



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 31 January, 2023

1. The House met at 1.42 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 *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 26 January, 2023.

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

4. **Presentation of Reports**
  - (i) **Committees on Finance, Banking and Currency and Aids, Loans and Debts Management:**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Finance, Banking and Currency and Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Restructuring of Ways and Means Advances" (Hon. Abdullahi Musa Saidu — Bida/Gbako/Katcha Federal Constituency).*

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

- (ii) **Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and Enact the National Library Bill, to Establish and Maintain the National Library of Nigeria, Strengthen its Statutory Functions and for Related Matters (HB.2109)" (Hon. Anayo Edwin — Ezza-North/Ishielu Federal Constituency).*

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

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

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, Cap. F17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to accommodate the newly established Federal Polytechnics; and for Related Matters (HB.2118)" (*Hon. Anayo Edwin — Ezza-North/Ishielu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

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

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Polytechnic, Sabon Birnin-Gobir, Sokoto State; and for Related Matters (HB.1899)" (*Hon. Anayo Edwin — Ezza-North/Ishielu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(v) **Ad-hoc Committee on the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Cashless Policy and Extension of the Timeframe of the Currency Swap (HR. 08/01/2023):**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Cashless Policy and Extension of the Timeframe of the Currency Swap (HR. 08/01/2023)" (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

5. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Owutu Edda; and for Related Matters (HB. 1647) — Third Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Owutu Edda; and for Related Matters (HB. 1647) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

6. **A Bill for an Act to the Amend Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Saminaka, Kaduna State; and for Related Matters (HB.1776) — Third Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to the Amend Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Saminaka, Kaduna State; and for Related Matters (HB.1776)" (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

7. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (HB.1904) — Third Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Nursing

and Midwifery, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (HB.1904) be now read the Third Time” (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

*Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (HB.1905) — Third Reading**  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo, Ekiti State; and for Related Matters (HB.1905)” (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

*Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

9. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, Cap. C34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to Make Comprehensive Provisions for the Prohibition and Control of Counterfeit Medical Products, Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods; and for Related Matters (HB.1666) — Third Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, Cap. C34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to Make Comprehensive Provisions for the Prohibition and Control of Counterfeit Medical Products, Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods; and for Related Matters (HB.1666) be now read the Third Time” (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

*Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agricultural Technology, Damboa, Borno State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1748) — Third Reading**  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agricultural Technology, Damboa, Borno State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1748) be now read the Third Time” (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

*Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act, 2011 to, Among Other Things, streamline the Membership of the Governing Board, Strengthen the Council to Discharge Effective Regulatory Responsibilities on Financial Reporting and Corporate Governance in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1817) — Third Reading**  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act, 2011 to, Among Other Things, Streamline the Membership of the Governing Board, Strengthen the Council to Discharge Effective Regulatory Responsibilities on Financial Reporting and Corporate Governance in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1817) be now read the Third Time” (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

*Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria Act, Cap.A26, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 2157) — Second Reading**

*Order deferred by leave of the House.*

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Daura, Kastina State; and for Related Matters (HB.2125) — Second Reading**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Daura, Kastina State; and for Related Matters (HB.2125) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Fatuhu Muhammed — Daura/Mai'adua/Sandamu 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 Health Institutions.*

14. **Consideration of Reports**

- (i) **Committees on Finance, Banking and Currency and Aids, Loans and Debts Management:**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Finance, Banking and Currency, and Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Restructuring of Ways and Means Advances" (Hon. Abdullahi Musa Saidu — Bida/Gbako/Katcha Federal Constituency).*

*Agreed to.*

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)**

*(Mr Speaker in the Chair)*

**Recommendation (i):**

*"That the approval of the restructuring of ₦22,719,703,774,306.90 of Ways and Means Advances be deferred for further legislative action; and" (Hon. Abdullahi Musa Saidu — Bida/Gbako/Katcha Federal Constituency).*

*Agreed to.*

**Recommendation (ii):**

*"That the ₦819,536,937,813 be excised from additional Ways and Means Advances at the tenor of 40 years, moratorium of 3 years and interest rate of 9% to fund the supplementary budget as follows:*

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| (a) | Agriculture and Rural Development        | — | ₦69,247,175,770;  |
| (b) | Federal Ministry of Works                | — | ₦704,789,762,043; |
| (c) | Federal Capital Territory Administration | — | ₦30,000,000,000;  |

- (d) Federal Ministry of Water Resources — ₦15,500,000,000”  
(Hon. Abdullahi Musa Saidu — Bida/Gbako/Katcha Federal Constituency).

*Agreed to.*

*Chairman to report proceeding.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committees on Finance, Banking and Currency, and Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Restructuring of Ways and Means Advances and approved Recommendations (i) and (ii) of the Report.

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

- (ii) **Ad-hoc Committee on the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Cashless Policy and Extension of the Timeframe of the Currency Swap (HR. 08/01/2023):**  
*Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Cashless Policy and Extension of the Timeframe of the Currency Swap (HR. 08/01/2023)” (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 Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

**Recommendation (i):**

“On the issue of availability of the new Naira notes, the CBN Governor promised to look further and submit a weekly report on releases to the Commercial Banks” (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

*Leave out the Recommendation and insert as follows:*

“That the CBN Governor should make the new Naira notes available and submit weekly reports on releases to Commercial Banks to the House of Representatives” (Hon. Femi Hakeem Gbajiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency).

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

*Question that Recommendation (i) as amended, stand part of the Report — Agreed to.*

**Recommendation (ii):**

“Pursuant to Section 20 (3) of the CBN Act, the CBN Governor agreed with the Interpretation of the Committee and the House in general that the CBN will continue to redeem the value of the recalled Naira currency even after the expiration of the validity of the old currency” (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).

**Amendment Proposed:**

“Urge the CBN Governor to continue to redeem the value of the recalled naira currency even after the expiration of 10 February, 2023 deadline, pursuant to Section 20 (3) of the CBN Act” (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Awgu/Oji River Federal Constituency*).

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

*Question that Recommendation (ii) as amended, stand part of the Report — Agreed to.*

**Recommendation (iii):**

“That the CBN as a Regulator should restore over-the-counter transactions and increase the withdrawal limits at the ATMs in line with the cashless withdrawal policy” (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

**Recommendation (iv):**

“That the mandate of this *Ad-hoc* Committee be extended to allow concerted and administrative follow-up on the recommendations” (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

**Additional Recommendation:**

*Insert* a new Recommendation (v) as follows:

“Urge the President to direct the CBN Governor to ensure that the new naira notes are available forthwith” (*Hon. Muraino Saubana Ajibola — Ibarapa Central/Ibarapa North Federal Constituency*).

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

*Question that new Recommendation (v), stand part of the Report — Agreed to.*

*Chairman to report proceedings.*

**(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) on the Cashless Policy and Extend the Timeframe of the Currency Swap and approved Recommendations (i) and (ii) as amended, approved Recommendations (iii) - (iv), and approved new Recommendation (v) of the Report.

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

**15. Adjournment of First Sitting**

*That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 4.00 p.m. (Hon. Alhassan Ado Garba — House Leader).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 3.40 p.m.*

**Femi Hakeem Gbajabiamila**  
*Speaker*