believe that it was created by a deity who lives in the cave;

Aware that in 2007, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) included Ogbunike Cave in its tentative list of treasures to be considered as World Heritage Site after it was submitted by the National Commission for Museums and Monuments;

Also aware that Anambra State Government has contributed immensely to the preservation and upgrading of the site, but there are still lots of work left to be done to raise Ogbunike Cave to the status of a world heritage site;

Cognizant that the Country is currently suffering huge revenue losses as a result, in part, to the neglect of most of its tourist sites, like Ogbunike Cave, at a time that most Countries are trying to diversify their economies to cushion the effects of COVID-19 Pandemic;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation (NTDC) and the National Commission for Museums and Monuments (NCMM) to urgently take over and work out an arrangement with the Anambra State Government to carry out a feasibility study on the cave and mobilize resources needed to upgrade the cave to International Standards;

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Culture and Tourism, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (HR. 18/02/2021).

17. **Need to Infuse Transformational Funds into Basic Primary Healthcare in Nigeria**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency (NPHCDA), in collaboration with International Development Partners such as the World Health Organization, United Nations International Childrens' Emergency Fund and Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), has strengthened Logistics and Vaccines Storage Capacity at the National, Zonal, States, Local Government Areas and Health Facility levels.

Aware that the provisions of logistics and vaccines storage capacity has helped in eradicating Polio even though only about 80% of the estimated 10,000 Primary Health Care Facilities have adequate Vaccine Storage equipment (SDD);

Also aware that the National Primary Health Care Development Agency is to shoulder 70% of healthcare services which requires human resources and basic medical equipment and basic medical equipment needed to provide the services;

Also notes the many unemployed graduates of Health Technology, Nursing and Midwifery and with the current Policy of Primary Health Care "under one roof" which requires the transfer of all Senior Technical Staff to States Primary Healthcare Development Agencies, majority of States are having problems paying staff salaries before the transfer due to lack of funds;

Further aware that manpower, basic medical equipment and funds are grossly inadequate to make the Primary Health Care Facilities functional as required by Government Policy;

Worried that most Primary Health Care Facilities built across the country either as ZIPS, Core Capital Projects, States and Local Government Areas are lying fallow due to lack of critical resources;

Cognizant that unless urgent step is taken, the concept of Universal Health Coverage (70% of which should be provided by Primary Health Care Services) will be a mirage;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning to liaise with relevant Ministers, Departments and Agencies to include Transformational Funds in the Supplementary Budget as COVID-19 Vaccine Procurement to also include a Game Changing intervention in the Primary Health Care Sector;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Finance, and Appropriations to ensure that the Transformational (Game Changing) Funds are included in the Supplementary Budget;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to liaise with relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) for proper information and sensitization on Transformational Funds in the Basic Primary Healthcare Services in Nigeria;
- (iv) further mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance to achieve Universal Health Coverage (Hon. Haruna Mshelia — Askira-Uba/Hawul Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

(HR. 19/02/2021).

Motion referred to the Committees on Healthcare Services, Finance, Appropriations, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

18. **Call for Restoration of Eight (8) State Constituencies into Oyo State House of Assembly**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the decision of the Federal High Court of Nigeria, Ibadan Division on 8 March, 2013 in Attorney General of Oyo State Vs Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) that INEC should make the restored eight (8) State Constituencies operational forthwith and till date, no superior court has set aside the Court decision;

Also notes that the delay in complying with the order of the Federal High Court to make the restored eight (8) State Constituencies in Oyo State operational is in violation of the provisions of sections 91 and 115 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and has unlawfully denied people in Ibadan North II, Ibadan South-West III, Ibarapa Central, Irepo, Itesiwaju, Oyo East, Saki East and Surulere State Constituencies of their right to proper representation in the Oyo State House of Assembly;

Resolves to:

- (i) approve the restoration of Ibadan North I, Ibadan South-West III, Ibarapa Central, Irepo, Itesiwaju, Oyo East, Saki East and Surulere State Constituencies as directed by the Federal High Court;
- (ii) urge the Independent National Electoral Commission to make the restored Ibadan North III, Ibadan South-West III, Ibarapa Central, Irepo, Itesiwaju, Oyo East, Saki East and Surulere State Constituencies in Oyo State operational and take effect in the succeeding State House of Assembly election under the provision of section 115 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended); and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to ensure compliance (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun — Ogo-Osuwa/Surulere Federal Constituency and 4 others*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the decision of the Federal High Court of Nigeria, Ibadan Division on 8 March, 2013 in Attorney General of Oyo State Vs Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) that INEC should make the restored eight (8) State Constituencies operational forthwith and till date, no superior court has set aside the Court decision;

Also noted that the delay in complying with the order of the Federal High Court to make the restored eight (8) State Constituencies in Oyo State operational is in violation of the provisions of sections 91 and 115 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and has unlawfully denied people in Ibadan North II, Ibadan South-West III, Ibarapa Central, Irepo, Itesiwaju, Oyo East, Saki East and Surulere State Constituencies of their right to proper representation in the Oyo State House of Assembly;

Resolved to:

- (i) approve the restoration of Ibadan North I, Ibadan South-West III, Ibarapa Central, Irepo, Itesiwaju, Oyo East, Saki East and Surulere State Constituencies as directed by the Federal High Court;
- (ii) urge the Independent National Electoral Commission to make the restored Ibadan North III, Ibadan South-West III, Ibarapa Central, Irepo, Itesiwaju, Oyo East, Saki East and Surulere State Constituencies in Oyo State operational and take effect in the succeeding State House of Assembly election under the provision of section 115 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended); and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to ensure compliance (HR. 20/02/2021).

19. **Call for Intervention in the Ongoing Killings, Maiming and Destruction of Properties in Oku Iboku, Itu Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the people of Odukpani in Cross River State have been brutally killing and destroying the properties of the indigenes of Oku Iboku, a border town in Akwa Ibom State sharing boundary with Odukpani in Cross River State;

Also notes that the assailants regularly patrol the waterways with gunboats shooting sporadically at fishermen and farmers in communities leaving many wounded by stray bullets, drowned or beheaded, thus scaring fishermen and farmers from carrying out their farming activities;

Aware that since 2017, over 300 people have been killed with their properties destroyed, some cannibalized as shown in video footage from a phone that fell from one of the assailants during one of the invasions of Oku Iboku;

Also aware that because of the regular patrol of the river bank and fishing settlements by the assailants, the affected communities and the people cannot access the river for their fishing activities and cannot also access their farmlands for their farming activities, which has brought untold hunger and hardship to the community, the Local Government and the State at large as that part of Akwa Ibom State is a major food basket of the State;

Concerned that because people cannot access the river and their farmlands, which are their only sources of the livelihood, they have fled their homes because of hunger and insecurity and are taking shelter in neighbouring villages, a situation that has resulted in a humanitarian crisis that also needs to be addressed;

Recalls that in January 2017, a motion on the same issue was passed following which several meetings had been held between the two States but the crisis, rather than decreasing has assumed an unhealthy dimension that led to the loss of over 300 people from Oku Iboku;

Informed that in 2015, the Supreme Court, in a judgment, demarcated the boundaries between the two States and therefore the tension and hostilities between the two States should have seized;

Worried that apart from the vandalization and the loss of properties, the continuous killings and the loss of lives, and the resultant humanitarian crises consequent upon the incessant assault, the socio-economic activities of Oku Iboku, Akwa Ibom State and Nigeria have been greatly affected, thereby worsening the security of the State and the nation;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committees on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Refugees and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to send relief materials to the affected communities to ameliorate the sufferings of the people;
- (ii) also mandate the Committees on Army, Navy, Police and Interior to liaise with the Federal Government to set up joint patrol teams of security agencies on the waterways to beef up security in the coastal areas;
- (iii) observe a minute of silence in honour of those killed since the beginning of the crises (*Hon. Henry Archibong — Itu/Ibiono Ibom Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iv) as follows:

“Urge the National Boundary Commission to properly delineate the boundary between Akwa Ibom and Cross River States at Oku 160 kilometres” (Hon. Patrick Ifon — Eket/Esit Eket/Ibena/Onna Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the people of Odukpani in Cross River State have been brutally killing and destroying the properties of the indigenes of Oku Iboku, a border town in Akwa Ibom State sharing boundary with Odukpani in Cross River State;

Also noted that the assailants regularly patrol the waterways with gunboats shooting sporadically at fishermen and farmers in communities leaving many wounded by stray bullets, drowned or beheaded, thus scaring fishermen and farmers from carrying out their farming activities;

Aware that since 2017, over 300 people have been killed with their properties destroyed, some cannibalized as shown in video footage from a phone that fell from one of the assailants during one of the invasions of Oku Iboku;

Also aware that because of the regular patrol of the river bank and fishing settlements by the assailants, the affected communities and the people cannot access the river for their fishing activities and cannot also access their farmlands for their farming activities, which has brought untold hunger and hardship to the community, the Local Government and the State at large as that part of Akwa Ibom State is a major food basket of the State;

Concerned that because people cannot access the river and their farmlands, which are their only sources of the livelihood, they have fled their homes because of hunger and insecurity and are taking shelter in neighbouring villages, a situation that has resulted in a humanitarian crisis that also needs to be addressed;

Recalled that in January 2017, a motion on the same issue was passed following which several meetings had been held between the two States but the crisis, rather than decreasing has assumed an unhealthy dimension that led to the loss of over 300 people from Oku Iboku;

Informed that in 2015, the Supreme Court, in a judgment, demarcated the boundaries between the two States and therefore the tension and hostilities between the two States should have seized;

Worried that apart from the vandalization and the loss of properties, the continuous killings and the loss of lives, and the resultant humanitarian crises consequent upon the incessant assault, the socio-economic activities of Oku Iboku, Akwa Ibom State and Nigeria have been greatly affected, thereby worsening the security of the State and the nation;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe a minute of silence in honour of those killed since the beginning of the crises;
- (ii) urge the National Boundary Commission to properly delineate the boundary between Akwa Ibom and Cross River States at Oku 160 kilometres;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Refugees, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to send relief materials to the affected communities to ameliorate the sufferings of the people; and
- (iv) also mandate the Committees on Army, Navy, Police and Interior to liaise with the Federal Government to set up joint patrol teams of security agencies on the waterways to beef up security in the coastal areas;(HR. 21/02/2021).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

20. Need to Lift the Embargo placed on Employment by Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies and the Private Sector to Ameliorate the Effects of COVID-19 Pandemic in the Country

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the President, during the Budget presentation in October 2019, announced an embargo on recruitment in Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs);

Also notes that the President recently maintained the Federal Government's stand on the existing embargo placed on recruitment in reaction to the devastating effects of Coronavirus Pandemic and fall in Global Oil prices on Nigerians;

Aware that by virtue of its role as the major employer of labour in the country, the action of the Federal Government not to sack or reduce salaries of its workers at the time has been applauded and has no doubt helped to reduce the worsening effects of the pandemic;

Also aware that in the attempt to address the adverse effects of the pandemic, the federal government instituted stimulus packages of ₦65 billion to assist a coalition of private sector operators, ₦50 billion survival funds for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and ₦15 billion guaranteed uptake scheme to save 500,000 jobs, among other interventions;

Concerned that in view of the projection made by the Minister of Labour in 2018 that Nigeria would record an unemployment rate of 33.5% by 2020, the pandemic had only worsened the situation, with

the Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo alleging that 39.4 million job losses were anticipated by December 2020;

Also concerned that as a fallout from the pandemic, the Nigeria Bureau of Statistics reported that the unemployment rate was about 27.1 percent in the second quarter of 2020, the highest on record since 2018 when unemployment rate was 23.1 percent in the third quarter of that year;

Disturbed that in addition to the 2 million Nigerians previously projected by the World Bank to become impoverished, a further 5 million Nigerians have been said to be facing poverty as a result of COVID-19 Pandemic;

Also disturbed that given the rate of youth corps members who continue to pass out on completion of the mandatory service at various intervals, the unemployment statistics in Nigeria shows that the most agile working-class population in the country remain unemployed;

Worried about the dire consequences of youth unemployment in the society under critical periods like this, including poverty as well as rising criminal activities and other social vices which are currently prevalent in various parts of the country as the effects of the pandemic continue to bite harder;

Cognizant of the fact that Nigeria, like many other countries, ought to have begun a Post COVID-19 Era by implementing measures geared towards revamping the economy and improving other socio-economic sectors;

Also cognizant of the correlation between unemployment and poverty as well as the proposition that the latter can be reduced by creation of productive employment or creating income opportunities for the poor;

Desirous of the need to consider lifting the embargo on recruitment by the federal government as a means of addressing further decline of Nigerians into extreme poverty;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to lift the embargo placed on employment by directing the Head of Service of the Federation to declare existing vacancies and direct the Federal Civil Service Commission to embark on recruitment exercise;
- (ii) also urge members of the Organized Private Sector to fill existing vacancies in order to reduce the rate of unemployment in the country, given the interventions it may have enjoyed from the Federal Government and other development partners (*Hon. Odeunmi Olusegun Dokun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency and 4 other*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:

“mandate the Committee on Public Service Matters to ensure compliance” (Hon. Ahmed Jaha Usman — 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 the President, during the Budget presentation in October 2019, announced an embargo on recruitment in Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs);

Also noted that the President recently maintained the Federal Government's stand on the existing embargo placed on recruitment in reaction to the devastating effects of Coronavirus Pandemic and fall in Global Oil prices on Nigerians;

Aware that by virtue of its role as the major employer of labour in the country, the action of the Federal Government not to sack or reduce salaries of its workers at the time has been applauded and has no doubt helped to reduce the worsening effects of the pandemic;

Also aware that in the attempt to address the adverse effects of the pandemic, the federal government instituted stimulus packages of ₦65 billion to assist a coalition of private sector operators, ₦50 billion survival funds for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and ₦15 billion guaranteed uptake scheme to save 500,000 jobs, among other interventions;

Concerned that in view of the projection made by the Minister of Labour in 2018 that Nigeria would record an unemployment rate of 33.5% by 2020, the pandemic had only worsened the situation, with the Vice President, Prof. Yemi Osinbajo alleging that 39.4 million job losses were anticipated by December 2020;

Also concerned that as a fallout from the pandemic, the Nigeria Bureau of Statistics reported that the unemployment rate was about 27.1 percent in the second quarter of 2020, the highest on record since 2018 when unemployment rate was 23.1 percent in the third quarter of that year;

Disturbed that in addition to the 2 million Nigerians previously projected by the World Bank to become impoverished, a further 5 million Nigerians have been said to be facing poverty as a result of COVID-19 Pandemic;

Also disturbed that given the rate of youth corps members who continue to pass out on completion of the mandatory service at various intervals, the unemployment statistics in Nigeria shows that the most agile working-class population in the country remain unemployed;

Worried about the dire consequences of youth unemployment in the society under critical periods like this, including poverty as well as rising criminal activities and other social vices which are currently prevalent in various parts of the country as the effects of the pandemic continue to bite harder;

Cognizant of the fact that Nigeria, like many other countries, ought to have begun a Post COVID-19 Era by implementing measures geared towards revamping the economy and improving other socio-economic sectors;

Also cognizant of the correlation between unemployment and poverty as well as the proposition that the latter can be reduced by creation of productive employment or creating income opportunities for the poor;

Desirous of the need to consider lifting the embargo on recruitment by the federal government as a means of addressing further decline of Nigerians into extreme poverty;

Resolved to:

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- (ii) also urge Members of the Organized Private Sector to fill existing vacancies in order to reduce the rate of unemployment in the country, given the interventions it may have enjoyed from the Federal Government and other development partners; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Public Service Matters to ensure compliance (HR. 22/02/2021).

21. **Consideration of Reports****(i) Committee on Police Affairs:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the issuance from the consolidated revenue of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund 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) only, for total Capital Expenditure for the Year ending 30 April, 2021" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Supply to consider the Report — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Seven, Rule 2 (2), to enable the Deputy Speaker Chair the Committee of Supply — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"That the Nigeria Police Trust Fund total projected income was ₦34,984,314,243.00 but the Joint Committee recommended ₦11,354,457,101.70 which is the capital component of the Budget and will be terminated on 30 April, 2021 while the balance of ₦23,631,857,141.30 will be carried over to 2021 Budget of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That the purchase of the utility vehicles has been replaced with the procurement of COVID-19 Protection Kits for Police Personnel amounting to ₦358,379,191.00" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"That the sum of ₦533,894,117.70 would be used to procure Drugs and Medical equipment for the Police personnel being amongst the core mandate of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund" (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Akko Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the issuance from the consolidated revenue of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund 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) only, for total Capital Expenditure for the Year ending 30 April, 2021 and approved Recommendations (i) - (iii) of the Report.

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

- (ii) **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Mohammed Ibrahim and 53 Others:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mohammed Ibrahim and 53 Others against the Nigeria Defence Academy on the unlawful withdrawal and relegation of Mohammed Ibrahim and 53 Others" (Hon. Karu Simon Elisha — Kaltungo/Shongom 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):

"Urge the Minister of Defence and the Chief of Defence Staff to instruct the Commandant of the Respondent who in this case is the Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna to, as a matter of urgency, reinstate the following 15 Cadet Officers who have completed their courses and were graduated but wrongly dismissed:

| S/No. | Name | Categories |
|-------|-----------------|---|
| 1. | D. J. Mohammed | Nigerian Navy |
| 2. | Y. Y. Bello | Nigerian Navy |
| 3. | D. O. Adebayo | Nigerian Navy |
| 4. | D. C. Obioha | Nigerian Navy |
| 5. | U. Zakariyya | Nigerian Navy |
| 6. | A. H. Timson | Nigerian Air Force |
| 7. | H. O. Mohammed | Nigerian Air Force |
| 8. | I. Salisu | Nigerian Air Force |
| 9. | A. Yusuf | Nigerian Army |
| 10. | A. O. Akiri | Nigerian Army |
| 11. | E. Y. El Nathan | Nigerian Army |
| 12. | E. A. Emmanuel | Nigerian Army |
| 13. | U. S. Zango | Nigerian Army |
| 14. | U. S. Kashim | Nigerian Army |
| 15. | A. A. Oyebanjo | Nigerian Army (Hon. Karu Simon Elisha — Kaltungo/Shongom Federal Constituency). |

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That the 15 Cadet Officers in question had completed their courses of study, passed the prescribed examinations and were graduated and convocated prior to the dossier review that purported to have indicted them. Against this backdrop, it is judiciously expedient that they should be given their academy Certificates and posted to their various Commands for onward redeployment" (Hon. Karu Simon Elisha — Kaltungo/Shongom Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"That after their reinstatement, the 15 Cadets should be accorded all the requisite courtesies and privileges due to them as Officers of the Nigerian Armed Forces without any discrimination" (Hon. Karu Simon Elisha — Kaltungo/Shongom Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

“Urge the Commandant to temper justice with mercy by releasing the Degree Certificates of those Cadets whose disciplinary entries were below seven (7) so that they can seek integration in the larger society” (*Hon. Karu Simon Elisha — Kaltungo/Shongom Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):

“That these exclude those whose cases border on academic ineptitude and were withdrawn on such grounds” (*Hon. Karu Simon Elisha — Kaltungo/Shongom 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 Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mohammed Ibrahim and 53 Others against the Nigeria Defence Academy on the unlawful withdrawal and relegation of Mohammed Ibrahim and 53 Others and approved the Recommendations (i) - (v) of the Report.

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

22. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 2 March, 2021 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.05 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker

CORRIGENDA

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 23 February, 2021:

- (i) Item 7, page 1302, in Prayer (ii), line 1, *leave out* the words “Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee” and *insert* the words “mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services”;
- (ii) item 13, page 1305, in the referral, *leave out* the words “Committee on Interior”, and *insert* the words “Committee on Reformatory Institutions”.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker