



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 9 February, 2022

1. The House met at 11.25 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 8 February, 2022.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Deputy Speaker recognised the presence of Staff and Students of *Glisten International Academy*, Jahi District, Abuja.
5. **Petition**
A petition from Maho A. and 1 other, on alleged illegal allocation of land within the vicinity of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Estate, Katampe Extension, Abuja by D. M Ejiogu and some staff of Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA), was presented and laid by Hon. Mohammed Omar Bio (*Baruten/Kaiama Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
Need to Curb the Rising Trend of Ritual Killings in Nigeria:
Hon. Toby Okechukwu (*Aninri/Awgu/Oji-River Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
 - (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
 - (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

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

Need to Curb the Rising Trend of Ritual Killings in Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that incidents of ritual killings have assumed an alarming rate in Nigeria in recent times;

Also notes the upsurge of reported ritual killings with increasing cases of abductions and missing persons in different parts of the country, which in most cases, the culprits also rape, maim, kill and obtain sensitive body parts of unsuspecting victims for rituals;

Further notes that the Red Cross Society in 2017 reported that it received 10,480 reports of missing persons in Nigeria;

Aware that on Saturday, 22 January, 2022, three teenage suspects and a twenty year old reportedly killed one Sofiat Kehinde and had her head severed and burnt in a local pot in Abeokuta, Ogun State;

Also aware that Ogun State Police Command on Monday, 7 February, 2022, reported that one of the suspects confessed that he learned the act of ritual killing from a video he watched on Facebook;

Further aware that the death of Sofiat has attracted national outrage and condemnation considering the ages of her killers;

Still aware that perpetrators of such inhuman acts often use the social media as a ready tool to advertise their evil behaviours;

Recalls the grievous killing of Iniobong Umoren, a young woman in her 20s; after being lured to a particular location in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State for a job interview, as widely reported in the national dailies.

Also recalls the gruesome killings and heinous activities of Badoo Boys in Lagos State, which was also reported in the national dailies;

Concerned that ritual killings have become a predominant theme in most home made movies which if not checked, the younger generation may begin to view the matter as an acceptable norm;

Also concerned about several reports where law enforcement agents arrested and paraded suspects of ritual killings with gory pictures of human skulls and dismembered bodies;

Worried that fake clerics, imams, herbalists and native doctors are often complicity in the heinous practices;

Further concerned that although communities are getting more religious with the proliferation of churches and mosques, the ugly trend of ritual killing is on the rise as the quest for wealth at all cost pervades our society;

Also worried that while youths in other climes are embracing science and technology as a way of maintaining pace with the dynamic world, some youths seem stuck in the mistaken belief that sacrificing human blood is the surest route to wealth, safety and protection;

Convinced that such cruel and barbaric acts should no longer be promoted in our society considering the demands of today's world;

Further worried about the growing rate of unemployment in the country; *Alarmed* by the moral decadence in our society, a trend that has promoted the get-rich-quick syndrome among our youths;

Mindful of the role of the Nigerian movie industry in moulding behavioral patterns in our society vis-a-vis the mandate of the National Film and Video Censors Board as a clearing house for movies produced in the country;

Cognizant that a lot needs to be done by the Police and other law enforcement agencies to checkmate this ugly trend;

Also mindful of the roles of parents, schools, religious leaders, and the urgent need to curb the increasing rate of ritual killings and other related vices;

Further mindful of the role of media as a tool to change this wrong narrative among our youths;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to declare a national emergency on ritual killings in Nigeria;
- (ii) call on the National Orientation Agency (NOA), parents, heads of schools, religious leaders and the media to undertake a campaign to change the negative narrative that is bedevilling the society;
- (iii) also call on the Executive Director, National Film and Video Censors Board to rise to the mandate of the agency as the clearing house for all movies produced in the country;
- (iv) further call on the Inspector General of Police to take urgent steps to increase surveillance and intelligence gathering with a view to apprehend and prosecute all perpetrators of ritual killings in Nigeria; and
- (v) mandate the Committees on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values, and Police Affairs to ensure compliance and report within four weeks (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Awgu/Oji River Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that incidents of ritual killings have assumed an alarming rate in Nigeria in recent times;

Also noted the upsurge of reported ritual killings with increasing cases of abductions and missing persons in different parts of the country, which in most cases, the culprits also rape, maim, kill and obtain sensitive body parts of unsuspecting victims for rituals;

Further noted that the Red Cross Society in 2017 reported that it received 10,480 reports of missing persons in Nigeria;

Aware that on Saturday, 22 January, 2022, three teenage suspects and a twenty year old reportedly killed one Sofiat Kehinde and had her head severed and burnt in a local pot in Abeokuta, Ogun State;

Also aware that Ogun State Police Command on Monday, 7 February, 2022, reported that one of the suspects confessed that he learned the act of ritual killing from a video he watched on Facebook;

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Also recalled the gruesome killings and heinous activities of Badoo Boys in Lagos State, which was also reported in the national dailies;

Concerned that ritual killings have become a predominant theme in most home made movies which if not checked, the younger generation may begin to view the matter as an acceptable norm;

Also concerned about several reports where law enforcement agents arrested and paraded suspects of ritual killings with gory pictures of human skulls and dismembered bodies;

Worried that fake clerics, imams, herbalists and native doctors are often complicity in the heinous practices;

Further concerned that although communities are getting more religious with the proliferation of churches and mosques, the ugly trend of ritual 'killing is on the rise as the quest for wealth at all cost pervades our society;

Also worried that while youths in other climes are embracing science and technology as a way of maintaining pace with the dynamic world, some youths seem stuck in the mistaken belief that sacrificing human blood is the surest route to wealth, safety and protection;

Convinced that such cruel and barbaric acts should no longer be promoted in our society considering the demands of today's world;

Further worried about the growing rate of unemployment in the country; Alarmed by the moral decadence in our society, a trend that has promoted the get-rich-quick syndrome among our youths;

Mindful of the role of the Nigerian movie industry in moulding behavioral patterns in our society vis-a-vis the mandate of the National Film and Video Censors Board as a clearing house for movies produced in the country;

Cognizant that a lot needs to be done by the Police and other law enforcement agencies to checkmate this ugly trend;

Also mindful of the roles of parents, schools, religious leaders, and the urgent need to curb the increasing rate of ritual killings and other related vices;

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- (iii) also call on the Executive Director, National Film and Video Censors Board to rise to the mandate of the agency as the clearing house for all movies produced in the country;
- (iv) further call on the Inspector General of Police to take urgent steps to increase surveillance and intelligence gathering with a view to apprehend and prosecute all perpetrators of ritual killings in Nigeria; and
- (v) mandate the Committees on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values, and Police Affairs to ensure compliance and report within four weeks (**HR. 41/02/2022**).

7. Presentation of Report

Report of the Conference Committee:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Maritime Security Trust Fund for Training, Provision of Security Equipment and Regulate Facilities, Enhance the Skills of the Personnel of the Nigerian Navy; and for Related Matters (HB. 1243)" (*Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi — Kanke/Paskshin/Kanam Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Kirikasamma; and for Related Matters (HB.1820) — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Kirikasamma; and for Related Matters (HB.1820) 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 Amend the National Institute for Cultural Orientation Act, Cap. N48, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 947) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Share, Kwara State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1633) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Share, Kwara State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1633) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Jimoh Abdul Raheem Olajide — Lagos Mainland 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.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment and Composition of Agricultural Development Trust Fund (ADETFUND); and for Related Matters (HB. 948) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment and Composition of Agricultural Development Trust Fund (ADETFUND); and for Related Matters (HB. 948) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ademorin Aliu Kuye — Shomolu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Medical and Health Science, Ondo. Ondo State for Training and Research in the field of Medical and Health Sciences in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1770) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Medical and Health Science, Ondo. Ondo State for Training and Research in the field of Medical and Health Sciences in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1770) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abiola Peter Makinde — Ondo East/Ondo West 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.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Health Act, 2014; and for Related Matters (HB. 1611) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Health Act, 2014; and for Related Matters (HB. 1611) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Sergius Ogun Oseasochie — Esan North East/Esan South East 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 Healthcare Services.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Trade Disputes Act, Cap. T8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Prohibit Medical Practitioners in the Employment of Federal, State and Local Governments (as Employees in the Essential Service Sector) from embarking on Strike and to Accelerate Administrative and Judicial proceedings in the Determination of Trade Disputes involving them; and for Related Matters (HB. 1618). — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Trade Disputes Act, Cap. T8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Prohibit Medical Practitioners in the Employment of Federal, State and Local Governments (as Employees in the Essential Service Sector) from embarking on Strike and to Accelerate Administrative and Judicial proceedings in the Determination of Trade Disputes involving them; and for Related Matters (HB. 1618) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Simon Chukwuemeka Atigwe — Igbo-Eze North/Udenu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Bill withdrawn by leave of the House.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Nigerian Merchant Navy Coast Guard, Security and Safety Corps charged with Responsibility for the Security and Safety of Coastline Waters and Nigeria Merchant Navy; and for Related Matters (HB. 1160) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Nigerian Merchant Navy Coast Guard, Security and Safety Corps charged with Responsibility for the Security and Safety of Coastline Waters and Nigeria Merchant Navy; and for Related Matters (HB. 1160) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Tajudeen Adeyemi Adefisoye — Idanre/Ifedore 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 Navy.

16. **Privilege (Order Six, Rule 2)**

Hon. Momah Ifeanyi Chudy (*Ihiala Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to resolution (**HR. 202/12/2021**), urging the Inspector-General of Police to ensure a thorough investigation into the disappearance of the NELAN 5 Consultants. He noted that the Committees on Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence are yet to report compliance of the resolution to the House. He considered that as a breach of his privilege and that of the House.

17. **Rescission of House Resolution on Call for Urgent Investigation into the Abduction of Five Consultant Engineers in the Effium, Ohaukwu Local Government Area**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on Wednesday, 15 December, 2021, a motion on *Call for Urgent Investigation into the Abduction of Five Consultant Engineers in Effium, Ohaukwu Local Government Area* was presented;

Also notes that the House, in the Resolution, urged the Inspector-General of Police to ensure a thorough investigation into the disappearance of the NELAN 5 Consultant Engineers;

Further notes that about two months after the Resolution, the Committees on Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence are yet to report compliance;

Resolves to:

Rescind the decision on the motion and mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to investigate the matter and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

18. Committal of Three Bills

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the under-listed Bills were passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the President for Assent;

- (i) Federal College of Education, Birniwa (Establishment), Bill, 2020 (HB.383),
- (ii) Federal Capital Territory, Abuja Area Courts Bill, 2021 (HB. 67),
- (iii) National Agricultural Development Fund (Establishment), Bill, 2021 (HB. 1319);

Also notes that the Bills were returned from the President with comments which, if addressed, the Bills may be represented to the President for assent;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

19. Call to Rehabilitate Malondo - Warah Road in Kebbi State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Land Transportation is an important means of movement of humans, goods and enhancing services delivery in the country;

Also notes that Malondo to Warrah road serves as a link between the South-West and some part of North-West, it is also an important route for conveying agricultural produce such as rice from Kebbi State;

Aware that the road is about 70 kilometers, commuters spend approximately five hours or more on transit during the rainy season and this has brought untold hardships especially to patients under referrals thus leading to loss of lives and complications;

Also aware that Kebbi State Government has rehabilitated the road about two years ago but yet to be reimbursed, however, the road is still in deplorable condition due to heavy trucks following the road;

Further aware that the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) had late last year commenced rehabilitation works covering about 8 to 9 kilometers on the Malondo Road;

Worried by the negative impact of the road on the socio-economic, security and free movement of persons, goods, and services of the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to resume the rehabilitation of Malondo to Warrah road which was commenced last year;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to ensure compliance (*Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu — Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 42/02/2022).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

20. Need for Federal Government's Intervention in the Crisis between Ichen and Chamb-Dakka Communities in Kurmi Local Government Area of Taraba State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that eight people were allegedly killed and properties worth millions of Naira destroyed with over three thousand people displaced in Bisaula and Gwanda communities following the communal clash between Ichen and Chamb-Dakka people of Kurmi Local Government Area of Taraba State;

Aware that the State Government, in collaboration with the stakeholders of the affected Communities, took some steps to restore peace in the area but despite the efforts, there is still tension in the affected communities;

Concerned that the communal clashes have resulted in the displacement of millions of the people who are currently taking refuge in Baissa, Didan, Sabon Gida Tukura, as they lack adequate resources to cater for the refugees from neighbouring states as well as those from Cameroun;

Also concerned that Taraba State is overwhelmingly overstretched as it is currently camping over 250,000 Internally Displaced victims of attacks and killings by armed bandits and militants from the neighbouring states;

Worried that if the Federal Government fails to intervene, the crisis in Kurmi Local Government Area may escalate despite efforts of the State Government;

Also worried that despite the hardships experienced by displaced persons camped at Bisaula Community in Kurmi Local Government Area of Taraba State, humanitarian and security agencies have not done enough to ameliorate their plight;

Resolves to:

- (i)* call on the Executive Arm to put an effective mechanism in place towards preventing the re-occurrence of the communal clash between the two ethnic groups;
- (ii)* urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) as well as other humanitarian agencies to establish more refugee camps in Kurmi Local Government Area of Taraba State;
- (iii)* also urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, as well as National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other humanitarian agencies to deploy relief materials to the displaced persons and victims of the communal crisis;
- (iv)* mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (*Hon. David Abel Fuoh — Gashaka/Kurmi/Sardauna Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that eight people were allegedly killed and properties worth millions of Naira destroyed with over three thousand people displaced in Bisaula and Gwanda communities following the communal clash between Ichen and Chamb-Dakka people of Kurmi Local Government Area of Taraba State;

Aware that the State Government, in collaboration with the stakeholders of the affected Communities, took some steps to restore peace in the area but despite the efforts, there is still tension in the affected communities;

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- (iv) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (HR. 43/02/2022).

21. Need to Rehabilitate the Collapsed Kanke-Langtang Road

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

22. Need to Develop African Traditional Medicine in Nigeria

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

23. **Need to Construct an Airstrip in Michika Town to Enhance Security and Economic Activities in the North East Zone**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Michika town in Madagali/Michika Federal Constituency is one of the most populated Local Government Area in Adamawa State, endowed with the highest agricultural potentials, and the highest number of political wards with a significant number of Federal Institutions;

Also notes that Michika is a strategic border town surrounded by Madagali, and Gwoza in Borno State from the eastern part, Hong and Mubi North from the South, Askira Uba in Borno State from the North and Cameroon Republic from the West, thus, requires an airstrip for efficient operations;

Further notes that Michika enjoys proximity with the Sukur Kingdom in Madagali which is one of the few cultural sites recognized by the United Nations Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and is approximately 30km from where the Airstrip is proposed to be located;

Aware that the few Airport at Gombe and Yola are too far from Michika and therefore cannot make any significant impact on the plight of the people of Michika;

Also aware that 100 hectares of land at Bazza community, which is strategically located at Yola-Maiduguri highway is a good location for the project;

Concerned that the non-existence of Airstrip is an impediment to economic activities in Madagali/Michika Federal Constituency and the entire North East given its endowment in natural resources, border location, dense population, and high commercial enterprise;

Also concerned that the nearby Airports at Yola, Maiduguri, and Gombe are all located at more than 200km from Michika, which compels most people to travel by road to their different destinations for business and governmental activities among others despite the high rate of insecurity and dilapidated condition of the roads;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to construct an Airstrip in Kudzum Bazza town, Adamawa State;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Aviation, and Works to ensure implementation (*Hon. Zakaria Dauda Nyanpa — Madagali/Michika Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 44/02/2022).

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

24. **Need to Establish Fire Stations in Communities Hosting Petrol Tank Farms in Nigeria**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that there have been reports of recurring fire outbreaks at various Tank Farms and involving fuel tankers in Ubeji Ifiekporo in Warri South Local Government Area of Delta State, Apapa and Ojo

areas of Lagos State, Calabar in Cross River State, and more recently, Onitsha and Umuahia in Anambra and Abia States respectively, which have led to the loss of lives and properties worth billions of Naira;

Also notes that most of the Tank Farms are located in residential and densely populated areas;

Concerned that the fire safety regulations monitored by the Department of Petroleum Resources, which has been replaced by the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority in the Petroleum Industry Act, by which tank farm operators abide, have not done much to curb fire outbreaks in tank farms;

Also concerned that residents of the communities where the Tank Farms are located have, over the years, suffered irreparable damage, losing loved ones, properties and their means of livelihood destroyed;

Worried that there are insufficient fire stations in the areas hosting the Tank Farms and the colossal damages from the fire have been as a result of the late response by the existing fire service, owing to the long distance between the fire stations and the tank farms;

Cognizant of the need for more Fire Stations around the hazard-prone communities where petrol Tank Farms are located to ensure quick response during emergencies and thus, save lives and properties;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for victims who lost their lives in fire outbreaks at tank farms across the country;
- (ii) urge the Executive Arm to establish Fire Stations within communities hosting tank farms across the country;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Interior to ensure compliance (*Hon. Thomas Ereyitomi — Warri South/Warri West/Warri North Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 45/02/2022).

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

A minute silence was observed for the souls of the departed.

25. Explosion of a Crude Oil Vessel at the Escravos Estuary in Delta State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the report of a massive explosion which occurred recently on floating production storage and offloading crude oil vessel called the trinity Spirit and its subsequent sinking off the coast of the country at the Escravos Estuary in Delta State;

Also notes that the incident raised fears that the crew members on the vessel may have died in the fire blaze that engulfed the ship after the explosion;

Further notes that the Trinity Spirit Vessel was the main production facility for the OML 108 in Nigeria's offshore Ukpokiti oil field in the Niger Delta, with the capacity to process up to twenty-two thousand barrels of crude oil per day with a storage capacity of 2 million barrels;

Worried that the explosion of the vessel, which had Fifty Thousand barrels of oil in storage when it exploded, has negatively impacted the country's economy, and may take a long time to recover;

Also worried about the environmental impact the explosion has had on the immediate and surrounding coastal communities such as pollution of the waters, death of aquatic animals, and the dispersal of surviving fish, with its attendant economic hardship on the people who are predominantly seafood farmers;

Commends the assistance rendered by the Chevron team operating in the Escravos Estuary, the clean Nigeria Associates, community stakeholders, and local fishermen who responded swiftly to save the burning vessel;

Cognizant of the need to urgently provide relief materials to the affected communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to urgently mitigate the effects of the explosion on affected communities by embarking on a clean-up of the polluted waters and the coastlands, as well as provide relief materials and pay adequate compensation to those affected by the oil spill;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources to investigate the cause of the explosion on the Floating Production Storage and Offloading Vessel FPSO, the Trinity Spirit to prevent a recurrence of the incident;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) to conduct an on-the-spot assessment of the area of the incident to make recommendations towards averting a recurrence and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Julius Pondi — Burutu Federal Constituency*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the Prayers, and *insert* a new Prayer as follows:

"Mandate the Committees on Host Communities, Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the cause of the explosion, foster solution to mitigate future occurrences and assess the extent of damage and communities affected for compensation and report within four (4) weeks" (*Hon. Ndudi Elumelu — Aniocha North/Aniocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the report of a massive explosion which occurred recently on floating production storage and offloading crude oil vessel called the trinity Spirit and its subsequent sinking off the coast of the country at the Escravos Estuary in Delta State;

Also noted that the incident raised fears that the crew members on the vessel may have died in the fire blaze that engulfed the ship after the explosion;

Further noted that the Trinity Spirit Vessel was the main production facility for the OML 108 in Nigeria's offshore Ukpokiti oil field in the Niger Delta, with the capacity to process up to twenty-two thousand barrels of crude oil per day with a storage capacity of 2 million barrels;

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Cognizant of the need to urgently provide relief materials to the affected communities;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Host Communities, Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the cause of the explosion, foster solution to mitigate future occurrences and assess the extent of damage and communities affected for compensation and report within four (4) weeks (HR. 46/02/2022).

26. Consideration of Reports

(i) *Report of the Conference Committee:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Maritime Security Trust Fund for Training, Provision of Security Equipment and Regulate Facilities, Enhance the Skills of the Personnel of the Nigerian Navy; and for Related Matters (HB. 1243)" (Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi — Kanke/Paskshin/Kanam 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)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO
ESTABLISH NIGERIAN MARITIME SECURITY TRUST FUND FOR
TRAINING, PROVISION OF SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND REGULATE
FACILITIES, ENHANCE THE SKILLS OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE
NIGERIAN NAVY; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1243)

Clause 14: Appointment of the Executive Secretary and other staff of the Trust Fund.

- (1) The President shall appoint the Executive Secretary for the Trust Fund (Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi — Kanke/Paskshin/Kanam Federal Constituency).

Question that Clause 14 (1) stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Maritime Security Trust Fund for Training, Provision of Security Equipment and Regulate Facilities, Enhance the Skills of the Personnel of the Nigerian Navy; and for Related Matters (HB. 1243) and adopted the Report.

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

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

Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Polytechnic, Garko, Kano State that Shall Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Social Sciences, Applied Science, Management and Other Fields of Study and to Make Provisions for the General Administration of the Polytechnic; and for Related Matters (HB. 820).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

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

Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Sports, Afuze, Edo State to make Comprehensive Provisions for Its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB 628).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

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

Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Omu-Aran to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and to Provide for the Appointment of the Provost and other Officers of the College to carry out the Administration and the Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 131).

Order deferred by leave of the House.

27. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 10 February, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.32 p.m.

Ahmed Idris
Deputy Speaker

