



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 22 September, 2022

1. The House met at 11.42 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**  
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 21 September, 2022.

*The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.*

4. **Announcement**  
**Bereavement:**  
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Ferdinand Dozie Nwankwo (*Njikoka/Dunukofia/Anaocha Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of his father, Mr Boniface O. Nwankwo, at the age of 83.

*A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.*

5. **Petition**  
The following Petitions were presented and laid by Ibrahim Shaba Isah (*Lokoja/Kogi/Koton Karfi Federal Constituency*):

- (a) George Aboh Whistleblowers Network, on alleged financial impropriety at Abia State Polytechnic and Abia State University by the former Rector and Vice Chancellor, Prof Uchenna Eleasor Ikonne;
- (b) Al-Mushahid Initiative for Transparency and Accountability, on alleged bodily harm and threat to life of Fatima Suleiman by Aliyu Sanusi Umar; and
- (c) George Aboh Whistleblowers Network, on alleged abuse of Appropriation and Procurement Acts in National Agricultural and Land Development Agency, by Paül Ikonne.

*Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.*

6. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State; and for Related Matters (HB.1987) — Second Reading**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State; and for Related Matters (HB.1987) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Chief Whip).*

*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.*

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority Act; and for Related Matters (HB.1953) — Second Reading**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Dangerous Drugs Act, Cap. D1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB.1958) — Second Reading**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

9. **Need to Curb the Perennial Flood Disasters in Jigawa and Kano States**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes that the Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NiMet) on August 16, 2022 predicted the possible heavy and prolonged rainfall in 19 States between August and September including Kano/Jigawa, and called on the affected states to intensify mitigation, adaptation and response mechanisms;*

*Also notes that the prolonged rainfall caused serious floods in Jigawa and Kano States, thus overflowing Tiga Dam which resulted in scores of deaths;*

*Further notes that the flood destroyed houses, farmlands, livestock and other properties, displaced residents in Birniwa, Kubayo, Masama, Suga, Jiyan, Panduma, Gapta, Maragwado, Ilallah, Baturiya, Una, Musari, Abunabo, Garin mallam, Takazza, Matara, Gilakocini, Mayamme, all in Jigawa State; and in Kano State, the following Federal Constituencies were affected with many villages and farmlands completely submerged, Wudil/Garko Federal Constituency, Kura/Garun Mallam Federal Constituency, Dawakin Kudu/Warawa Federal Constituency and Rano/Bunkare/Kibiya Federal Constituency;*

*Aware that the flood submerged about 50 villages in Kirikasamma and 30 villages in Guri Local Government Areas of Jigawa State thus destroying farmlands worth millions of Naira;*

*Worried that the flood-ravaged farm produce, properties, displacement of residents in Larabawa/zuwo, Sakarma/Baáwa in Kiru Local Government Area, Tiga/Gwarmaji, Unguwar Tura, Bawai, Tubabbu, Baleen Boyi, Kargo, Kuki, Nasarawan Kuki, Bakin kogi, Gargai all in Bebeji Local Government Area of Kano State;*

*Also worried* that the residents of the affected communities are living in palpable fear of being permanently displaced by the raging floods as well as the attendant destruction of properties and outbreak of diseases even as they are currently facing untold hardship in the aftermath of the flooding;

*Cognizant* of the need to dredge and fortify the wall of the Tiga Dam to forestall future occurrence

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to provide urgent relief assistance to the affected communities;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials and medical attention to flood victims in Jigawa and Kano States;
- (iii) further urge the Ecological Fund Office and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to take practical measures towards forestalling future occurrences to enlighten residents of Jigawa and Kano States on early warning signs, clear drainages and canals to ease the flow of water;
- (iv) again urge the State Governments to embark on an awareness campaign for possible response activities in high risk areas to mitigate further disaster;
- (v) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Environment to ensure compliance and report within five (5) weeks (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency and 9 others*).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Insert* a new Prayer (vi) as follows:

“urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to rehabilitate the Gujungu - Hadezia and Kwanar - Kaugama roads, destroyed by flooding” (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam/Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NiMet) on August 16, 2022 predicted the possible heavy and prolonged rainfall in 19 States between August and September including Kano/Jigawa, and called on the affected states to intensify mitigation, adaptation and response mechanisms;

*Also noted* that the prolonged rainfall caused serious floods in Jigawa and Kano States, thus overflowing Tiga Dam which resulted in scores of deaths;

*Further noted* that the flood destroyed houses, farmlands, livestock and other properties, displaced residents in Birniwa, Kubayo, Masama, Suga, Jiyan, Panduma, Gapta, Maragwado, Ilallah, Baturiya, Una, Musari, Abunabo, Garin mallam, Takazza, Matara, Gilakocini, Mayamme, all in Jigawa State; and in Kano State, the following Federal Constituencies were affected with many villages and farmlands completely submerged, Wudil/Garko Federal Constituency, Kura/Garun Mallam Federal Constituency, Dawakin Kudu/Warawa Federal Constituency and Rano/Bunkare/Kibiya Federal Constituency;

*Aware* that the flood submerged about 50 villages in Kirikasamma and 30 villages in Guri Local Government Areas of Jigawa State thus destroying farmlands worth millions of naira;

*Worried* that the flood-ravaged farm produce, properties, displacement of residents in Larabawa/zuwo, Sakarma/Baáwa in Kiru Local Government Area, Tiga/Gwarmaji, Unguwar Tura, Bawai, Tubabbu, Baleen Boyi, Kargo, Kuki, Nasarawan Kuki, Bakin kogi, Gargai all in Bebeji Local Government Area of Kano State;

*Also worried* that the residents of the affected communities are living in palpable fear of being permanently displaced by the raging floods as well as the attendant destruction of properties and outbreak of diseases even as they are currently facing untold hardship in the aftermath of the flooding;

*Cognizant* of the need to dredge and fortify the wall of the Tiga Dam to forestall future occurrence

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to provide urgent relief assistance to the affected communities;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials and medical attention to flood victims in Jigawa and Kano States;
- (iii) further urge the Ecological Fund Office and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to take practical measures towards forestalling future occurrences to enlighten residents of Jigawa and Kano States on early warning signs, clear drainages and canals to ease the flow of water;
- (iv) again urge the State Governments to embark on an awareness campaign for possible response activities in high risk areas to mitigate further disaster;
- (v) still urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to rehabilitate the Gujungu - Hadezia and Kwanar - Kaugama roads, destroyed by flooding;
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Environment to ensure compliance and report within five (5) weeks (**HR. 61/09/2022**).

#### 10. Re-Committal of Bills

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Recalls* that the following Bills were passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the President:

1. National Youth Service Corps Trust Fund (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1795),
2. School of Mines and Geological Studies, Akoko-Edo, Edo State (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB.441),
3. Federal University of Science and Technology, Lau, Taraba State (Establishment) Bill, 2021, (HB.1587),

4. Chartered Institute of Directors of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1571),
5. Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB.329);

Notes that fundamental issues which require fresh legislative action emerged, hence reconsideration of the Bills;

*Resolved to:*

Rescind its decision on the Bills as passed and commit same to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

*Agreed to.*

11. **Consideration of Report**  
*A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1987) (Committee of the Whole):*

*Order deferred by leave of the House.*

12. **Adjournment**  
*That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 27 September, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birniwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 12.34 p.m.*

**Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila**  
*Speaker*

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#### CORRIGENDA

- (i) In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 20 September, 2022, page 1267, item 11, *leave out* all the words in the referral and *insert* as follows:

*“Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole”.*

- (ii) In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 21 July, 2022, page 610, item 16, *leave out* all the words in the referral and *insert* as follows:

*“Bill referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services”.*

**Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila**  
*Speaker*

