



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 14 March, 2024

1. The House met at 10.59 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  
*The Votes and Proceedings* was adopted by unanimous consent.
4. **Message**  
Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,**  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

14th March, 2024

*Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas,*  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
*National Assembly Complex,*  
*Three Arms Zone,*  
*Abuja.*

*Rt Honourable Speaker,*

**TRANSMISSION OF STUDENT LOANS (ACCESS TO HIGHER  
EDUCATION) (REPEAL AND RE-ENACTMENT) BILL, 2024**

amended), I forward, herewith, *The Student Loan (Access to Higher Education) (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2024* for the kind consideration of the House of Representatives.

*The Student Loan (Access to Higher Education) (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2024* seeks to enhance the implementation of the Higher Education Student Loan Scheme by addressing challenges related to the management structure of the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELF), applicant eligibility requirements, loan purpose, funding sources and disbursement and repayment procedures.

Whilst hoping that this submission will receive the usual expeditious consideration of the House of Representatives, please accept, Rt Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

**Bola Ahmed Tinubu**

**5. Announcement**

**(i) Bereavement:**

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Anderson Allison Igbiks (*Okrika/Ogu Bolo Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of a former Member, Hon. John Kalipa (*Okrika/Ogu-Bolo Federal Constituency, 2007 - 2011*), which occurred on Monday, 21 August, 2023.

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

**(ii) Appointment of Deputy Chairman of Committee:**

Mr Speaker announced Hon. Anderson Allison Igbiks as the Deputy Chairman, Committee on Nutrition and Food Security.

**6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 5)**

**(i) Monitoring the Protocol for Repayment of Previous Loans Owed to Commercial Banks in Light of Increase of Interest Rate by the Central Bank of Nigeria:**

Hon. Ngozi Okolie (*Aniocha North/Aniocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South 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 5 (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 5 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

**Monitoring the Protocol for Repayment of Previous Loans Owed to Commercial Banks in Light of the Increase of Interest Rate by the Central Bank:**

The House:

*Notes* that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) recently increased its interest rate by 400% basis points from 18.75% to 22.75% as a result of the current inflationary and exchange rate pressures, projected inflation, and rising inflation expectations;

*Also notes* that in the light of this increase, there is the real and urgent possibility that commercial banks may take business advantage of this policy to implement the increase on previous loans which should not be acceptable;

*Aware* that the burden of the current economic pressure in the country is being faced by everyone at all levels of the social ladder including the high and low;

*Worried* that if implementation of this policy is left solely to the banks, it will occasion further economic pressure and hardship on Nigerians and also further difficulty on the lives of the struggling masses in the country;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) mandate the Committees on Banking Regulations, and Banking and Other Auxiliary Institutions to liaise with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and all other stakeholders and financial institutions to monitor the protocol for payment of previous loans owed to commercial banks and report four (4) weeks;
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Ngozi Okolie — Aniocha North/Aniocha South/Oshimili North/Oshimili South Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) recently increased its interest rate by 400% basis points from 18.75% to 22.75% as a result of the current inflationary and exchange rate pressures, projected inflation, and rising inflation expectations;

*Also noted* that in the light of this increase, there is the real and urgent possibility that commercial banks may take business advantage of this policy to implement the increase on previous loans which should not be acceptable;

*Aware* that the burden of the current economic pressure in the country is being faced by everyone at all levels of the social ladder including the high and low;

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- (i) mandate the Committees on Banking Regulations, and Banking and Other Auxiliary Institutions to liaise with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and all other stakeholders and financial institutions to monitor the protocol for payment of previous loans owed to commercial banks and report four (4) weeks;
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (**HR. 145/03/2024**).

(ii) ***Raging Insecurity and Kidnapping in Owan Local Government Area, Edo State:***

Hon. Julius Ihonvbere (*Owan East/Owan West 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 5 (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 5 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

**Raging Insecurity and Kidnapping in Owan Local Government Area, Edo State:**

The House:

*Notes* with concern the high rate of kidnapping and general insecurity in Nigeria, especially in some communities in Owan Federal Constituency of Edo State;

*Also notes* that the kidnappers/bandits no longer show any form of fear for security agencies, as they now come out in broad day light to unleash mayhem and unwarranted attacks on innocent Nigerians, who ply the roads on daily basis;

*Alarmed* by the sheer show of bravado displayed by these bandits, kidnappers and unknown gunmen or by whatever names they are called, leaves too much to be desired;

*Also alarmed* that on January 27, 2024, bandits engaged men of the Nigerian Police Force in a gun battle along the Otuo axis of Owan East Local Government Area of Edo State, resulting in casualties among the security personnel;

*Further alarmed* of another kidnapping alone Igue-sale-Igue-oke Road and Uokha-Ohanmi Road, where eight persons are currently held hostage, Police officer killed and three others seriously wounded;

*Worried* that the ineffectiveness of the Nigerian security agencies has further emboldened the criminals and encouraged local "copy-cats" in the dastardly act;

*Concerned* that the current security challenges has crippled the local economy as people are now scared for their lives as such they no longer go to their farms or travel by road anymore;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to provide adequate security on the affected sections of the Highway, to reduce the spate of such attacks;
- (ii) also urge the security agencies to carry out a thorough in-house cleansing to rid the agencies of possible collusion by some of its men and officers with the bandits;
- (iii) further urge the Inspector-General of Police to deploy more Police officers to man Owan Federal Constituency, and to the border towns of Uzebba in Owan West Local Government Area, in particular (*Hon. Julius O. Ihonvbere — Owan East/West Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* with concern the high rate of kidnapping and general insecurity in Nigeria, especially in some communities in Owan Federal Constituency of Edo State;

*Also noted* that the kidnapppers/bandits no longer show any form of fear for security agencies, as they now come out in broad day light to unleash mayhem and unwarranted attacks on innocent Nigerians, who ply the roads on daily basis;

*Alarmed* by the sheer show of bravado displayed by these bandits, kidnapppers and unknown gunmen or by whatever names they are called, leaves too much to be desired;

*Also alarmed* that on January 27, 2024, bandits engaged men of the Nigerian Police Force in a gun battle along the Otuo axis of Owan East Local Government Area of Edo State, resulting in casualties among the security personnel;

*Further alarmed* of another kidnapping alone Igue-sale-Igue-oke Road and Uokha-Ohanmi Road, where eight persons are currently held hostage, Police officer killed and three others seriously wounded;

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  - (iii) further urge the Inspector-General of Police to deploy more Police officers to man Owan Federal Constituency, and to the border towns of Uzebba in Owan West Local Government Area, in particular (**HR. 146/03/2024**).
- (iii) ***Need to Investigate the Distribution of Food Item Palliative by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security:***

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

**7. Personal Explanation(Order Eight, Rule 5)**

Hon. Olajide Adedeji Stanley (*Ibadan South West/Ibadan North West Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, 2019 (as amended) to Establish Federal Artificial Intelligence Institute, Aliade, Benue State for the purpose of Providing Qualitative and Structured Education in Artificial Intelligence Technology and for Related Matters (HB.377) in the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 13 March, 2024. He noted that the Bill was read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education, instead of Committees on Digital Information Technology, and Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education, pursuant to Order Twenty (B), Rule 40 (2).

***Ordered:*** A Motion for rescision to be presented pursuant to Order Nine, Rule 1 (6).

## 8. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1154).
- (2) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1155).
- (3) Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1156).
- (4) Students Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1266).

## 9. Presentation of Report

### *Committee on Finance:*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Finance on the issue from the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Inland Revenue Account, the total sum of (₦446,342,696,992) four hundred and forty-six billion, three hundred and forty-two million, six hundred and ninety-six thousand, nine hundred and nine-two, Naira only, of which (₦177,441,479,682) one hundred and seventy-seven billion, four hundred and forty-one million, four hundred and seventy-nine thousand, six hundred and eighty-two Naira, only is for Personnel Cost, while the sum of (₦156,454,385,055) one hundred and fifty-six billion, four hundred and fifty-four million, three hundred and eight-five thousand, fifty-five Naira, only, is for Overhead Cost and the sum of (₦112,446,832,255) one hundred and twelve Billion, four hundred and forty-six million, eight hundred and thirty-two thousand, two hundred and fifty-five, Naira, only is for Capital Cost for the year ending 31 December, 2024” (*Hon. James Abiodun Faleke — Ikeja Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

10. **A Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration's Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the total sum of ₦1,147,780,610,283.00 (one trillion, one hundred and forty seven billion, seven hundred and eighty million, six hundred and ten thousand, two hundred and eighty three) Naira only, of which the sum of ₦140,915,003,856.00 (one hundred and forty billion, nine hundred and fifteen million, three thousand, eight hundred and fifty six) Naira only, is for Personnel Costs; and the sum of ₦280,527,373,668.00 (two hundred and eighty billion, five hundred and twenty seven million, three hundred and seventy three thousand, six hundred and sixty eight) Naira only, is for Overhead Costs; while the Balance of ₦726,338,232,759.00 (seven hundred and twenty six billion, three hundred and thirty eight million, two hundred and thirty two thousand, seven hundred and fifty nine) Naira only, is for Capital Projects; for the service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the financial year ending 31December, 2024 (HB.1267) — *Second Reading Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration's Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the total sum of ₦1,147,780,610,283.00 (one trillion, one hundred and forty seven billion, seven hundred and eighty million, six hundred and ten thousand, two hundred and eighty three) Naira only, of which the sum of ₦140,915,003,856.00 (one hundred and forty billion, nine hundred and fifteen million, three thousand, eight hundred and fifty six) Naira only, is for Personnel Costs; and the sum of ₦280,527,373,668.00 (two hundred and eighty billion, five hundred and twenty seven million, three hundred and seventy three thousand, six hundred and sixty eight) Naira only, is for Overhead Costs; while the Balance of ₦726,338,232,759.00 (seven hundred and twenty six billion, three hundred and thirty eight million, two hundred and thirty two thousand, seven hundred and fifty nine) Naira only, is for Capital Projects; for the service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the financial year ending 31December, 2024 (HB.1267) be read a Second**

Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — 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 on Federal Capital Territory, Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters.*

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend Section 13 of the Electoral Act, 2022 to introduce new Provisions to ensure that a person seeking Transfer of His or Her Voters' Registration Data resides in the Constituency to which He or She applied and for Related Matters (HB.1133) — *Second Reading Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend Section 13 of the Electoral Act, 2022 to introduce new Provisions to ensure that a person seeking Transfer of His or Her Voters' Registration Data resides in the Constituency to which He or She applied and for Related Matters (HB.1133) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. James Abiodun Faleke — Ikeja Federal Constituency*).**

*Debate.*

*Debate adjourned for further consultation.*

12. **A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Restitution of Damaged Public Property and for Related Matters (HB. 913) — *Second Reading Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to make Provision for Restitution of Damaged Public Property and for Related Matters (HB. 913) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Felix Uche Nwaeke — Eleme/Oyigbo/Tai 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 Justice.*

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical) Otan - Ayebaju, Osun State and for Related Matters (HB.1072) — *Second Reading Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical) Otan - Ayebaju, Osun State and for Related Matters (HB.1072) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Akanni Clement Ademola — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila 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 Federal Colleges of Education.*

14. ***Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do suspend Order Twelve, Rule 4 to enable it take a second reading on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Students Loans (Access to Higher**

Education) Act, 2023 and Enact the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Bill, 2024 to Establish the Nigerian Education Loan Fund as a Body Corporate to Receive, Manage and Invest Funds to Provide Loans to Nigerians for Higher Education, Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters (HB.1266)” (*Hon. Isah Bello Ambarura — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Students Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act, 2023 and Enact the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Bill, 2024 to Establish the Nigerian Education Loan Fund as a Body Corporate to Receive, Manage and Invest Funds to Provide Loans to Nigerians for Higher Education, Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters (HB.1266) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Students Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act, 2023 and Enact the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Bill, 2024 to Establish the Nigerian Education Loan Fund as a Body Corporate to Receive, Manage and Invest Funds to Provide Loans to Nigerians for Higher Education, Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters (HB.1266) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — 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 on Students Loans, Scholarships and Higher Education Financing.*

**15. Deplorable State of Calabar-Itu-Ikot Ekpene Road**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that Calabar -Itu - Ikot Ekpene Road is a crucial transportation route connecting Cross River, Akwa Ibom States, and the eastern part of Nigeria, facilitating economic activities, social interactions, and regional development;

*Also notes* that poor condition of the road has caused untold hardship for commuters, increasing travel time from one hour to five hours or more, and loss of man-hours;

*Worried* that the Contract for the rehabilitation and dualization of the Calabar - Itu - Ikot Ekpene Road was awarded in 2021 to three companies, yet the project has been abandoned, exacerbating the suffering of the citizens and hindering regional development;

*Concerned* over the adverse impact of the dilapidated road on the economic and social lives of the people in the region, which is not limited to increased transportation costs, and impediment to the movement of goods and services;

*Cognizant* that the abandonment of crucial infrastructure projects not only undermines the welfare and prosperity of the people but also reflects the government's inability to meet their citizens' needs;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) mandate the Committee on Works to investigate the current state of the road and identify reasons for the delay in completing the Calabar - Itu - Ikot Ekpene Road rehabilitation; and



- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Ime Bassey Okon — Itu/Ibiono Ibom Federal Constituency and Nine others*).

*Agreed to.*

**(HR. 147/03/2024)**

*Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).*

**16. Need to Utilize Public Private Partnership (PPP) to Bridge the Gap in Healthcare System in Nigeria**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that a public-private partnership (PPP) is an agreement between the government and the private sector with the aim of providing essential public services through investment, risk sharing, and rewards to the public;

*Also notes* that the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) was established in 2008 to regulate Nigeria's public-private partnership (PPP) efforts to address physical infrastructure deficits and promote economic development;

*Further notes* that according to WHO statistics, Nigeria's healthcare system is ranked 157 out of 176 by the World Health Organization (WHO),

*Aware* that access to healthcare is a fundamental human right which is a crucial indicator of sustainable economic growth;

*Also aware* that the Nigerian healthcare system faces challenges such as inadequate infrastructure, limited resources, and a shortage of trained professionals, which are further exacerbated by the continuous migration of healthcare professionals;

*Conscious* that transparency in Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) and Service coverage will ensure that healthcare services are accessible and will address the out-of-pocket expenses while ensuring that private sector partners meet high standards of service quality;

*Cognizant* that formulating policies on healthcare services through public-private partnerships can enhance accessibility and address financing issues in Nigeria, thereby enhancing the healthcare system's strategic and dynamic nature;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Health and develop a policy framework that will provide for the utilization of public-private partnerships (PPP) in healthcare financing in Nigeria; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Chidi Mark Obetta — Nsukka/Igbo-Eze South Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

In Prayer (i), immediately after the words “Committee on”, *insert* the words “Special Duties, and” (*Hon. Abdullahi El-Rasheed — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*).

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

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

The House:

*Noted* that a public-private partnership (PPP) is an agreement between the government and the private sector with the aim of providing essential public services through investment, risk sharing, and rewards to the public;

*Also noted* that the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) was established in 2008 to regulate Nigeria's public-private partnership (PPP) efforts to address physical infrastructure deficits and promote economic development;

*Further noted* that according to WHO statistics, Nigeria's healthcare system is ranked 157 out of 176 by the World Health Organization (WHO),

*Aware* that access to healthcare is a fundamental human right which is a crucial indicator of sustainable economic growth;

*Also aware* that the Nigerian healthcare system faces challenges such as inadequate infrastructure, limited resources, and a shortage of trained professionals, which are further exacerbated by the continuous migration of healthcare professionals;

*Conscious* that transparency in Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) and Service coverage will ensure that healthcare services are accessible and will address the out-of-pocket expenses while ensuring that private sector partners meet high standards of service quality;

*Cognizant* that formulating policies on healthcare services through public-private partnerships can enhance accessibility and address financing issues in Nigeria, thereby enhancing the healthcare system's strategic and dynamic nature;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) mandate the Committees on Special Duties, and Healthcare Services to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Health and develop a policy framework that will provide for the utilization of public-private partnerships (PPP) in healthcare financing in Nigeria; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 148/03/2024**).

**17. Need to Investigate the Nigerian Military Satellite, Delsat -1 and its Contribution to Nigeria Security System**

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

**18. Construction of Bukuru-Maijuju-Zandi-Dass Road in Plateau and Bauchi States**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that good road infrastructure can go a long way in ameliorating current economic challenges and security concerns in the country, thus easing the burden of the people as it provides smooth and safe transportation of people and commodities;

*Also notes* that Bukuru-Maijuju-Zandi-Dass is a predominantly agrarian community that is heavily

dependent on road infrastructure for the transportation of farm produce to neighbouring communities, thus a reliable transportation connectivity will provide ease of access to health care facilities, schools and other social amenities as well as reduce security challenges for communities in Plateau and Bauchi States;

*Further notes* that the construction of Bukuru-Maijuju-Zandi-Dass road will serve as a bypass to the North-East and further stimulate economic growth in the area and the country at large;

*Cognizant* that the proposed road will enhance commuter safety and convenience, stimulate trade and commerce, potentially fostering new businesses and generating increased investment opportunities.

*Also cognizant* that the road will connect different communities and foster interaction within the people, which could lead to result in reduced insecurity in the area;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to construct Bukuru-Maijuju-Zandi-Dass road to facilitate the movement of goods and services and reduce the impact of insecurity within the area;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works to make adequate budgetary provisions for the road construction in the 2025 budget estimates; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Appropriations to ensure Compliance (*Hon. Ajang Alfred Iliya — Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**(HR. 149/03/2024).**

*Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Appropriations, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).*

## **19. Racketeering in the Federal Capital Territory**

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

## **20. Consideration of Report**

***Committee on National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC):***

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control on the Need to Suspend the Ban Imposed by the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control on the Sachet Alcoholic and 200ML Pet Bottles (**HR. 16/02/2024**)” (*Hon. Regina Akume — Gboko/Tarka 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)*

***Recommendation (i):***

“That the ban should be lifted because the timing is inappropriate given the fact that the economy is struggling, unemployment rate is staggering, and inflation rate is soaring while the poverty level is

on the increase with paucity of forex to do business” (*Hon. Regina Akume — Gboko/Tarka Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

***Recommendation (ii):***

“That the ban of sachet alcohol should be replaced with the following prescribed regulations and access control:

- (a) Establishment of licensed liquor stores/outlets in Local Government Areas across the country;
- (b) Making it unlawful to sell under aged persons to purchase alcoholic beverages;
- (c) Tighten enforcements by law enforcement agencies;
- (d) Increased monitoring and compliance checks by NAFDAC, FCCPC, and others to ensure strict product quality in terms of content and safety” (*Hon. Regina Akume — Gboko/Tarka Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

***Recommendation (iii):***

“That producers of sachet alcohol should expose the dangers associated with the abuse of alcohol sachet products, by boldly inscribing and enumerating the danger on the packs, as obtained in the case of tobacco! (*Hon. Regina Akume — Gboko/Tarka Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

***Recommendation (iv):***

“That government regulatory bodies should place more emphasis on regulation, monitoring and enlightenment campaign to educate stakeholders and the general public on the dangers of under aged consumption of alcohol and its sales in motor parks” (*Hon. Regina Akume — Gboko/Tarka Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

***Recommendation (v):***

“That enlightenment campaign should be carried out in secondary schools across the country, as practice by the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), to educate students on dangers and vices associated with the abuse of alcohol” (*Hon. Regina Akume — Gboko/Tarka Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

***Recommendation (vi):***

“That task parents, religious bodies and Non -Governmental Organisation (NGOs) should be tasked to counsel their children or ward, especially the under aged, on the danger of alcohol consumption” (*Hon. Regina Akume — Gboko/Tarka Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

***Recommendation (vii):***

“That regulatory mechanisms should be strengthened to ensure enforcement and compliance” (*Hon. Regina Akume — Gboko/Tarka Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Recommendation (viii):**

“Encourage legislation promoting recycling materials for green economy and minimizing importation of raw materials used in producing pet bottles and sachets to conserve Foreign Exchange (FOREX)”  
(Hon. Regina Akume — Gboko/Tarka Federal Constituency).

*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 Committee on National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control on the Need to Suspend the Ban Imposed by the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control on the Sachet Alcoholic and 200ML Pet Bottles (**HR. 16/02/2024**) and approved Recommendations (i) - (viii) of the Report.

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

**21. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 19 March, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 1:23 p.m.*

**22. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 19 March, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 1.23 p.m.*

**Abbas Tajudeen**  
*Speaker*