



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 25 January, 2022

1. The House met at 11.45 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 *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 20 January, 2022.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**

(i) **Visitors in the Gallery:**

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:

- (a) Staff and Students of *Leaps & Bounds Academy*, Kubwa, Abuja;
- (b) Members of *National Association of University Students (NAUS)*, Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko, Ondo State.

(ii) **Bereavement:**

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba (*Doguwa/Tudun Wada Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of Alhaji Muhammadu Gudaji, father of Hon. Gudaji Kazaure which occurred on Friday, 21 January, 2022.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(iii) **Conference Committee on Nigerian Maritime Security Trust Fund:**

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi | — | Chairman |
| (2) | Hon. Henry Nwawuba | — | Member |
| (3) | Hon. Yahaya Abubakar Kusada | — | Member |
| (4) | Hon. Ahmed Jaha | — | Member |

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| (5) | Hon. Francis Uduyok Charles | — | Member |
| (6) | Hon. Onanuga Adewunmi Oriyomi | — | Member |
| (7) | Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman | — | Member |

4. Executive Session

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resolve into a Closed Session" (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

Closed Session — 11.55 a.m.

Open Session — 12.28 p.m.

5. Petition

A petition from B. O. Ediga & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Harrisson Musa, on the extra judicial killing of Shedrach Ochoche at Mabushi Division, FCT Police Command, was presented and laid by Hon. Samuel Godday Odagboyi (*Apa/Agatu Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) *Call on the Nigeria Police to Dismantle the Checkpoint at Hashidu Junction in Dukku Local Government Area of Gombe State:*

Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku (*Dukku/Nafada 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.

Call on the Nigeria Police to Dismantle the Checkpoint at Hashidu Junction in Dukku Local Government Area of Gombe State:

The House:

Notes that a trigger happy police officer shot a tanker driver over a disagreement at a checkpoint at Hashidu junction along Darazo-Dukku-Gombe road on Monday, 17 January, 2022;

Also notes that the reckless action of the policeman, which violated the norms of the Force, resulted in the blockage of the road by protesters for several hours causing commotion on the busy road linking Gombe and Bauchi States through Darazo and to the other North Western States;

Concerned that the shooting of the truck driver by the errant policeman was barbaric, gruesome, unwarranted, condemnable and an affront on the constitutional rights of citizens to life and freedom of movement;

Also concerned that the attitude and behaviour of some police officers at checkpoints call for serious concern due to harassment, assault and dehumanization of commuters that generate distrust and ill-feelings against police men;

Frowns at the lackadaisical attitude of the police authority to the rampant habit of bribe collection by police officers at security checkpoints that are deliberately set up on routes leading to markets;

Disturbed that instead of the checkpoints to fortify the security of citizens, they have been turned to tollgates where the police collect bribes and bully travellers;

Aware that police authority had directed that only checkpoints and nipping points that are operationally expedient and approved for specific reasons and other forms of key duties should be allowed on the roads;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Nigeria Police to ensure that the policeman who shot the tanker driver is brought to justice in accordance with the norms of the Force and the extant laws of the land;
- (ii) also call on the Nigeria Police to immediately dismantle the Police checkpoint at Hashidu junction to enable ease of business, safeguard and guarantee free passage of goods and travellers on the road (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that a trigger happy police officer shot a tanker driver over a disagreement at a checkpoint at Hashidu junction along Darazo-Dukku-Gombe road on Monday, 17 January, 2022;

Also noted that the reckless action of the policeman, which violated the norms of the Force, resulted in the blockage of the road by protesters for several hours causing commotion on the busy road linking Gombe and Bauchi States through Darazo and to the other North Western States;

Concerned that the shooting of the truck driver by the errant policeman was barbaric, gruesome, unwarranted, condemnable and an affront on the constitutional rights of citizens to life and freedom of movement;

Also concerned that the attitude and behaviour of some police officers at checkpoints call for serious concern due to harassment, assault and dehumanization of commuters that generate distrust and ill-feelings against police men;

Frowned at the lackadaisical attitude of the police authority to the rampant habit of bribe collection by police officers at security checkpoints that are deliberately set up on routes leading to markets;

Disturbed that instead of the checkpoints to fortify the security of citizens, they have been turned to tollgates where the police collect bribes and bully travellers;

Aware that police authority had directed that only checkpoints and nipping points that are operationally expedient and approved for specific reasons and other forms of key duties should be allowed on the roads;

Resolved to:

- (i) call on the Nigeria Police to ensure that the policeman who shot the tanker driver is brought to justice in accordance with the norms of the Force and the extant laws of the land;
 - (ii) also call on the Nigeria Police to immediately dismantle the Police checkpoint at Hashidu junction to enable ease of business, safeguard and guarantee free passage of goods and travellers on the road (HR. 12/01/2022).
- (ii) *Attempted Murder of Mrs Chidinma Benita Anyaegbunam and Murder of Mrs Monica Okwuibe and Another Relation, from Nkanu West Local Government Area of Enugu State:* Hon. Nnolim Nnaji (Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
 - (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Attempted Murder of Mrs Chidinma Benita Anyaegbunam and Murder of Mrs Monica Okwuibe and Another Relation, from Nkanu West Local Government Area of Enugu State:

The House:

Notes that on Thursday, 13 January, 2022, a gruesome murder and an attempted murder were committed against, **Mrs Chidinma Benita Anyaegbunam (nee Okwuibe)** and her mother, **Mrs Monica Okwuibe**, from Edumegu, Okorouba-Ozalla autonomous community in Nkanu West LGA of Enugu State and another victim, **Mrs Nkiruka Anyaegbunam** (a nursing mother);

Also notes that the dastardly act was committed at Obosi in Anambra State on the day that **Mrs Chidinma Anyaegbunam (first victim)** was having the burial ceremony of her late husband, **Mr Onyedika Jeremiah Anyaegbunam**;

Further notes that on that day, three gun wielding men, wearing masks, entered the compound and started shooting sporadically, scaring away mourners but with the intent of locating the above-named victims who had run into the house for safety;

Informed that the assailants searched and dragged the first victim out of the house, and threatened to kill her for being responsible for their late brother's (Mr Onyedika) death, to which she pleaded innocent, but instead, they shot at her several times, which seriously put her on intensive care at the hospital;

Also informed that the second victim, **Mrs Monica Okwuibe** was dragged out and shot to death instantly, while the third victim, **Mrs Nkiruka Anyaegbunam**, was equally shot to death;

Aware that the suspects, who perpetrated the heinous crime were the brothers-inlaw to **Mrs Chidinma** and some other unidentified persons;

Further informed that since the first victim's late husband, Mr Onyedika died she has been denied access to her matrimonial home and other properties under false allegations;

Worried that while two of the suspects are in police custody at the Anambra State Police Command, one key suspect is still at large without any explanation by the State Command;

Also worried that the situation where one key suspect is still at large and the manner the investigation is ongoing at the Command has left the first victim under serious risk of further attack in the absence of police protection;

Cognizant that those odious acts being experienced in the society, need to be stemmed in the bud, as similar situations wherein widows are subjected to unpleasant state of livelihood and deprivations at the death of their husbands, call for urgent intervention;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to take over the case from Anambra State Police Command, for further investigation and prosecution;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police to place the only surviving victim at the hospital under police protection;
- (iii) further urge the National Human Rights Commission and the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, to assist the first victim (young widow) in physical, mental (psychological) and economic recovery, including providing compensation plan for the surviving victim and the deceased families;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Women Affairs, and Human Rights to appropriately monitor and supervise the case;
- (v) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Nnolim John Nnaji — Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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Also noted that the dastardly act was committed at Obosi in Anambra State on the day that Mrs Chidinma Anyaegbunam (**first victim**) was having the burial ceremony of her late husband, Mr Onyedika Jeremiah Anyaegbunam;

Further noted that on that day, three gun wielding men, wearing masks, entered the compound and started shooting sporadically, scaring away mourners but with the intent of locating the above-named victims who had run into the house for safety;

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Aware that the suspects, who perpetrated the heinous crime were the brothers-inlaw to Mrs Chidinma and some other unidentified persons;

Further informed that since the first victim's late husband, Mr Onyedika died she has been denied access to her matrimonial home and other properties under false allegations;

Worried that while two of the suspects are in police custody at the Anambra State Police Command, one key suspect is still at large without any explanation by the State Command;

Also worried that the situation where one key suspect is still at large and the manner the investigation is ongoing at the Command has left the first victim under serious risk of further attack in the absence of police protection;

Cognizant that those odious acts being experienced in the society, need to be stemmed in the bud, as similar situations wherein widows are subjected to unpleasant state of livelihood and deprivations at the death of their husbands, call for urgent intervention;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to take over the case from Anambra State Police Command, for further investigation and prosecution;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police to place the only surviving victim at the hospital under police protection;
- (iii) further urge the National Human Rights Commission and the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, to assist the first victim (young widow) in physical, mental (psychological) and economic recovery, including providing compensation plan for the surviving victim and the deceased families;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Women Affairs, and Human Rights to appropriately monitor and supervise the case;
- (v) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (HR. 13/01/2022).

7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) National Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (NMPDSR) Bill, 2022 (HB.1812).
- (2) Nursing and Midwifery Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1813).
- (3) Federal University of Sports, Nkalagu (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1814).

- (4) National Burns and Rehabilitation Center, Ilaro, Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1815).
- (5) Federal College of Forestry, Wawa Zange, Dukku, Gombe State (Establishment etc.) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1816).
- (6) Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1817).
- (7) Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Council (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1818).
- (8) Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1819).
- (9) Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshots Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1801).
- (10) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1809).
- (11) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1820).

8. **Presentation of Reports**

(i) **Committee on Science and Technology:**

Report of the Committee on Science and Technology on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute of Oil and Gas Technology and Entrepreneurial Studies, Egbema, Imo State and to make Comprehensive Provisions for Its Due Management and Administration. Provide for Detailed Identification of Areas in Oil and Gas Technology and Skills Acquisition. Entrepreneurial Studies; and for Related Matters (HB. 1212).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(ii) **Committee on Science and Technology:**

Report of the Committee on Science and Technology on a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Computer Forensics of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1491).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of National Institute for Border Studies, Imeko, Ogun State, to Provide for Teaching, Research, Instruction and Training of Students in Border Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 1467) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of National Institute for Border Studies, Imeko, Ogun State, to Provide for Teaching, Research, Instruction and Training of Students in Border Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 1467) 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 Repeal the Nigerian Meteorological Agency Act, 2003 and Enact the Nigerian Meteorological Agency Bill to Provide for the Regulation of Meteorology; and for Related Matters (HB. 19 and HB. 464) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Meteorological Agency Act, 2003 and Enact the Nigerian Meteorological Agency Bill to Provide for the Regulation of Meteorology; and for Related Matters (HB. 19 and HB. 464) 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 Repeal the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act, Cap. N96, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Bill to Provide for its Organisation, Council and Operations; and for Related Matters (HB. 463) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Act, Cap. N96, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology Bill to Provide for its Organisation, Council and Operations; and for Related Matters (HB. 463) 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 Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Owutu Edda, Ebonyi State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1647) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Owutu Edda, Ebonyi State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1647) 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.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Abuja Environmental Protection Board for the Protection, Regulation, Management, Monitoring and Control of all forms of Environmental Degradation and Enforcement of Standards and Guidelines on Prohibition of Pollution and Promotion of Cooperation on Environmental Science and Technologies in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters (HB. 1768) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Abuja Environmental Protection Board for the Protection, Regulation, Management, Monitoring and Control of all forms of Environmental Degradation and Enforcement of Standards and Guidelines on Prohibition of Pollution and Promotion of Cooperation on Environmental Science and Technologies in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters (HB. 1768) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai 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 Federal Capital Territory.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Road Safety Commission Academy as a Degree-Awarding Institution to provide Academic and Professional Training; and for Related Matters (HB. 1622) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

15. Order of the Day

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do set down items 7 - 13, on the Order Paper to the next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3)" (Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

16. Rescission of Clause 84 (1) and (2) of the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 981)
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on Wednesday, 19 January, 2022, Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electoral Act No. 6, 2010 and Enact the Electoral Act, 2021, to Regulate the Conduct of Elections in the Federal, State and Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters was adopted and pass on Thursday 20 January, 2022;

Also notes that the House adopted the mode of the procedure for the nomination of Candidates by political parties for various elective positions by direct or indirect primaries;

Aware of the need to introduce another mode of nomination of candidates through consensus.

Resolves to:

Rescind its decision on clause 84 (1) and (2) of the Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 and recommit Clause 84 of the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration in accordance with Order 12, Rule 20 (1)-(3) of the Standing Orders of the House Hon. Fulata Abubakar Hassan — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Motion made and Question "That the House do suspend Order Seven, Rule 2 (2) to enable the Speaker preside in the Committee of the Whole" (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

Agreed to.

17. Consideration of Report

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electoral Act No. 6, 2010 and Enact the Electoral Act, 2021, to Regulate the Conduct of Elections in the Federal, State and Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters (HB. 981) (Committee of the Whole):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electoral Act No. 6, 2010 and Enact the Electoral Act 2021, to Regulate the Conduct of Elections in the Federal, State and Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters (HB. 981)" (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader)

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE ELECTORAL ACT,
NO. 6, 2010 AND ENACT THE ELECTORAL ACT, 2021 TO
REGULATE THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS IN THE FEDERAL, STATE
AND AREA COUNCILS IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 981)

Clause 84: Nomination of Candidates by Parties.

- (1) A political party seeking to nominate candidates for elections under this Bill shall hold primaries for aspirants to all elective positions which shall be monitored by the Commission.
- (2) The procedure for the nomination of candidates by political parties for the various elective positions shall be by direct, indirect primaries or consensus.

Qualifications of Aspirants and Candidates.

- (3) A political party shall not impose nomination qualification or disqualification criteria, measures, or conditions on any aspirant or candidate for any election in its constitution, guidelines, or rules for nomination of candidates for elections, except as prescribed under sections 65, 66, 106, 107, 131, 137, 177 and 187 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended).

Direct Primaries.

- (4) A political party that adopts the direct primaries procedure shall ensure that all aspirants are given equal opportunity of being voted for by members of the party and shall adopt the procedure outlined below:
 - (a) in the case of Presidential Primaries, all registered members of the party shall vote for aspirants of their choice at a designated centre at each ward of the Federation.
 - (b) the procedure in paragraph (a) above of this subsection shall be adopted for direct primaries in respect of Gubernatorial, Senatorial, Federal and State Constituencies.
 - (c) Special Conventions or Congresses shall be held to ratify the candidate with the highest number of votes at designated centres at the National, State, Senatorial, Federal and State Constituencies, as the case may be.

Indirect Primaries.

- (5) A political party that adopts the system of indirect primaries for the choice of its candidate shall adopt the procedure outlined below:
 - (a) in the case of nominations to the position of Presidential candidate, the political party shall —
 - (i) hold a Special Presidential Convention at a designated centre in the Federal Capital Territory or any other place within the Federation that is agreed to by the National Executive Committee of the party where delegates shall vote for aspirants of their choice,

- (ii) the aspirant with the highest number of votes cast at the end of voting shall be declared the winner of the Presidential primaries of the political party and that aspirant's name shall be forwarded to the Commission as the candidate of the party;
- (b) in the case of nominations to the position of a Governorship candidate, the political party shall, where it intends to sponsor candidates —
 - (i) hold a special congress in the State Capital or any other place within the State with delegates voting for aspirants of their choice at the congress to be held on a specified date appointed by the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the party, and
 - (ii) the aspirant with the highest number of votes cast at the end of voting shall be declared the winner of the primaries of the party and the aspirant's name shall be forwarded to the Commission as the candidate of the party, for the particular State;
- (c) in the case of nominations to the position of a Senatorial candidate, a Member of the House of Representatives and a Member of a State House of Assembly, the political party shall, where it intends to sponsor candidates —
 - (i) hold special congresses in the Senatorial District, Federal Constituency and the State Assembly Constituency respectively, with delegates voting for aspirants of their choice in designated centres on specified dates, and
 - (ii) the aspirant with the highest number of votes cast at the end of voting shall be declared the winner of the primaries of the party and the aspirant's name shall be forwarded to the Commission as the candidate of the party;
- (d) in the case of the position of a Chairmanship candidate of an Area Council, the political party shall, where it intends to sponsor a candidate —
 - (i) hold special congresses in the Area Councils, with delegates voting for aspirants of their choice at designated centres on a specified date, and
 - (ii) the aspirant with the highest number of votes cast at the end of voting shall be declared the winner of the primaries of the party and the aspirant's name shall be forwarded to the Independent National Electoral Commission as the candidate of the party.
- (6) In the case of a Councillorship candidate, the procedure for the nomination of the candidate shall be by direct primaries in the ward, and the name of the candidate with the highest number of votes cast shall be submitted to the Independent National Electoral Commission as the candidate of the party.

- (7) Where there is only one aspirant or a consensus candidate in a political party for any of the elective positions mentioned in subsection (5) (a), (b), (c) and (d), the party shall convene a special convention or congress at a designated Centre on a specified date for the confirmation of such aspirant and the name of the aspirant shall be forwarded to the Independent National Electoral Commission as the candidate of the party.
- (8) A political party that adopts the system of indirect primaries for the choice of its candidate shall clearly outline in its constitution and rule the procedure for the democratic election of delegates to vote at the convention, congress or meeting.

Consensus Candidate.

- (9) (a) A political party that adopts a consensus candidate shall secure the written consent of all cleared aspirants for the position, indicating their voluntary withdrawal from the race and their endorsement of the consensus candidate;
- (b) Where a political party is unable to secure the written consent of all cleared aspirants for the purpose of a consensus candidate, it shall revert to the choice of direct or indirect primaries for the nomination of candidates for the aforesaid elective positions.
- (c) A Special Convention or nomination Congress shall be held to ratify the choice of consensus candidates at designated centres at the National, State, Senatorial, Federal and State Constituencies, as the case may be.

Political Appointee not Eligible as a Voting Delegate or Aspirant.

- (10) No political appointee at any level shall be a voting delegate or be voted for at the Convention or Congress of any political party for the purpose of the nomination of candidates for any election.
- (11) Where a political party fails to comply with the provisions of this Bill in the conduct of its primaries, its candidate for election shall not be included in the election for the particular position in issue.
- (12) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Bill or rules of a political party, an aspirant who complains that any of the provisions of this Bill and the guidelines of a political party have not been complied with in the selection or nomination of a candidate of a political party for election, may apply to the Federal High Court for redress.
- (13) Nothing in this section shall empower the Courts to stop the holding of primaries or general elections under this Bill pending the determination of a suit (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulaia — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri/Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Electoral Act No. 6, 2010 and Enact the Electoral Act, 2021, to Regulate the Conduct of Elections in the Federal, State and Area Councils in the Federal Capital Territory; and Related Matters (HB. 981) and approved Clause 84 (1)-(13) of the Bill.

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

18. **Adjournment of First Sitting**

That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 2.00 p.m. (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.45 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 2 December, 2021, No. 43, page 2184, items 5 (ii), leave out all the words and insert as follows:

- (ii) *Ad-hoc Committee to Ascertain the Total Consolidated Inventory, Assets, Interests and Liabilities of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and its Subsidiaries Before Transfer to the NNPC Limited to Ensure a Glossary Accounting System:*

Mr Speaker announced membership of the Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Kingsley C. Uju	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. James Abiodun Faleke	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Abubakar Hassan Nalaraba	—	Member
(4)	Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta	—	Member
(5)	Hon. Oyewo Olubukola Oyegbile	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Datti Nyako	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Oghuma Johnson Johnny Egwakhide	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Abubakar Faggo Kani	—	Member
(9)	Hon. Isiaka Ibrahim Ayokunle	—	Member
(10)	Hon. Idahosa Dennis	—	Member
(11)	Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata	—	Member
(12)	Hon. Bello Joseph Asuku	—	Member
(13)	Hon. Magaji Amos Gwamna	—	Member
(14)	Hon. Iro Salisu Isansi	—	Member
(15)	Hon. Amadi Oguerinwa Dennis	—	Member
(16)	Hon. Ayuba Badamasi	—	Member
(17)	Hon. Ezenwankwo Okwudili	—	Member
(18)	Hon. Oke Busayo Oluwole	—	Member
(19)	Hon. Olatubosun Olajide Boladale	—	Member
(20)	Hon. Ikengboju Gboluga Dele	—	Member
(21)	Hon. Obinna Chidoka	—	Member

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker

