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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 2 November, 2023

- 1. The House met at 11.16 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, 1 November, 2023.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. Oaths of Allegiance and Membership

A Member-elect, Muktari Zakari Chawai (*Kauru Federal Constituency*), took and subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as prescribed by law.

5. Petitions

- (i) A petition from A. A. Hikima & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Nura Alhaji Tijani and 48 Others, on alleged gross human rights violations by the Department of State Services (DSS), was presented and laid by Hon. Muhammad Balo Shehu (*Fagge Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Aruwa O. Davidson, on alleged improper placement of Oghene Kume Ovuorie by the Management of Nigeria Legal Aid Council, was presented and laid by Hon. Julius Ihonvbere (*Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) A petition from Lagbamue, Lagbamue & Associates (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Lance Corporal Otoke Emmanuel Chidiebere, on his prolonged detention by the Nigerian Army, was presented and laid by Hon. Uguru Emmanuel (Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency);
- (iv) A petition from Moemeke George Onyekanjinke, on the stoppage of his salary by the Management of Benin Owena River Basin Development Authority, Edo State, was presented and laid by Hon. Eze Nwachukwu Eze (Ebonyi/Ohuakwu Federal Constituency);

- (v) A petition from Waheed Adebowale Oduwoye, on alleged threat to his life by officials of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), Kano State, was presented and laid by Hon. Oshun Moshood Olanrewaju (*Lagos Mainland Federal Constituency*);
- (vi) A petition from Agbor Agwu, on alleged non-completion of the construction of Apiapum road, Obubra Local Government Area, Cross River State, was presented and laid by Hon. Danladi Suleiman Aguye (Lokoja/Kogi/Koton-Karfi Federal Constituency).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) Need to Stop the Breakdown of Law and Order in Bayelsa State:

 Hon. Marie Enenimiete Ebikake (Brass/Nembe 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 Stop the Breakdown of Law and Order in Bayelsa State:

The House:

Notes the statements made by some political party candidates during campaigns on Saturday, 28 October, 2023, at Twon Brass in Brass Local Government Area of Bayelsa State;

Also notes the specific instructions (captured on video), for supporters to kill or drown at sea, anyone who 'misbehaves' on 11 November, 2023 elections in Bayelsa State;

Concerned that the utterances were not political campaign statements but a call to violence and disorderly conduct capable of disrupting law and order in Twon Brass and in Bayelsa State as a whole:

Worried that if precautionary steps are not taken to call political candidates to order, their inciting statements, will be interpreted as executive orders, by mindless political supporters, to cause pandemonium and mayhem calculated to disrupt the smooth conduct of the elections, endanger lives and property with devastating effects on the socio-political and economic gains already made in the local government area and in the State, in terms of peace, stability and economic development;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria to call all party candidates to order, before the election;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector General of Police and the National Security Adviser to caution the parties and cause the extraction of undertakings, from all candidates, that would guarantee peace in Twon Brass and Bayelsa State and a violent-free election on 11 November, 2023;

- (iii) further urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to invest integrity in the conduct of the November elections;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Defence, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within five (5) days (*Hon. Marie Enenimiete Ebikake Brass/Nembe Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the statements made by some political party candidates during campaigns on Saturday, 28 October, 2023, at Twon Brass in Brass Local Government Area of Bayelsa State;

Also noted the specific instructions (captured on video), for supporters to kill or drown at sea, anyone who 'misbehaves' on 11 November, 2023 elections in Bayelsa State;

Concerned that the utterances were not political campaign statements but a call to violence and disorderly conduct capable of disrupting law and order in Twon Brass and in Bayelsa State as a whole:

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- (ii) also urge the Inspector General of Police and the National Security Adviser to caution the parties and cause the extraction of undertakings, from all candidates, that would guarantee peace in Twon Brass and Bayelsa State and a violent-free election on 11 November, 2023;
- (iii) further urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to invest integrity in the conduct of the November elections;
- (*iv*) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Defence, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within five (5) days (HR. 319/11/2023).
- (ii) Invasion of Farmlands by Marauding Elephants in Ngala and Kalabalge Local Government Areas, Borno State.

Hon. Zainab Gimba (*Bama/Ngala/Kala-Balge 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.

Invasion of Farmlands by Marauding Elephants in Ngala and Kalabalge Local Government Areas of Borno State:

The House:

Notes the recent invasion of farmlands by marauding Elephants in Ngala and Kala-Balge Local Government Areas of Borno State;

Also notes that the Elephants are believed to have come from Waza National Park, Cameroon from where they yearly move back and forth through its route in Ngala and Kala-Balge Local Government Areas of Borno State;

Further notes that in the cause of their movement they destroy crops and farm produce thus affecting the means of livelihood of the people in the Areas;

Worried that the destruction of these farms may further precipitate untold hardship on the people in food security;

Recalls that attempts were made by the Conservator-General to acquire some equipment meant to scare away the Elephants which in effect will curtail damage to Crops and food produce on farmlands;

Commends the Government of Borno State for the quick response though overwhelmed, hence the need for the Federal Government intervention;

Desirous that the Federal Government through the Ministry of Environment and the National Park should partner with the Borno State Government in the area of logistics to address the menace;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and the National Wildlife Park to provide immediate and longtime solution to address the menace of the marauding Elephants in the Area.
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency and Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to provide relief materials to the victims;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Environment, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Poverty Alleviation to ensure compliance (Hon. Zainab Gimba Bama/Ngala/Kala-Balge Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the recent invasion of farmlands by marauding Elephants in Ngala and Kala-Balge Local Government Areas of Borno State;

Also noted that the Elephants are believed to have come from Waza National Park, Cameroon from where they yearly move back and forth through its route in Ngala and Kala-Balge Local Government Areas of Borno State;

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Commended the Government of Borno State for the quick response though overwhelmed, hence the need for the Federal Government intervention;

Desirous that the Federal Government through the Ministry of Environment and the National Park should partner with the Borno State Government in the area of logistics to address the menace;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and the National Wildlife Park to provide immediate and longtime solution to address the menace of the marauding Elephants in the Area.
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency and Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to provide relief materials to the victims;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Environment, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Poverty Alleviation to ensure compliance (HR. 320/11/2023).

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it take more than two matters of urgent public importance" (*Hon. Adedeji Stamley Olajide* — *Ibadan Northwest/Ibadan Southwest Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

- (iii) Leakage of Classified Information and Documents from Security Agencies:

 Hon. Adedeji Stamley Olajide (Ibadan Northwest/Ibadan Southwest 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.

Leakage of Classified Information and Documents from Security Agencies:

The House:

Notes that the Primary aim of the government is to protect lives and properties of its citizens, but with the rate at which classified and confidential documents find their way to the public domain/social media, prevents the curbing of insecurity across the nation;

Also notes that security agents are being attacked by bandits while on rapid response due to leakage of information suggestive that the national security is compromised;

Disturbed that the flow of unauthorized classified information and documents to the public domain is now almost at the discretions of government official, the rate at which classified information's spread on the social media is disturbing;

Also Disturbed that this is a National Security issue that needs an urgent intervention;

Worried that if the Chief of Army Staff decries the leakage of classified documents appearing on social media, then there is a serious issue at hand as a Nation and it's the duty of Legislators to call for forensic investigation of all Security Agencies Data Storage and Data Protection:

Also worried that Data leakages in the Public Sectors discredit the government, weakens the action plan and undermines the national security of the country;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on ICT, National Security and Intelligence, Information Technology, and Defence to:

- (i) carry out a forensic Data Storage, Data Protection and Flow of Information of all our Security Agencies;
- (ii) inspect the level of Data Security operated by:
 - (a) Nigerian Immigration Services,
 - (b) Nigerian Customs Services,
 - (c) Nigeria Identity Management Commission and other the Data collection Agencies (Hon. Adedeji Stanley Olajide Ibadan Northwest/Southwest Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Primary aim of the government is to protect lives and properties of its citizens, but with the rate at which classified and confidential documents find their way to the public domain/social media, prevents the curbing of insecurity across the nation;

Also noted that security agents are being attacked by bandits while on rapid response due to leakage of information suggestive that the national security is compromised;

Disturbed that the flow of unauthorized classified information and documents to the public domain is now almost at the discretions of government official, the rate at which classified information's spread on the social media is disturbing;

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Resolved to:

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- (i) carry out a forensic Data Storage, Data Protection and Flow of Information of all our Security Agencies;
- (ii) inspect the level of Data Security operated by:
 - (a) Nigerian Immigration Services,
 - (b) Nigerian Customs Services,
 - (c) Nigeria Identity Management Commission and other the Data collection Agencies (HR. 321/11/2023).

(iv) Need for Intervention on Ikole - Omuo Road:

Hon. Akintunde Rotimi Oluwaseun (*Ikole/Oye 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 for Urgent Intervention on Ikole - Omuo Road:

The House:

Notes the importance of roads as veritable tools for economic development and good roads play a crucial role in enhancing the economy and security in various ways;

Also notes that good roads allow security agencies and medical services to respond to emergencies quickly and efficiently;

Aware that all Federal Roads that exit Ekiti to Akure, Lagos, Ibadan, Kogi and other states have collapsed;

Also aware that Ikole-Omuo road has been neglected for a long time and has degenerated into an impassable route for the people of Ikole in particular and other Nigerians in general;

Further aware that Ikole-Omuo Road has broken down completely due to its total dilapidation as a result of lack of attention on the road over a long period;

Worried that the situation has led to the presence of strange faces in the communities of Odo-Ayedun, Ayebode, and Oke Ayedun proximate to the roads leading to heightened insecurity in Ikole/Oye Federal Constituency;

Also worried that more than three hundred articulated vehicles have been stranded on the road for upwards of 8 weeks leading to a total blockade of the road;

Further worried that if this road is not fixed, there could be a complete breakdown of law and order and transportation will be grounded to a halt in the Federal Constituency;

Concerned that this has led to a resurgence of kidnapping, banditry and armed robberies on that stretch of road in the federal constituency as a result of the complete breakdown of lkole Omuo road:

Cognizant that this has affected the peoples' economic mainstay which is farming leading to low food production and hardship for commuters generally;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to commence immediate rehabilitation and reconstruction of Ikole-Omuo roads in Ikole/Oye Federal Constituency to save the people from this quagmire;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within two (2) weeks (Hon. Akintunde Oluwaseun Rotimi Ikole/Oye Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Notes the importance of roads as veritable tools for economic development and good roads play a crucial role in enhancing the economy and security in various ways;

Also noted that good roads allow security agencies and medical services to respond to emergencies quickly and efficiently;

Aware that all Federal Roads that exit Ekiti to Akure, Lagos, Ibadan, Kogi and other states have collapsed;

Also aware that Ikole-Omuo road has been neglected for a long time and has degenerated into an impassable route for the people of Ikole in particular and other Nigerians in general;

Further aware that Ikole-Omuo Road has broken down completely due to its total dilapidation as a result of lack of attention on the road over a long period;

Worried that the situation has led to the presence of strange faces in the communities of Odo-Ayedun, Ayebode, and Oke Ayedun proximate to the roads leading to heightened insecurity in Ikole/Oye Federal Constituency;

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7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the First Time:

- (1) Nigerian Health Infrastructure Development (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.816).
- (2) University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Board) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.817).
- (3) Finance Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.818).
- (4) Corporate Social Responsibility Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.819).
- (5) National Open Institute of Vocational Skills Apprenticeship and Entrepreneurship (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.820).
- (6) Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Abigborodo, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.821).
- (7) Federal Institute of Fisheries Research, Ogidigben, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.822).
- (8) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.823).
- (9) Police Academy Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.824).
- (10) National Intelligence Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.825).
- (11) Federal Institute of Vocational and Technical Education, Obiaruku, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.826).
- (12) Private Guards Companies Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.827).
- (13) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.828).

- (14) Public Procurement Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.829).
- (15) Central Bank of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.830).
- (16) Federal Road Safety Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.831).
- (17) Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skill Acquisition, Fagge, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.832).
- (18) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB.833).
- (19) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.834).
- (20) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.835).
- (21) North East Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.836).
- (22) National Council on Climate Change Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB.837).
- (23) Abuja Building Regulatory Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.838).
- (24) Federal University of Education (Technical), Gombe State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.839).
- (25) Chartered Institute for Social Entrepreneurship and Leadership of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.840).

8. Presentation of Reports

(i) Committee on Appropriations:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on a Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₹2,176,791,286,033 (two trillion, one hundred and seventy-six billion, seven hundred and ninety-one million, two hundred and eighty-six thousand, thirty-three Naira) only, of which ₹18,000,000,000 (Eighteen Billion Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₹1,033,471,162,373 (one trillion, thirty-three billion, four hundred and seventy-one million, one hundred and sixty-two thousand, three hundred and seventy-three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of N1,125,320,123,660 (one trillion, one hundred and twenty-five billion, three hundred and twenty million, one hundred and twenty-three thousand, six hundred and sixty Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December 2023 (HB. 765)" (Hon. Abubakar Kabir Abubakar — Bichi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Ad-hoc Committee on the Need to Investigate the Utilization of Ecological Funds to Great Green Wall:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Need to Investigate the Utilization of Ecological Funds to Great Green Wall by the International Organisations from 2015 to Date and all Federal Allocations to the National Agency for the Great Green Wall as well as Contract Awarded to Various Contractors for the Project from 2019 to Date" (HR. 78/07/2023)" (Hon. Ismaila Haruna Dabo — Toro Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. A Bill for an Act to Enact the Nigerian Content (Non-Oil and Gas Sector) Development to Establish the Nigerian Content (Non-Oil and Gas Sector) Development Council and to provide for Programme and structure for the use of Nigerian Expertise made in Nigeria goods and services, Economic Diversification and for Related Matters (HB. 59) — Second Reading Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Enact the Nigerian Content (Non-Oil and Gas Sector) Development to Establish the Nigerian Content (Non-Oil and Gas Sector) Development Council and to provide for Programme and structure for the use of Nigerian Expertise made in Nigeria goods and services, Economic Diversification and for Related Matters (HB. 59) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Ogundu Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency and Thirty-Eight Others).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish Niger Delta Institute of Technology and Skills Acquisition Beeri, Rivers State and to make Comprehensive Provisions for Management, Administration and detailed Identification of Areas in Technology, Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters and for Related Matters (HB. 114) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Niger Delta Institute of Technology and Skills Acquisition Beeri, Rivers State and to make Comprehensive Provisions for Management, Administration and detailed Identification of Areas in Technology, Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters and for Related Matters (HB. 114) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Dekor Dumnamene — 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 Committees on Niger Delta Development Commission, and Science and Technology.

11. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Health Sciences, Gaya, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB.31) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Health Sciences, Gaya, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB.31) be read a Second Time" (Hon. Mustapha Tijjani — Alabsu/Gaya/Ajingi 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.

12. Need to Construct 65 Kilometers Rural Access Road within Makarfi/Kudan Federal Consistency of Kaduna State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Makarfi/Kudan Federal Constituency in Kaduna State is an agrarian community which engages in both wet season farming for annual crops such as sugar cane maize, millet, beans and soya beans, and irrigation farming for perishable crops like tomato, pepper, cabbage and other species of vegetables for their subsistence;

Worried about the lack of rural access road network linking the farms to other towns and nearby states where their farm produce is in high demand, preventing farmers' produce from reaching the market and causing significant economic loss;

Also worried that most of the existing access roads linking the farmers to the main roads have recently been washed off by flood, particularly in Likoro, Lafiya, Danbami, Jaja, Danguzuri, Marke, Nasarawan Doya, Ruma, Gimi wards of Kudan and Makarfi Local Government Areas of Kaduna State respectively:

Cognizant of the need to construct 65 kilometres of rural access roads to Makarfi/Kudan Federal Constituency to facilitate the transportation of farm produce to neighbouring communities and states.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to include the construction of 65 kilometres of rural access roads within the agrarian Communities of Makarfi/Kudan Federal Constituency, Kaduna State in the 2024 Appropriations budget estimate to aid the transportation of farm produce to the market;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Appropriations to ensure compliance (Hon. Umar Shehu Ajilo Makarfi/kudan Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (ii), immediately after the word "Appropriations", insert the words "and National Budget, Planning and Economic Development" (Hon. Olumide Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made - Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Makarfi/Kudan Federal Constituency in Kaduna State is an agrarian community which engages in both wet season farming for annual crops such as sugar cane maize, millet, beans and soya beans, and irrigation farming for perishable crops like tomato, pepper, cabbage and other species of vegetables for their subsistence;

Worried about the lack of rural access road network linking the farms to other towns and nearby states where their farm produce is in high demand, preventing farmers' produce from reaching the market and causing significant economic loss;

Also worried that most of the existing access roads linking the farmers to the main roads have

recently been washed off by flood, particularly in Likoro, Lafiya, Danbami, Jaja, Danguzuri, Marke, Nasarawan Doya, Ruma, Gimi wards of Kudan and Makarfi Local Government Areas of Kaduna State respectively;

Cognizant of the need to construct 65 kilometres of rural access roads to Makarfi/Kudan Federal Constituency to facilitate the transportation of farm produce to neighbouring communities and states.

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to include the construction of 65 kilometres of rural access roads within the agrarian Communities of Makarfi/Kudan Federal Constituency, Kaduna State in the 2024 Appropriations budget estimate to aid the transportation of farm produce to the market;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Appropriations, and National Budget, Planning and Economic Development to ensure compliance (HR. 323/11/2023).

13. Rehabilitation of Internally Displaced Persons from War-torn Communities between Ebonyi and Cross Rivers States

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Abakaliki and Izzi Local Government Areas of Ebonyi State share boundaries with Obubra and Yala Local Government Areas of Cross River State;

Concerned that Ebonyi State and Cross River State disagreed on the boundaries within the axis of Abakaliki/Obubra and Izzi/Yala Local Government areas, which has resulted in a long-standing boundary dispute between the two States;

Also concerned that since 2005 to date, the disputes, which have degenerated into violent communal conflicts, have continued in full strength and intensity, resulting in the death of thousands of people, destruction of properties worth billions of Naira as well as displacement of the people from their homes, forcing them to take refuge in camps at Onunwakpu lgbeagu and Nwida in Ebonyi State and Ntrigom in Cross River State;

Aware that the affected communities include Nduezoke, Azungele, Idogolo, Okpagala, Ndubia Mfuma, Ndunwanpfu, Nkaleke, Azuofia Idda, Azuofia Okpitumo, Nduegu Amachi, Oferekpe Enyigba in Izzi and Abakaliki Local Government Areas of Ebonyi State and Ijibollo, Eja, Ogba, Ntrigom in Yala, Obubra of Cross River State;

Worried that the conflicts have caused untold hardships to the people who are predominantly farmers as their means of livelihood were destroyed during attacks on their communities, leaving them without food, adequate shelter and proper healthcare, thus exposing them to unfavourable weather conditions, health risks and even further violent attacks;

Also worried that if palliative measures are not urgently taken to help the victims, the mortality rate among the aged and the children will continue to rise;

Resolves to:

(i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to provide relief materials, rehabilitate, reintegrate and safely reinstate the victims of violent communal conflicts in Igbeagu, Amachi, Edda, Okpuitumo, and Oferekpe Enyigba in Izzi and Abakaliki Local Government Areas of Ebonyi State, and Ijibolo and other Communities of Obubra and Yala Local Government Areas of Cross River State;

- (ii) also urge the National Boundary Commission to speed up the process of proper delineation of the boundaries between Ebonyi State and Cross River State; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Special Duties to ensure compliance and report within six (6) weeks (Hon. Uguru Emmanuel Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

(HR. 324/11/2023).

Motion referred to the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Special Duties, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

14. Gully Erosion in Nasarawa/Bacoco, Ikot Uduak, Ikot Nkebre, Nyaghasang, Akai Effa and Anwatim Communities in Calabar - Municipal and Odukpani Local Government Areas, Cross River State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the prevailing devastation occasioned by gully erosion in Nasarawa/Bacoco, Ikot Uduak, Ikot Nkebre, Nyaghasang, Akai Effa and Anwatim communities in Calabar Municipality which has persistently ravaged these communities destroying lives and properties and rendered indigenes and residents internally displaced;

Also notes that the Nasarawa/Bacoco community is the worst hit, about 100 of the 500 units of Aka Estate, a low and middle-income housing scheme which was an intervention project facilitated by a former member of the House of Representatives, Hon. (Etubom) Nya Asuquo Eyoma (1999-2003) have submerged and there is the threat of more houses being submerged;

Aware that previous intervention and mitigation projects that were undertaken by government agencies and the World Bank at the erosion sites at Ikot Nkebre and Ikot Uduak have failed to address the problem hence the gully persists;

Concerned that the devastating effect of the gully has not only destroyed houses and other properties, it has also compromised the integrity of the substructure of many buildings forcing many residents out of their homes without shelter for fear of building collapse, hence in need of temporary shelters and other relief materials;

Worried that without urgent intervention to forestall further devastation and losses in the vicinity of the gully erosion, there might be a humanitarian crisis as the houses in these communities are in danger of being submerged by the gully and most of the owners, especially beneficiaries of the housing scheme and farmers whose lands and properties are being threatened cannot bear the cost of mitigating the disaster;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to ensure the provision of relief materials and other forms of aid for the victims of erosion.
- (ii) also urge the Ecological Fund Office, to urgently carry out an impact assessment aimed at mitigating the gully erosion and include the construction intervention projects in the 2024 budget estimates; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Ecological Funds to investigate the reason why previous

interventions in the communities failed (*Hon. Bassey Akiba — Calabar Municipal/Odukpani Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 325/11/2023).

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

15. Flood Disaster in Mayo-Selbe and Serti Towns, Gashaka Local Government Area of Taraba State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on 3 October 2023, there was a heavy downpour of rain in Mayo-Selbe town, Gashaka Local Government Area of Taraba State destroying farmland, Shops, about 500 houses and other property worth millions of naira;

Worried that the only access road linking villages in the community was cut off, leaving inhabitants stranded and roaming the streets in search of shelter and basic needs;

Also worried that as a result of the flood disaster some of the inhabitants are internally displaced and temporarily occupying public buildings, such as schools, Mosques and Churches;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Ecological Fund Office to embark on erosion control and land reclamation in Mayo-Selbe Town, Gashaka Local Government Area of Taraba State:
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to assess the level of damage and provide relief materials to the affected victims;
- (iii) further urge the North East Development Commission (NEDC) to provide relief materials to the victims, design and construct drainage where necessary; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance (Hon. David Abel Fuoh Sardauna/Kurmi/Gashaka Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

(HR. 326/11/2023).

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

16. Abandoned Dredging of the Lower River Niger

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that River Niger remains one of the most critical natural assets that holds great prospects for economic diversification in Nigeria and the Federal Government's primary aim for its recent plans to dredge the river is to make it navigable to enhance economic activities, reduce the burden on highways, minimize accidents and create employment opportunities for Nigerians;

Also notes that the newly created Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy can generate trillions of Dollars and will provide millions of jobs as it involves a wide range of sectors and resources related to oceans, seas, coasts and waterways;

Further notes that dredging provides numerous benefits for the maritime sector through maintenance of existing waterways, creation of new waterways, and increasing the depth of waterways, and waterways require continuous maintenance dredging to remain navigable, thus stimulating trade and engendering inclusive growth and enhancing economic development through sub-regional transhipment trade in the country;

Concerned that since 2014, after former president Goodluck Jonathan formally declared that his Administration had completed dredging of the 527km lower River Niger from Warri to Baro, no badge or cargo has been seen hauling goods via the river as stakeholders have continued to question whether the dredging was done;

Also concerned that the claim of the dredging of 118 kilometres from Onitsha to Idah was questioned as investors have continued to avoid using the route, and since 2016 to date, maintenance dredging has not been carried out on Nigeria's waterways, which has stifled performance in the maritime industry;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) to commence immediate maintenance dredging of the lower River Niger and opening up more waterways across the country, as this will lead to new job opportunities for millions of Nigerians;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Inland Waterways to investigate the allegations surrounding the dredging of the lower River Niger in the past years and report within four (4) weeks (Hon. Danlandi Suleiman Aguye Lokoja/Kogi/Koton Karfi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

(HR. 327/11/2023).

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

17. Recovery of over 30 billion Dollars in Accrued Fees and Bonuses from Mergers of Multinational Oil Companies

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Oil Industry experienced several lateral mergers/buyovers/takeovers of Companies in the same Oil and Gas exploration, prospecting, production and marketing in the '90s;

Also notes that Section 2 of the Petroleum Act, 2014 the extant law applicable under which the merger took place provides that the Oil exploration licenses, Oil prospecting Licenses and Oil mining Licenses may be granted to only Nigerian Citizens or Companies incorporated in Nigeria, implying that mergers that results in a corporate body not indigenous to Nigeria, in terms of incorporation would exclude the new entity from the scope of Companies that can be given a license or lease under the Petroleum Act;

Informed that the June 1984 merger of Gulf and Chevron which brought Chevron through the back door to inherit Gulf oil operations in the country, was not approved until July 1991, after careful consideration and bargaining that still shortchanged the country of over US\$65 million as at that time;

Cognizant that other mergers between Exxon and Mobil to form ExxonMobil; Elf, Total and Fina to form TotalFinaElf, and between Chevron and Texaco to form Chevron Texaco, have resulted in new entities and companies that should have been subjected to processes such as:

- (i) application for assignment of interest in each block,
- (ii) payment of reserve value in each block,
- (iii) payment of a sign-on or signature bonus in respect of each block,
- (iv) fresh registration at the Corporate Affairs Commission, and
- (v) fresh commitment to social, community and environmental policies in Nigeria that were not done;

Concerned that the mergers while increasing assets of Foreign Oil Multinationals in the country, resulted in the layoff of hundreds of Nigerian Professionals and brought some companies through the back door, e.g. Exxon and Fina were not physically present in Nigeria in their registered names and identities;

Also concerned that the proper sign-on of the oil block inherited as assets was not done, thus costing the country hundreds of millions of dollars in signature bonuses and reserve value payments that should have been paid;

Worried that the country bled revenue of over US\$30 billion in signature bonuses, reserve values and assignment fees of 43 oil blocks where merging companies operate;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Public Assets, Petroleum Resource (Upstream), and Petroleum Resource (Downstream) to investigate and recover funds for the federation and report back within eight (8) weeks (Hon. Ademorin Kuye — Shomolu Federal Constituency).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

(i) In the Prayer, immediately after the words "Committees on", insert the word "Finance" (Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata — Birninwa/Guri/Kiri-Kasamma Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made - Agreed to.

(ii) In the Prayer as amended, immediately after the words "(Downstream)", insert the word "Midstream" (Hon. Adamu Tanko — Suleja/Gurara/Tata Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made - Agreed to.

(iii) In the Prayer as amended, immediately after the word "(Midstream)", insert the words "and Justice" (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 Oil Industry experienced several lateral mergers/buyovers/takeovers of Companies in the same Oil and Gas exploration, prospecting, production and marketing in the '90s;

Also noted that Section 2 of the Petroleum Act, 2014 the extant law applicable under which the merger took place provides that the Oil exploration licenses, Oil prospecting Licenses and Oil mining Licenses may be granted to only Nigerian Citizens or Companies incorporated in Nigeria, implying that mergers that results in a corporate body not indigenous to Nigeria, in terms of incorporation would exclude the new entity from the scope of Companies that can be given a license or lease under the Petroleum Act:

Informed that the June 1984 merger of Gulf and Chevron which brought Chevron through the back door to inherit Gulf oil operations in the country, was not approved until July 1991, after careful consideration and bargaining that still shortchanged the country of over US\$65 million as at that time;

Cognizant that other mergers between Exxon and Mobil to form ExxonMobil; Elf, Total and Fina to form TotalFinaElf, and between Chevron and Texaco to form Chevron Texaco, have resulted in new entities and companies that should have been subjected to processes such as:

- (i) application for assignment of interest in each block,
- (ii) payment of reserve value in each block,
- (iii) payment of a sign-on or signature bonus in respect of each block,
- (iv) fresh registration at the Corporate Affairs Commission, and
- (v) fresh commitment to social, community and environmental policies in Nigeria that were not done:

Concerned that the mergers while increasing assets of Foreign Oil Multinationals in the country, resulted in the layoff of hundreds of Nigerian Professionals and brought some companies through the back door e.g Exxon and Fina were not physically present in Nigeria in their registered names and identities;

Also concerned that the proper sign-on of the oil block inherited as assets was not done, thus costing the country hundreds of millions of dollars in signature bonuses and reserve value payments that should have been paid;

Worried that the country bled revenue of over US\$30 billion in signature bonuses, reserve values and assignment fees of 43 oil blocks where merging companies operate;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Finance, Public Assets, Petroleum Resource (Upstream), Petroleum Resource (Downstream), Petroleum Resource (Midstream), and Justice to investigate and recover funds for the federation and report back within eight (8) weeks (HR. 328/11/2023).

18. Consideration of Report

Committee on Appropriations:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on a Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₹2,176,791,286,033 (two trillion, one hundred and seventy-six billion, seven hundred and ninety-one million, two hundred and eighty-six thousand, thirty-three Naira) only, of which ₹18,000,000,000 (Eighteen Billion Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers,

₦1,033,471,162,373 (one trillion, thirty-three billion, four hundred and seventy-one million, one hundred and sixty-two thousand, three hundred and seventy-three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦1,125,320,123,660 (one trillion, one hundred and twenty-five billion, three hundred and twenty million, one hundred and twenty-three thousand, six hundred and sixty Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December, 2023 (HB. 765)" (Hon. Abubakar Kabir Abubakar — Bichi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

ISSUANCE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND OF THE FEDERATION THE TOTAL SUM №2,176,791,286,033 (TWO TRILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX BILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND, THIRTY-THREE NAIRA) ONLY, OF WHICH №18,000,000,000 (EIGHTEEN BILLION NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR STATUTORY TRANSFERS, №1,033,471,162,373 (ONE TRILLION, THIRTY-THREE BILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR RECURRENT (NON-DEBT) EXPENDITURE WHILE THE SUM OF №1,125,320,123,660 (ONE TRILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE BILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY MILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023

SCHEDULE

2023 Supplementary			
Budget Proposal			
(₦)			

PART A — STATUTORY TRANSFERS

Head	Statutory Transfers	
1	Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)	18,000,000,000
	Total — Statutory Transfers	18,000,000,000

Ouestion,

That the Expenditure of Eighteen Billion Naira (₹18,000,000,000.00) only, for the purposes set out under Statutory Transfers for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2023 — *Agreed to*.

PART B — RECURRENT (NON-DEBT) EXPENDITURE

Head	Ministry/Department/Agency	
2	Ministry of Defence	346,171,830,241
3	Police Formations and Command	29,661,660,269
4	Office of the National Security Adviser	39,637,671,863
5	Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security	103,000,000,000
6	Service Wide Vote - Recurrent	515,000,000,000
	Total — Recurrent (Non-Debt)	1,033,471,162,373

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Trillion, Thirty-Three Billion, Four Hundred and Seventy-One Million, One Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Three Naira ($\Re 1,033,471,162,373.00$) only, for the purposes set out under Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2023 - Agreed to.

PART C — CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

7	State House	28,000,000,000
8	Ministry of Defence	200,037,269,430
9	Police Formations and Command	20,338,339,731
10	Office of the National Security Adviser	10,364,705,353
11	Department of State Services	49,046,831,697
11	Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security	97,000,000,000
12	Federal Ministry of Works	300,000,000,000
13	Ministry of Housing	100,000,000,000
13	Federal Capital Territory Administration	100,000,000,000
14	Capital Supplementation	220,532,977,450
	Total — Capital Expenditure	1,125,320,123,660

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Trillion, One Hundred and Twenty-Five Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty Million, One Hundred and Twenty-Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty Naira (₹1,125,320,123,660.00) only, for the purposes set out under Capital Expenditure for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2023 — *Agreed to*.

Aggregate Expenditure

2,176,791,286,033

Main Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Trillion, One Hundred and Seventy-Six Billion, Seven Hundred and Ninety-One Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Thirty-Three Naira (₹2,176,791,286,033.00) only, for the purposes set out under Aggregate Expenditure for Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2023 — *Agreed to*.

Clause 1: Issue and appropriation of ₹2,176,791,286,033 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for 2023.

- (1) The Accountant-General of the Federation shall, when authorised to do so by Warrants signed by the Minister charged with responsibility for finance, pay out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation during the year ending on the 31st day of December 2023, the sums specified by the warrants, not exceeding in the aggregate \$\frac{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{eventy}}}}}}}{\text{2,176,791,286,033}}\$ ((Two Trillion, One Hundred and Seventy-Six Billion, Seven Hundred and Ninety-One Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand, Thirty-Three Naira) only, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2023.
- (2) The amount mentioned in subsection (1) of this section shall be appropriated to heads of expenditure as indicated in the Schedule to this Bill
- (3) No part of the amount aforesaid shall be released from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation after the end of the year mentioned in subsection (1) of this section.

Committee Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 1 be retained (*Hon. Abubakar Kabir Abubakar — Bichi Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Release of funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund

All amounts appropriated under this Bill shall be released from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation only for the purpose specified in the Schedule to this Bill.

Committee Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 2 be retained (*Hon. Abubakar Kabir Abubakar — Bichi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Virement

In the event that the implementation of any of the projects intended to be undertaken under this Bill cannot be completed without virement, such virement shall only be effected with the prior approval of the National Assembly.

Committee Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 3 be retained (*Hon. Abubakar Kabir Abubakar — Bichi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Interpretation

For the purposes of this Bill the term "schedule" includes the detailed estimates of expenditure attached thereto

Committee Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 4 be retained (*Hon. Abubakar Kabir Abubakar — Bichi Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Short Title

This Bill may be cited as the Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2023.

Committee Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 5 be retained (Hon. Abubakar Kabir Abubakar — Bichi Federal Constituency).

Question that Clause 5 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Explanatory Memorandum:

A Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₹2,176,791,286,033 (two trillion, one hundred and seventy-six billion, seven hundred and ninety-one million, two hundred and eighty-six thousand, thirty-three Naira) only, of which ₹18,000,000,000 (eighteen billion Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₹1,033,471,162,373 (one trillion, thirty-three billion, four hundred and seventy-one million, one hundred and sixty-two thousand, three hundred and seventy-three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₹1,125,320,123,660 (one trillion, one hundred and twenty-five billion, three hundred and twenty million, one hundred and twenty-three thousand, six hundred and sixty Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December 2023 (*Hon. Abubakar Kabir Abubakar — Bichi Federal Constituency*).

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₹2,176,791,286,033 (two trillion, one hundred and seventy-six billion, seven hundred and ninety-one million, two hundred and eighty-six thousand, thirty-three Naira) only, of which ₹18,000,000,000 (Eighteen Billion Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₹1,033,471,162,373 (one trillion, thirty-three billion, four hundred and seventy-one million, one hundred and sixty-two thousand, three hundred and seventy-three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₹1,125,320,123,660 (one trillion, one hundred and twenty-five billion, three hundred and twenty million, one hundred and twenty-three thousand, six hundred and sixty Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December, 2023 (HB. 765) (Hon. Abubakar Kabir Abubakar — Bichi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on a Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₹2,176,791,286,033 (two trillion, one hundred and seventy-six billion, seven hundred and ninety-one million, two hundred and eighty-six thousand, thirty-three Naira) only, of which ₹18,000,000,000 (Eighteen Billion Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₹1,033,471,162,373 (one trillion, thirty-three billion, four hundred and seventy-one million, one hundred and sixty-two thousand, three hundred and seventy-three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₹1,125,320,123,660 (one trillion, one hundred and twenty-five billion, three hundred and twenty million, one hundred and twenty-three thousand, six hundred and sixty Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December, 2023 (HB. 765) and approved Clauses 1 - 5, the Schedule, the Explanatory Memorandum and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

19. A Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₹2,176,791,286,033 (two trillion, one hundred and seventy-six billion, seven hundred and ninety-one million, two hundred and eighty-six thousand, thirty-three Naira) only, of which ₹18,000,000,000 (Eighteen Billion Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₹1,033,471,162,373 (one trillion, thirty-three billion, four hundred and seventy-one million, one hundred and sixty-two thousand, three hundred and seventy-three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₹1,125,320,123,660 (one trillion, one hundred and twenty-five billion, three hundred and twenty million, one hundred and twenty-three thousand, six hundred and sixty Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December, 2023 (HB. 765) — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₹2,176,791,286,033 (two trillion, one hundred and seventy-six billion, seven hundred and ninety-one million, two hundred and eighty-six thousand, thirty-three Naira) only, of which ₹18,000,000,000 (Eighteen Billion Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₹1,033,471,162,373 (one trillion, thirty-three billion, four hundred and seventy-one million, one hundred and sixty-two thousand, three hundred and seventy-three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₹1,125,320,123,660 (one trillion, one hundred and twenty-five billion, three hundred and twenty million, one hundred and twenty-three thousand, six hundred and sixty Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December, 2023 (HB. 765) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

20. Adjournment of First Sitting

That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 2.20 p.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.05 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen Speaker