



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 23 March, 2022

1. The House met at 12.00 p.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, 22 March, 2021.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Premier International School*, Wuse II, Abuja;
- (ii) Members of *Benue State Youth Parliament*, Benue State Ministry of Youth and Sports Development, Benue State.

5. **Petition**

A petition from Liberty Chambers (Legal Practitioners & Notary Public), on behalf of Rumucheta family of Mgbuesilaru community in Okporo Kingdom in Obio/Akpor Local Government Area, Rivers State, on alleged trespass into their land by Nigerian Air Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Chinda Kingsley (*Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*);

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

Hon. Sada Soli (*Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to recent reports in the media on a court judgment directing the Attorney-General of the Federation to delete Section 84 (12) of the Electoral Act, 2022. He stated that the judgment was not only denigrating the Parliament but also an attempt to oust the jurisdiction of the National Assembly; he viewed this as a breach of his privilege and that of the House.

Mr Speaker noted the privilege.

By leave of the House Mr Speaker invited Hon. Nudi Elumelu to move a Motion on the matter.

Need for the House to Intervene in the Court Judgment Directing the Attorney-General of the Federation to Delete Section 84 (12) of the Electoral Act, 2022.

The House:

Aware that Section 66 (1) (f), Section 107 (1) (f), Section 137 (1) (g), and Section 182 (1) (g), do not in anyway contradict the provision of Section 84 (12) of the Electoral Act as amended;

Worried that the court judgment directing the Attorney-General of the Federation to delete Section 84 (12) of the Act offends the principle of separation of powers;

Disturbed that by so doing, the court is usurping the powers of the National Assembly to make laws as provided in Section 4 (1) of the 1999 Constitution as amended;

Resolves to:

- (i) write a formal complaint to the National Judicial Commission;
- (ii) commence the process of appealing the judgment;
- (iii) urge the Attorney-General of the Federation to stay execution of the judgment until the constitutional right of appeal is exhausted (Hon. Nudi Elumelu — Antiocha North/Antiocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Aware that Section 66 (1) (f), Section 107 (1) (f), Section 137 (1) (g), and Section 182 (1) (g), do not in anyway contradict the provision of Section 84 (12) of the Electoral Act as amended;

Worried that the court judgment directing the Attorney-General of the Federation to delete Section 84 (12) of the Act offends the principle of separation of powers;

Disturbed that by so doing, the court is usurping the powers of the National Assembly to make laws as provided in Section 4 (1) of the 1999 Constitution as amended;

Resolved to:

- (i) write a formal complaint to the National Judicial Commission;
- (ii) commence the process of appealing the judgment;
- (iii) urge the Attorney-General of the Federation to stay execution of the judgment until the constitutional right of appeal is exhausted (HR. 125/03/2022).

Matter Requiring the Attention of the House

By leave of the House, the Leader informed the House of the outcome of the interface with aggrieved women protesting the rejection of Gender Bills by the National Assembly. He stated that the Delegation assured the women that the Bills will be re-introduced within 7 (seven) legislative days.

Ordere. at Hon. Onyejeocha Nkeiruka should schedule a meeting of the representatives of the protesting women with the leadership of the House.

8. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal College of Medical Laboratory Science and Technology, Eka-Midim, Akwa-Ibom State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1916).
- (2) Federal College of Education (Technical), Ile-Ife, Osun State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1917).
- (3) National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1918).
- (4) Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1919).
- (5) Federal College of Creative Arts and Innovative Enterprise, Yenagoa (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1920).
- (6) Electric Pensioner Verification Bill, 2022 (HB. 1921).
- (7) National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1922).
- (8) National Institute for Temperate Crop Research and Development, Obanliku (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1923).
- (9) Nationwide Industrialization, Manufacturing, Processing and Related Industries Bill, 2022 (HB. 1924).
- (10) Federal University of Environmental Technology, Saakpenwa, Ogoni (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1925).
- (11) Federal Capital Territory University, Abaji (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1926).

9. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Education, Numan, Adamawa State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1799) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Education, Numan, Adamawa State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1799) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — 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.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University, Wukari and to make Comprehensive Provisions for Its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1719 and HB. 1845) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University, Wukari and to make Comprehensive Provisions for Its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1719 and HB. 1845) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader 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 of the Whole.

11.

A Bill for an Act to Establish National Industrial Centre for the Manufacture, Exhibition and Sale of Furniture and other Timber Products, Ifeodo, Ife South, Osun State; and for Related Matters (HB.1684) — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Industrial Centre for the Manufacture, Exhibition and Sale of Furniture and other Timber Products, Ifeodo, Ife South, Osun State; and for Related Matters (HB.1684) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Ajiesoro Taofeek Abimbola — Ife Central/Ife East/Ife North/Ife South 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 Industry.

12.

A Bill for an Act to Establish Port-Area Development Commission charged with the responsibility to manage the Ecological and Environmental Menace from the Operations of Ports; and for Related Matters (HB. 1664) — *Second Reading*

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13.

A Bill for an Act to Establish Niger Delta Institute of Technology and Skills Acquisition, Beerli, Rivers State and make Comprehensive Provisions for Management, Administration and Detailed Identification of Areas in Technology, Skills Acquisition and Related Matters (HB.1807) — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Niger Delta Institute of Technology and Skills Acquisition, Beerli, Rivers State and make Comprehensive Provisions for Management, Administration and Detailed Identification of Areas in Technology, Skills Acquisition; and for Related Matters (HB.1807) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Dekor Dumnamene Robinson — Gokana/Khana 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 Science Research Institutions.

14.

Need to Construct 33/11KVA Injection Sub-station at Igbo-Ora in Ibarapa Central Local Government Area and 33/11KVA Injection Sub-station at Igangan in Ibarapa North Local Government Area of Oyo State
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Ibarapa Local Government Area of Oyo State is a semi-urban area which serves as the food basket of Oyo state;

Also notes that in 2005, the Federal Government adopted the rural electrification policy with the aim of increasing electricity to 90% for rural areas in Nigeria by 2030;

Further notes that the Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company is responsible for the supply and distribution of electricity to Ibarapa in Oyo State;

Aware that access to electricity facilitates sustainable economy and social growth in rural or semi-urban areas;

Concerned that the electricity supply in the entire Ibarapa land has been epileptic due to poor electrical installations, prompting the people to migrate to the city as a result of the consequent decline socioeconomic activities and access to basic facilities;

Cognizant of the need to construct a 33/11 KVA injection Sub-station each at Igbo-Ora and Igangan in Ibarapa North Local Government Area of Oyo State to facilitate electricity supply and enhance socio-economic activities in the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government and the relevant agencies to construct 33/11 KVA injection Sub-station at Igbo-Ora in Ibarapa Central Local Government and 33/11 KVA injection Sub-station at Igangan all in Ibarapa axis of Oyo State;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Appropriations, Finance, and Power to include the construction of 33/11kva injection Sub-Station at Igbo-Ora, in Ibarapa Central Local Government and 33/11 KV A injection Sub-station at Igangan in Ibarapa North Local Government of Oyo State in the 2023 Budget estimates; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Power, and Legislative Compliance to liaise with the Budget Office of the Federation, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Power to ensure compliance (*Hon. Muraina Saubana Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 126/03/2022).

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

15. **Call to Investigate the Imposition of Multiple Processing and/or Administration Fees by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and its Accredited Agents on JAMB Examination Candidates**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Section 88 (1) and (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) empowers the National Assembly to conduct investigations into the activities of any authority executing or administering laws made by the National Assembly;

Also notes that pursuant to Section 5 (1) (a) of the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board Act, the Board was established to, among other things, control the conduct of matriculation examinations for candidates seeking admission into Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education in Nigeria;

Aware that in recent times, in addition to the registration fees for the examination, all sorts of processing and/or administrative fees are imposed on JAMB examination candidates;

Informed that for every other service, apart from the JAMB Registration provided in relation to the examination, an administrative fee is imposed by JAMB, which does not include the CBT Centre Service Charge collected by JAMB accredited CBT Centers and some of the charges are as follows:

S/N	Services	Fees (N)
1.	Application for Transfer	7,000.
2.	Change of Admission Letter with Registration Number	5,000.
3.	Application for correction of data (like date of birth, etc.)	2,500.
4.	Printing of JAMB Result Slip	1,000.
5.	Printing of JAMB Admission Letter	1,000.
6.	Change of Institution/Course	2,500.
7.	Retrieving of JAMB Registration Number	1,000.

Cognizant that by the provisions of the Act, JAMB is an examination conducting body and not primarily a revenue-generating organ of the Federal Government;

Worried that JAMB Candidates who are not privileged to afford the charges/fees suffer undue hardships and ultimately lose out from taking the examination;

Also worried that a majority of the candidates dwell in villages, often without CBT accredited Centres and as such, would have to travel long distances and incur additional transportation costs in order to register for the examination or carry out a JAMB related service offered only in a CBT Centre;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to investigate the multiple processing and/or administrative fees imposed by JAMB and its accredited agents on JAMB candidates and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Serius Oseasochie Ogun — Eesan North East/Eesan South East Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, immediately after the words "Committee on", insert the words "Basic Education and Services" (*Hon. Usman Zanna — Kaga/Gubio/Magumeri Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Section 88 (1) and (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) empowers the National Assembly to conduct investigations into the activities of any authority executing or administering laws made by the National Assembly;

Also noted that pursuant to Section 5 (1) (a) of the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board Act, the Board was established to, among other things, control the conduct of matriculation examinations for candidates seeking admission into Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education in Nigeria;

Aware that in recent times, in addition to the registration fees for the examination, all sorts of processing and/or administrative fees are imposed on JAMB examination candidates;

Informed that for every other service, apart from the JAMB Registration provided in relation to the examination, an administrative fee is imposed by JAMB, which does not include the CBT Centre Service Charge collected by JAMB accredited CBT Centers and some of the charges are as follows:

S/N	Services	Fees (₦)
1.	Application for Transfer	7,000,
2.	Change of Admission Letter with Registration Number	5,000,
3.	Application for correction of data (like date of birth, etc.)	2,500,
4.	Printing of JAMB Result Slip	1,000,
5.	Printing of JAMB Admission Letter	1,000,
6.	Change of Institution/Course	2,500,
7.	Retrieving of JAMB Registration Number	1,000;

Cognizant that by the provisions of the Act, JAMB is an examination conducting body and not primarily a revenue-generating organ of the Federal Government;

Worried that JAMB Candidates who are not privileged to afford the charges/fees suffer undue hardships and ultimately lose out from taking the examination;

Also worried that a majority of the candidates dwell in villages, often without CBT accredited Centres and as such, would have to travel long distances and incur additional transportation costs in order to register for the examination or carry out a JAMB related service offered only in a CBT Centre;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Basic Education and Services, and Tertiary Education and Services to investigate the multiple processing and/or administrative fees imposed by JAMB and its accredited agents on JAMB candidates and report within four (4) weeks (HR. 127/03/2022).

16. Need to Repair the 15 kilometers Ajagba-Salawa-Akotogba Road, Irele Local Government Area of Ondo State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the only route that connects Ajagba, Salawa and Akotogbo community in Irele Local Government area of Ondo State to Ovia-River Bridge Edo State is in a deplorable state of disrepair;

Concerned that the bridge on the road was constructed in the 1950s but due to the recent flooding and the peculiar terrain of the area, the Salawa/Akotogbo axis of the road has developed a sinkhole, and a portion of the road has been totally cut-off, making the entire communities inaccessible;

Worried that students and people in Ajagba, Salaw, Akotogbo and other adjoining communities with about 250,000 population have been denied access to schools, commerce, healthcare services and other social amenities as a result of the deplorable condition of the road, which is the only road that links the entire communities;

Cognizant that if steps are not taken to reconnect the inter-state road linking Ovia river bridge of Edo State and the adjoining communities in Irele Local Government Area of Ondo State, socio-economic activities and access to basic necessities will become impossible in the affected areas;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to commence immediate repairs and reconstruction of the road to reconnect the people of Ajagba-Salawa-Akotogbo in Irele Local Government to the larger community;

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works and Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Gboluga Dede Ikengboju — Okitipupa/Irele Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 128/03/2022).

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

Need to Address the Violation of Human Rights and Unfair Treatment of Nigerians in Indonesia
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Indonesia is a signatory to the United Nation's Universal Declaration on Human Rights of 1948, which advocates for the protection of the fundamental rights and freedom of every human being;

Concerned that despite various reports of the heavy-handedness of Indonesian security and law enforcement officers towards Nigerians that have led to allegations of illegal arrests, detention, tortures, extortions, and other unreported fundamental human rights breaches, nothing has been done to reverse this unfortunate and unsavoury trend;

Aggrieved about the recently reported death of Late Arinze Igweike on March 14, 2022, a bright and promising native of Onitsha, who was allegedly arrested in Jakarta by Indonesian Immigration Police for unidentified offences and eventually died in Police custody without any proceedings being brought against him;

Also notes that in July 2020 another Nigerian, identified as Chukwueze died after he was allegedly arrested, extorted and tortured by Indonesian Immigration Officials, thereafter resulting in massive protests at the Nigeria Embassy in Jakarta against discrimination and targeted raids by Indonesian Officers;

Further notes that in August 2021, the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed the assault of a Nigerian diplomat by Immigration Officials in Jakarta, Indonesia, where the diplomat was manhandled and arrested in front of his official quarters, a disgraceful action that is clearly against International Law and the Vienna Conventions governing Diplomatic and Consular Relations between States;

Cognizant of the urgent need to address the heavy-handedness and inhuman treatment meted on Nigerians by the Indonesian Authorities, before more Nigerians lose their lives, as this will undoubtedly strain the relationship between the Nigerian and Indonesian Governments if not addressed;

17.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Diaspora, and Foreign Affairs to investigate the allegations of heavy-handedness and inhuman treatment of Late Arinze Igweike, and other Nigerians by Indonesian Officers, and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Lynda Chuba-Ikpeazu — Onitsha North/Onitsha South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, immediately after the words "Foreign Affairs", insert the words "Human Rights, Interior" (*Hon. Nkem-Abonta Uzoma — Ukwu East/West Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Indonesia is a signatory to the United Nation's Universal Declaration on Human Rights of 1948, which advocates for the protection of the fundamental rights and freedom of every human being;

Concerned that despite various reports of the heavy-handedness of Indonesian security and law enforcement officers towards Nigerians that have led to allegations of illegal arrests, detention, tortures, extortions, and other unreported fundamental human rights breaches, nothing has been done to reverse this unfortunate and unsavoury trend;

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Cognizant of the urgent need to address the heavy-handedness and inhuman treatment meted on Nigerians by the Indonesian Authorities, before more Nigerians lose their lives, as this will undoubtedly strain the relationship between the Nigerian and Indonesian Governments if not addressed;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Diaspora, Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, and Interior to investigate the allegations of heavy-handedness and inhuman treatment of Late Arinze Igweike, and other Nigerians by Indonesian Officers, and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 129/03/2022**).

18.

Consideration of Reports

(i)

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act, Cap. M3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Establish University of Maritime Studies, Oron; and for Related Matters (HB. 1595) (Committee of the Whole):

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(ii)

Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on the Need to Investigate the Importation and Distribution of Adulterated Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) into Nigeria" (Hon. Egbona Alex — Abi/Yakurr 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)

Consideration deferred to enable the Committee rework the report.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on the Need to Investigate the Importation and Distribution of Adulterated Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) into Nigeria.

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

19.

Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 24 March, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.5 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila
Speaker