



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 6 March, 2024

1. The House met at 11.37 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 5 March, 2024.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**
Bereavement:
Mr Deputy Speaker read a communication from the Clerk, House of Representatives, announcing the demise of the former Clerk, Senate and Deputy Clerk to the National Assembly, Mr Ben Efeturi, on Wednesday, 6 March, 2024.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

5. **Petitions**
 - (i) A petition from the Commissioner, Public Complaints Commission, on behalf of the District Head of Iddo Sarki Community, on alleged forceful takeover of their land by the Nigerian Navy, was presented and laid by Hon. Joshua Chinedu Obika (*AMAC/Bwari Federal Constituency*);
 - (ii) A petition from Blue-Gate Solicitors & Attorneys (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of the staff of Jonah Capital Nigerian Limited, on alleged harassment and assault by Air Commodore Akiode (*rtd*) and 12 others, was presented and laid by Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe (*Oshodi Isolo Federal Constituency*);
 - (iii) A petition from Effiong Samuel Asuquo and 2 others, on alleged interdiction and victimization by the Rector, Maritime Academy of Nigerian, Oron, Akwa Ibom State, was presented and laid by Hon. Patrick Umoh (*Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*);

- (iv) A petition from Obasi-Pherson's Help Foundation, on alleged improper documentation of the trucks, vessels, boats, bikes and other vehicles impounded and auctioned by the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, was presented and laid by Hon. Marie Ebikake (*Brass/Nembe Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) ***Life-Threatening Gully Erosion in Amacha Village, Okpanam, Delta State:***
Hon. Nnamdi Ezechi (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani 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.

Life-Threatening Gully Erosion in Amacha Village, Okpanam, Delta State:

The House:

Notes with grave concern the dire situation at the gully erosion sites in Amacha Village, Okpanam, Delta State which has caused significant destruction to houses and properties in the area;

Concerned about the safety of the residents living in close proximity to the gully erosion sites;

Cognizant of the fact that these erosion sites have transformed into death traps, endangering the lives and well-being of the inhabitants;

Worried about the escalating impact of the gully erosion on the local community, with reports of increasing damage to infrastructure and properties;

Concerned about the long-term environmental implications of the gully erosion, recognizing the need for immediate action to mitigate its effects and prevent future disaster;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Executive Arm of Government, through the Ministry of Environment to urgently intervene and take decisive action to address the gully erosion sites in Amacha Village, Okpanam, Delta State;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Environment to closely monitor the situation and ensure that the necessary resources and support are provided to mitigate the impact of the gully erosion on the affected community (*Hon. Nnamdi Ezechi — Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with grave concern the dire situation at the gully erosion sites in Amacha Village, Okpanam, Delta State which has caused significant destruction to houses and properties in the area;

Concerned about the safety of the residents living in close proximity to the gully erosion sites;

Cognizant of the fact that these erosion sites have transformed into death traps, endangering the lives and well-being of the inhabitants;

Worried about the escalating impact of the gully erosion on the local community, with reports of increasing damage to infrastructure and properties;

Concerned about the long-term environmental implications of the gully erosion, recognizing the need for immediate action to mitigate its effects and prevent future disaster;

Resolved to:

- (i) call on the Executive Arm of Government, through the Ministry of Environment to urgently intervene and take decisive action to address the gully erosion sites in Amacha Village, Okpanam, Delta State;
 - (ii) mandate the Committee on Environment to closely monitor the situation and ensure that the necessary resources and support are provided to mitigate the impact of the gully erosion on the affected community (**HR. 112/03/2024**).
- (ii) ***Recurring Accidents that has Occasioned the Lost of Precious Lives and Properties of Commuters Along Zaria - Kano Express Way:***
Hon. Umar Shehu Ajilo (*Makarfi/Kudan Federal Constituency and Two others*) 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.

Recurring Accidents that Have Occasioned the Lost of Precious Lives and Properties of Commuters in Tashar Vari along Zaria-Kano Expressway:

The House:

Aware that roads infrastructures are constructed to ease the affairs of commuters in their daily activities. However, this seems an irony to the people of Makarfi commuting the Zaria-Kano Expressway;

Concerned that from January to date, the recurring accidents along Zaria-Kano Express way particularly in Tashar Yari town of Makarfi LGA have consumed more than 50 lives within the span of just 2 months;

Also concerned that these unfortunate accidents that have occasioned lost of precious lives and Properties were caused by the deliberate blockage of a U turn for commuters exiting the Express Road to Makarfi town by the contractors, Julius Berger Nig. Ltd;

Worried that if not timeously addressed this unfortunate recurring incidents might lead to further loss of lives and Properties of commuters along the road;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence of the victims of these accidents;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the survivors and families of victims of the unfortunate accidents;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Works to investigate the prevalent accidents with a view to averting further loss of lives on the road and direct the contractors to remove the blockage (*Hon. Umar Shehu Ajilo — Makarfi/Kudan Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Prayer (i), immediately after the word “Works”, *insert* the words “and Federal Roads Safety Commission” (*Hon. Sheu Dalhatu — Faskari/Kankara/Sabuwa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Prayer (i) as amended, immediately after the word “Commission”, *insert* the words “and Police Affairs” (*Hon. Chinedu Ogah — Ikwo/Ezza South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iii) In Prayer (i) as amended, immediately after the word “Affairs”, *insert* the words “Aviation Technology” (*Hon. Najimdeen Oyeshino Oyedeji — Iseyin/Itesiwaju/Kajola/Iwajowa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

Recurring Accidents that Have Occasioned the Lost of Precious Lives and Properties of Commuters in Tashar Vari along Zaria-Kano Expressway:

The House:

Aware that roads infrastructures are constructed to ease the affairs of commuters in their daily activities. However, this seems an irony to the people of Makarfi commuting the Zaria-Kano Expressway;

Concerned that from January to date, the recurring accidents along Zaria-Kano Express way particularly in Tashar Yari town of Makarfi LGA have consumed more than 50 lives within the span of just 2 months;

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Worried that if not timeously addressed this unfortunate recurring incidents might lead to further loss of lives and Properties of commuters along the road;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe a minute silence of the victims of these accidents;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the survivors and families of victims of the unfortunate accidents;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works, Federal Roads Safety Commission, and Police Affairs to investigate the prevalent accidents with a view to averting further loss of lives on the road and direct the contractors to remove the blockage (**HR. 113/03/2024**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(iii) Consistent Bandits Attack in 17 Local Governments Areas, Katsina State:

Hon. Sada Soli (*Jibia/Kaita 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.

Consistent Bandits Attacks in 17 Local Government Areas of Katsina State:

The House:

Notes that Section (33) and (41) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that every person has the right to life and no one shall be deprived intentionally of his/her life;

Also notes that the Katsina State Government has prioritized the security and safety of all the people of Katsina State by taking immediate and effective measures to enhance the collaboration between the Katsina State Community Watch corps and the relevant security agencies;

Concerned about the devastating impact of banditry on the lives and livelihoods of people of Katsina State;

Also concerned that the escalating banditry attacks in Katsina State resulted in the loss of lives, destruction of properties and kidnapping of innocent men, women, and children every blessed day;

Disturbed that security agencies are yet to take immediate and decisive action to address the security challenges in Katsina State, this necessitated for increased deployment of security personnel to the affected communities to combat banditry and restore peace and order;

Alarmed that some gangs of armed bandits from neighboring Kaduna and Zamfara States are making all efforts to gain control over some communities in Katsina State;

Worried that Katsina State is near being overrun by these criminal elements if no urgent and decisive action is taken to curb the activities of these bandits and restore peace to about 18 Local Governments;

Acknowledges the ferocious operations conducted on Monday, 4 March, 2024, by gallant troops in Kurfi and Safana Local government Areas of Katsina State which resulted in the killing of two notorious bandits while other fled with various gunshot wounds;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased victims being killed by the day;
- (ii) call on the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to further direct the security agencies to sustain their pressure on these criminals perpetrating violence and criminal activities in Katsina State and the country in general;
- (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and Ministry of Humanitarian and Poverty Alleviation to urgently provide humanitarian assistance to the affected communities and support the displaced persons across the State;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Police and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Prayer (ii), immediately after the word “Katsina State”, *insert* the words “Zamfara and Sokoto States” (*Hon. Mohammed Saidu — Isa/Sabon Birnin Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Prayer (i) as amended, immediately after the words “Sokoto State”, *insert* the words “Kaduna, Niger, Benue, FCT and other States that are affected by banditry” (*Hon. Chinedu Ogah — Ikwo/Ezza South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

- (iii) *Insert* a new Prayer (v) as follows:
“mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to liaise with the National Security Adviser to look into the joint security operation funded by the Federal Government but not effective in curbing kidnapping and banditry in Katsina and other States” (*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 Section (33) and (41) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that every person has the right to life and no one shall be deprived intentionally of his/her life;

Also noted that the Katsina State Government has prioritized the security and safety of all the people of Katsina State by taking immediate and effective measures to enhance the collaboration between the Katsina State Community Watch corps and the relevant security agencies;

Concerned about the devastating impact of banditry on the lives and livelihoods of people of Katsina State;

Also concerned that the escalating banditry attacks in Katsina State resulted in the loss of lives, destruction of properties and kidnapping of innocent men, women, and children every blessed day;

Disturbed that security agencies are yet to take immediate and decisive action to address the security challenges in Katsina State, this necessitated for increased deployment of security personnel to the affected communities to combat banditry and restore peace and order;

Alarmed that some gangs of armed bandits from neighboring Kaduna and Zamfara States are making all efforts to gain control over some communities in Katsina State;

Worried that Katsina State is near being overrun by these criminal elements if no urgent and decisive action is taken to curb the activities of these bandits and restore peace to about 18 Local Governments;

Acknowledged the ferocious operations conducted on Monday, 4 March, 2024, by gallant troops in Kurfi and Safana Local government Areas of Katsina State which resulted in the killing of two notorious bandits while other fled with various gunshot wounds;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased victims being killed by the day;
- (ii) call on the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to further direct the security agencies to sustain their pressure on these criminals perpetrating violence and criminal activities in Katsina, Zamfara and Sokoto State and the country in general;
- (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and Ministry of Humanitarian and Poverty Alleviation to urgently provide humanitarian assistance to the affected communities and support the displaced persons across the State;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Police and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance;
- (v) mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to liaise with the National Security Adviser to look into the joint security operation funded by the Federal Government but not effective in curbing kidnapping and banditry in Katsina and other States (**HR. 114/03/2024**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (4) to enable it take more than 3 matters of urgent public importance” (*Hon. Taofeek Abimbola Ajilesoro — Ife Centra/Ife North/Ife South/Ife East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

- (iv) ***Mauling to Death of Veterinary Technologist, Mr Olabode Olawuyi by a Lion at the Zoological Garden of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun State:***
 Hon. Taofeek Abimbola Ajilesoro (*Ife Centra/Ife North/Ife South/Ife East 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.

Mauling to Death of a Veterinary Technologist, Mr Olabode Olawuyi by a Lion at the Zoological Garden of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Osun State:

The House:

Notes that on Monday, 12 February, 2024, a veterinary technologist was mauled to death by a lion at Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) Zoological Garden, Ile-Ife, Osun State;

Also notes that the incident occurred during a routine feeding session when the male lion turned aggressive and attacked a woman, while the zoo keeper, Mr Ola bode Olawuyi was trying to rescue the woman, the lion descended on him. The senior veterinary technologist had been responsible for the well being of the lions in the zoo since their birth;

Concerned that this fatal incident could have been prevented if the zoo keeper had access to tranquillizer, he could have incapacitated the lion to save his life;

Also concerned about the incessant wild animals attacks and mauling to death of zoo keepers and attendants in our zoological gardens and parks across the country, the killing of a zoo keeper by a lion at Agodi Garden in Ibadan, a zoo attendant was mauled to death by a lion at Kaduna Gamji Park and there was another incident at a zoological garden in Jos, where a lion pounced on the keeper and mauled him to death;

Further concerned about the lack of security measures and safety precautions in our zoological gardens and parks, and lack of tranquillizer in case of attacks and emergency;

Still concerned about the little or no hazard allowance for these categories of workers who put their lives at risk in service to their fatherland;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;
- (ii) urge the National Orientation Agency to embark on sensitization and awareness campaign on the need for the public or private, academics or commercial who keep wild animals anywhere in the country to observe safety measures;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Safety Standards, and University Education invite the Management of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) to investigate the incidence and challenges facing the Zoological Department of the Institution in order to forestall future occurrence and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Taofeek Abimbola Ajilesoro — Ife Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

Mauling to Death of a Veterinary Technologist, Mr Olabode Olawuyi by a Lion at the Zoological Garden of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Osun State:

The House:

Noted that on Monday, 12 February, 2024, a veterinary technologist was mauled to death by a lion at Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) Zoological Garden, Ile-Ife, Osun State;

Also noted that the incident occurred during a routine feeding session when the male lion turned aggressive and attacked a woman, while the zoo keeper, Mr Ola bode Olawuyi was trying to rescue the woman, the lion descended on him. The senior veterinary technologist had been responsible for the well being of the lions in the zoo since their birth;

Concerned that this fatal incident could have been prevented if the zoo keeper had access to tranquillizer, he could have incapacitated the lion to save his life;

Also concerned about the incessant wild animals attacks and mauling to death of zoo keepers and attendants in our zoological gardens and parks across the country, the killing of a zoo keeper by a lion at Agodi Garden in Ibadan, a zoo attendant was mauled to death by a lion at Kaduna Gamji Park and there was another incident at a zoological garden in Jos, where a lion pounced on the keeper and mauled him to death;

Further concerned about the lack of security measures and safety precautions in our zoological gardens and parks, and lack of tranquillizer in case of attacks and emergency;

Still concerned about the little or no hazard allowance for these categories of workers who put their lives at risk in service to their fatherland;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;
- (ii) urge the National Orientation Agency to embark on sensitization and awareness campaign on the need for the public or private, academics or commercial who keep wild animals anywhere in the country to observe safety measures;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Safety Standards, and University Education invite the Management of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) to investigate the incidence and challenges facing the Zoological Department of the Institution in order to forestall future occurrence and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 115/03/2024**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Hunters and Forest Security Service (NHFSS) to Prevent and Combat Forest Crimes and enhance Security within Nigerian Forests and for Related Matters (HB.90) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Hunters and Forest Security Service (NHFSS) to Prevent and Combat Forest Crimes and enhance Security within Nigerian Forests and for Related Matters (HB.90) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, Cap. E, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance effective Collaboration with relevant Law Enforcement Agencies and for Related Matters (HB. 315) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, Cap. E, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance effective Collaboration with relevant Law Enforcement Agencies and for Related Matters (HB. 315) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Mentoring and life Coaching of Nigeria (CIMLCN) to be charged with the responsibility for Registration, Discipline of its Members to Systematize the Practice of Mentoring and Coaching and for Related Matters (HB. 753) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Mentoring and life Coaching of Nigeria (CIMLCN) to be charged with the responsibility for Registration, Discipline of its Members to Systematize the Practice of Mentoring and Coaching and for Related Matters (HB. 753) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Act, Cap. No. 5, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to clearly define the scope of Powers of the Chairman of the Commission; to Revoke Order or Notice under the Act; to avoid Arbitrariness and Ensure Effective Collaboration between the Commission and Other Agencies; and for Related Matters (HB. 316) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Corrupt Practices and other Related Offences Act, Cap. No. 5, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to clearly define the scope of Powers of the Chairman of the Commission; to Revoke Order or Notice under the Act; to avoid Arbitrariness and Ensure Effective Collaboration between the Commission and Other Agencies; and for Related Matters (HB. 316) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State to Provide Training, Information, Supervision, Guidance and advice to Students, researchers and Personnel in Iron and Steel, and Oil and Gas Industries for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 109) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State to Provide Training, Information, Supervision, Guidance and advice to Students, researchers and Personnel in Iron and Steel, and Oil and Gas Industries for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 109) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB. 585) — Third Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB. 585) be now read the Third Time” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun Ekiti to Provide full-time Courses in Agricultural Technology, Applied Science Management and other Fields of Studies and to make Provisions for the General Administration of the College and for Related Matters (HB.875) — Third Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun Ekiti to Provide full-time Courses in Agricultural Technology, Applied Science Management and other Fields of Studies and to make Provisions for the General Administration of the College and for Related Matters (HB.875) be now read the Third Time” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (SB.174) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Technology and Environmental Sciences, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (SB.174) 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 of the Whole.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Establish National Tax Crimes and Oversight Commission to Address Revenue Leakages emanating from Non - payment and Under - payment of Taxes, Irregularities in the Assessment, Reporting and Remittances of Taxes, to Prevent and Combat Tax Related Crimes, to plug all leakages in the Tax Administration System, to ensure the Protection of Tax Payers Rights and for Related Matters (HB.624) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Tax Crimes and Oversight Commission to Address Revenue Leakages emanating from Non - payment and Under - payment of Taxes, Irregularities in the Assessment, Reporting and Remittances of Taxes, to Prevent and Combat Tax Related Crimes, to plug all leakages in the Tax Administration System, to ensure the Protection of Tax Payers Rights and for Related Matters (HB.624) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Nwaeke Felix Uche — Eleme/Oyigbo/Tai Federal Constituency and 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 Finance.

- 16. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Flag and Coats of Arms Act, Cap. F30, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Regulate, Display and use of National Flags and for Related Matters (HB.991) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Flag and Coats of Arms Act, Cap. F30, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Regulate, Display and use of National Flags and for Related Matters (HB.991) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita 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 Interior.

- 17. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centre Act, to Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Sisinbaki Wamba, Nasarawa State and for Related Matters (HB. 709) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centre Act, to Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Sisinbaki Wamba, Nasarawa State and for Related Matters (HB. 709) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Jeremiah Umaru — Akwanga/Nasarawa/Eggon/Wamba 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.

- 18. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Itigidi, Cross River State and for Related Matters (HB.642) — 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, Itigidi, Cross River State and for Related Matters (HB.642) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Alex Egbona — Yakurr/Abi 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.

- 19. Outstanding Bills from Preceding Assembly**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 17 of the Standing Orders, the House may, upon being

re-gazetted or circulated, reconsider in the Committee of the Whole, without commencing denovo, the Bill(s):

- (a) whose report was presented by the Committee before consideration,
- (b) passed by the House and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived,
- (c) passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived,
- (d) passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding therefore was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the preceding Assembly;

Aware that the underlisted Bills were read for the first time:

- (i) Federal Medical Centre, Sabongida-Ora, Edo State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 478),
- (ii) National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education Bill, 2023 (HB. 503),
- (iii) National Examination Council (NECO) (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 421),
- (iv) Federal Institute of Fisheries Research, Ogidigben, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 822),
- (v) Haliru Dantoro University of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Borgu, Niger State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 1044),
- (vi) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 1045), and
- (vii) Dieticians Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1114);

Resolves to:

Re-commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Isah Bello Ambarura — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

20. Need to Provide Living Wage for Workers in Nigeria
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the rising rate of inflation in the country has made it difficult for average Nigerian to afford basic needs such as food, water, housing, education, healthcare, transportation, and clothing;

Also notes that the rising inflationary rate in the country has also had a negative effect on the cost of living, with the cost of food, accommodation, education, and transportation skyrocketing;

Aware that Nigeria is a signatory to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and Article 23 of the Declaration states that "every individual who works has the right to just and favourable remuneration to ensure such a person and his or her family exist in dignity";

Also aware that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have a 2030 achievement deadline, and eight out of the 17 SDGs of the United Nations require the payment of a living wage to be achieved;

Recalls that when the fuel subsidy was removed in May 2023, the federal government offered palliatives to cushion its effects. However, the ameliorative effect of this measure has been overtaken by the continued rise in the cost of goods and services;

Further aware that the minimum wage (in Nigeria) was increased by the president recently, but the purchasing power is low owing to the continued rise in the cost of living in the country and the fall of the Naira;

Again aware that Trade Economics in 2018 reported the living wage for an individual Nigerian and a Nigerian family to be ₦43,200 per month and ₦137,600 per month, respectively. This is a pre-subsidy removal report;

Further notes that presently, no labourer can live in Nigeria with a wage of less than one hundred thousand Naira (₦100,000.00);

Concerned that according to the World Bank report, low purchasing power in the country occasioned by a high inflationary rate, has led to an increase in poverty across the country;

Also recalls that the Rt. Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives had on September 29, 2023, at the State Banquet in Abuja, opined that it is only a living wage that can ameliorate the insecurity and corruption pervading the country;

Worried that unless very immediate and pragmatic steps are taken to improve the income of Nigerians, more Nigerians will go down the economic line, with the poor population increasing. This, in effect, would lead to desperation and a loss of faith in the government;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity to explore ways to pay living wages to Nigerian workers at rates that align with economic realities; and
- (ii) transmit the resolution to the Senate for Concurrence (*Hon. Madiki Aliyu Sani — Dala Federal Constituency and Thirty-Nine others*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (i), immediately after the words “Committee on”, *insert* the words “Finance, National Planning and Economic Development, and ” (*Hon. Dominic Okafor — Aguata Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the rising rate of inflation in the country has made it difficult for average Nigerian to afford basic needs such as food, water, housing, education, healthcare, transportation, and clothing;

Also noted that the rising inflationary rate in the country has also had a negative effect on the cost of living, with the cost of food, accommodation, education, and transportation skyrocketing;

Aware that Nigeria is a signatory to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and

Article 23 of the Declaration states that "every individual who works has the right to just and favourable remuneration to ensure such a person and his or her family exist in dignity";

Also aware that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have a 2030 achievement deadline, and eight out of the 17 SDGs of the United Nations require the payment of a living wage to be achieved;

Recalled that when the fuel subsidy was removed in May 2023, the federal government offered palliatives to cushion its effects. However, the ameliorative effect of this measure has been overtaken by the continued rise in the cost of goods and services;

Further aware that the minimum wage (in Nigeria) was increased by the president recently, but the purchasing power is low owing to the continued rise in the cost of living in the country and the fall of the Naira;

Again aware that Trade Economics in 2018 reported the living wage for an individual Nigerian and a Nigerian family to be ₦43,200 per month and ₦137,600 per month, respectively. This is a pre-subsidy removal report;

Further noted that presently, no labourer can live in Nigeria with a wage of less than one hundred thousand Naira (₦100,000.00);

Concerned that according to the World Bank report, low purchasing power in the country occasioned by a high inflationary rate, has led to an increase in poverty across the country;

Also recalled that the Rt. Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives had on September 29, 2023, at the State Banquet in Abuja, opined that it is only a living wage that can ameliorate the insecurity and corruption pervading the country;

Worried that unless very immediate and pragmatic steps are taken to improve the income of Nigerians, more Nigerians will go down the economic line, with the poor population increasing. This, in effect, would lead to desperation and a loss of faith in the government;

Resolved to:

- (i) mandate the Committees on Finance, National Planning and Economic Development, and Labour, Employment and Productivity to explore ways to pay living wages to Nigerian workers at rates that align with economic realities; and
- (ii) transmit the resolution to the Senate for Concurrence (**HR. 116/03/2024**).

21. Need to Investigate Funding Structure of Beneficiaries of the National Budget and Causal Factors of the Demand for Exemption from Envelope System by some Institutions of Government

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) on budgeting (Money Bills), which made the executive and legislature the main actors in the budget process in Nigeria;

Also notes that Sections 4, 59, 80-81 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) specifically detailed the powers and responsibilities of the two arms of government on how monies accruing to the country may be expended over a period of time;

Aware that the National Assembly, under Sections 80 and 81 of the Constitution of the Federal

Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) is responsible for overseeing the executive branch of government by ensuring budget provisions are complied with;

Observes that the recent clinical examination reveals that there is no law conferring entitlement or excluded some beneficiaries from the National Budget;

Cognizant of the clamour by some government institutions to be exempted from the envelope system in the budgetary allocations;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on National Planning and Economic Development to:

- (a) investigate beneficiaries of the National Budget to determine their respective funding structure in accordance with the relevant Laws and Authorizations;
- (b) review the need for exemption of some government institutions from the envelope regime on the national budgetary system;
- (c) review budget ceiling and develop a resource framework; and
- (d) document all findings and submit to the House (*Hon. Nasir Gboyega Isiaka — Egbado North/Imeko-Afon Federal Constituency and One other*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) on budgeting (Money Bills), which made the executive and legislature the main actors in the budget process in Nigeria;

Also noted that Sections 4, 59, 80-81 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) specifically detailed the powers and responsibilities of the two arms of government on how monies accruing to the country may be expended over a period of time;

Aware that the National Assembly, under Sections 80 and 81 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) is responsible for overseeing the executive branch of government by ensuring budget provisions are complied with;

Observed that the recent clinical examination reveals that there is no law conferring entitlement or excluded some beneficiaries from the National Budget;

Cognizant of the clamour by some government institutions to be exempted from the envelope system in the budgetary allocations;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on National Planning and Economic Development to:

- (a) investigate beneficiaries of the National Budget to determine their respective funding structure in accordance with the relevant Laws and Authorizations;

- (b) review the need for exemption of some government institutions from the envelope regime on the national budgetary system;
- (c) review budget ceiling and develop a resource framework; and
- (d) document all findings and submit to the House (**HR. 117/03/2024**).

22. Need to Complete the Construction of Uwa Junction - Urua Edet Obo - Nto Edino Roads in Essien Udim and Obot Akara Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom State

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

23. Call to Decongest Nigerian Correctional Services

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Correctional Service, a federal entity under the Ministry of Interior, is a part of the Criminal Justice System under Exclusive list;

Also notes that the Nigerian prisons, outline, were mandated to reform, rehabilitate, and ensure effective reintegration of offenders into society in line with universally accepted standards;

Worried that Over 70,000 inmates in the country face inadequate facilities despite government efforts, and some have not been charged with criminal cases, while some are unable to pay the fines imposed by the courts despite having their cases determined;

Disturbed that by the Nigerian criminal justice system is plagued by flaws, with cases often lingering without resolution for years, thus overcrowding the correctional centres in various geopolitical zones;

Also disturbed that a data system reveals that federal offenders comprise less than 10% of correctional system inmates, leaving over 90% to State offences;

Alarmed that overcrowding of the Correctional facilities has led to a huge revenue drain for successive governments, leading to prison dilapidation, criminalization, and inability to separate awaiting trial inmates from convicted ones;

Cognizant that implementing the criminal justice system and the adoption of non-custodial measures would effectively reduce the overcrowding of national prisons;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal and State Governments to:
 - (a) provide comprehensive reforms of the country's correctional system, including modernizing custodial centers, building new facilities, and redesigning the bail system,
 - (b) proposes legislation to allocate time for the speedy dispensation of justice and reduce the number of inmates awaiting trial,
 - (c) examine the role of the Federal and State Governments in the correction of inmates,
 - (d) propose sustainable, efficient solutions to address the congestion in 244 jails nationwide and the effective implementation of non-custodial measures,

- (e) devise and promote effective reformation, rehabilitation, and reintegration of inmates,
- (f) to utilize its prerogative of mercy to grant amnesty to deserving inmates;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Justice to prevent delays in justice dispensation and enhancing the process of meeting bail conditions;
- (iii) further urge the security agencies to avoid arbitrary arrests; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Justice to ensure compliance (*Hon. Chinedu Ogah — Ezza South/Ikwo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (iv), immediately after the words “Justice”, *insert* the words “and Interior” (*Hon. Kalejaye Adeboye Paul — Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigerian Correctional Service, a federal entity under the Ministry of Interior, is a part of the Criminal Justice System under Exclusive list;

Also noted that the Nigerian prisons, outline, were mandated to reform, rehabilitate, and ensure effective reintegration of offenders into society in line with universally accepted standards;

Worried that Over 70,000 inmates in the country face inadequate facilities despite government efforts, and some have not been charged with criminal cases, while some are unable to pay the fines imposed by the courts despite having their cases determined;

Disturbed that by the Nigerian criminal justice system is plagued by flaws, with cases often lingering without resolution for years, thus overcrowding the correctional centres in various geopolitical zones;

Also disturbed that a data system reveals that federal offenders comprise less than 10% of correctional system inmates, leaving over 90% to State offences;

Alarmed that overcrowding of the Correctional facilities has led to a huge revenue drain for successive governments, leading to prison dilapidation, criminalization, and inability to separate awaiting trial inmates from convicted ones;

Cognizant that implementing the criminal justice system and the adoption of non-custodial measures would effectively reduce the overcrowding of national prisons;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal and State Governments to:
 - (a) provide comprehensive reforms of the country's correctional system, including modernizing custodial centers, building new facilities, and redesigning the bail system,

- (b) proposes legislation to allocate time for the speedy dispensation of justice and reduce the number of inmates awaiting trial,
 - (c) examine the role of the Federal and State Governments in the correction of inmates,
 - (d) propose sustainable, efficient solutions to address the congestion in 244 jails nationwide and the effective implementation of non-custodial measures,
 - (e) devise and promote effective reformation, rehabilitation, and reintegration of inmates,
 - (f) to utilize its prerogative of mercy to grant amnesty to deserving inmates;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Justice to prevent delays in justice dispensation and enhancing the process of meeting bail conditions;
 - (iii) further urge the security agencies to avoid arbitrary arrests; and
 - (iv) mandate the Committees on Justice, and Interior to ensure compliance (**HR. 118/03/2024**).

24. Need to Curb Indiscriminate Sale of Drugs and Lack of Adherence to Prescription Policy in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the lack of a prescription policy on drug and indiscriminate drug sales by druggists, pharmacists, patent medicine dealers, and street vendors, staffed by unqualified personnel which ultimately leads to antibiotic resistance and drug abuse;

Also notes that according to the National Bureau of Statistics Nigeria, there is a frightening surge in the issue of drug abuse and misuse in Nigeria with drugs use prevalence statistics at 14.4% of productive age in Nigeria (15-65 years of age), which almost three times the global Drug use Prevalence (5.5%);

Concerned that a large percentage of drug abuse in Nigeria are prescription drugs obtained without proper prescription;

Also worried that most of the drugs sold by illiterate and semi-literate drug hawkers are counterfeit, substandard or expired, and therefore do not meet the quality, safety and efficacy requirement of regulated medicines;

Also aware that various empirical studies showed that Drug abuse is a significant facilitator of extremism terrorism, violent crimes, and high school dropout, negatively affecting community health, security, and stability, according to consumer studies;

Cognizant that if urgent actions are not taken to declare a state of emergency and allocate resources to the identification of drug abuse response and treatment, a national catastrophe of unimaginable dimension is in the offing;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to develop prescription policy that must be enforced;
- (ii) also urge the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria as matter of urgency to close all illegal outlets of pharmaceutical products including open drug markets and ensure that only prescribed drugs

are administered to patients by qualified health practitioners and sanction erring pharmaceutical outlets;

- (iii) further urge the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to collaborate with the Standards Organization (SON), National Orientation Agency to continuously sensitize public awareness about drug abuse;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Narcotics Drugs, Healthcare Services, National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Adamu Ibrahim Gamawa — Gamawa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the lack of a prescription policy on drug and indiscriminate drug sales by druggists, pharmacists, patent medicine dealers, and street vendors, staffed by unqualified personnel which ultimately leads to antibiotic resistance and drug abuse;

Also noted that according to the National Bureau of Statistics Nigeria, there is a frightening surge in the issue of drug abuse and misuse in Nigeria with drugs use prevalence statistics at 14.4% of productive age in Nigeria (15-65 years of age), which almost three times the global Drug use Prevalence (5.5%);

Concerned that a large percentage of drug abuse in Nigeria are prescription drugs obtained without proper prescription;

Also worried that most of the drugs sold by illiterate and semi-literate drug hawkers are counterfeit, substandard or expired, and therefore do not meet the quality, safety and efficacy requirement of regulated medicines;

Also aware that various empirical studies showed that Drug abuse is a significant facilitator of extremism terrorism, violent crimes, and high school dropout, negatively affecting community health, security, and stability, according to consumer studies;

Cognizant that if urgent actions are not taken to declare a state of emergency and allocate resources to the identification of drug abuse response and treatment, a national catastrophe of unimaginable dimension is in the offing;

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- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to develop prescription policy that must be enforced;
- (ii) also urge the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria as matter of urgency to close all illegal outlets of pharmaceutical products including open drug markets and ensure that only prescribed drugs are administered to patients by qualified health practitioners and sanction erring pharmaceutical outlets;
- (iii) further urge the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to collaborate with the Standards Organization (SON), National Orientation Agency to continuously sensitize public awareness about drug abuse;

- (iv) mandate the Committees on Narcotics Drugs, Healthcare Services, National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (**HR. 119/03/2024**).

25. Connecting Ringim and Taura Local Government Areas to the National Grid

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the important role of electricity power supply in promoting socio-economic development within the Ringim/Taura Federal Constituency;

Concerned that the absence of electricity supply in Ringim/Taura Federal Constituency for more than a decade has caused serious repercussions on economic activities, education, and healthcare, adversely affecting the daily lives and economic pursuits of the constituents;

Aware of the recently completed Gagarawa 2x60MVA, 132/33KV Substation, situated only 0.01 kilometers away from Taura Local Government Area, encompassing the following communities: Ajaura, Gujungu, Majia, Kwalam, Kiri, Chukwaikwaiwa, Maje, Saban Garin Yaya and Chukuto Wards in Taura Local Government Area, while Yandutse, Ringim, Sintilmawa, Dabi, Kyarama, Karshi, Kafin Babushe, Chai-Chai and Sankara Wards in Ringim Local Government Area, and other communities;

Worried that the prolonged deprivation of electricity supply has resulted in a gloomy effect over economic activities of the entire area, particularly affecting small businesses, schools, and hospitals;

Also worried that the prolonged deprivation of electricity supply crisis has negatively impacted the economic activities of the area, particularly affecting small businesses, schools, and hospitals, hence the need to connect Ringim/Taura Federal Constituency to the National Grid;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to:

- (a) engage with the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) and other relevant agencies to expedite the immediate connection of Ringim and Taura Local Governments to the national grid through the recently completed Gagarawa 2x60MVA, 132/33KV Substation; and
- (b) collaborate with TCN and other concerned parties to ensure the reconnection of Ringim/Taura Federal Constituency to the National Grid and report within four (4) (*Hon. Sa'ad Wada Taura — Ringim/Taura Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 120/03/2024).

Motion referred to the Committee on Power, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).

26. Non-compliance with Corporate Social Responsibility obligations towards Oil-producing Communities by ExxonMobil Company Limited in Akwa Ibom State

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

27. Need to Regulate Cryptocurrency Trading Platforms in Nigeria

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

28. Consideration of Reports

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Introduce Preventive Measure and Teaching of Breast and Cervical Cancers into the Curriculum of a Compulsory Subject (Civic Education) for Senior Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 501) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Introduce Preventive Measure and Teaching of Breast and Cervical Cancers into the Curriculum of a Compulsory Subject (Civic Education) for Senior Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 501)" (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — 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)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO INTRODUCE PREVENTIVE MEASURES
AND TEACHINGS OF BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCERS INTO
THE CURRICULUM OF A COMPULSORY SUBJECT (CIVIC
EDUCATION) FOR SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS
IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: Establishment.

The Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council shall provide for the mandatory inclusion of the teachings on Breast and Cervical Cancers as core parts of Civic Education for all Senior Secondary Schools in Nigeria (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Regulation/Implementation.

- (i) The Council shall, in liaison with the National Senior Secondary School Commission (NSSEC) and States' Ministries of Education, through the Universal Basic Education Board (UBEC), ensure the inclusion of the teachings on Breast and Cervical Cancers into the Curriculum of all Senior Secondary Schools in Nigeria.
- (ii) The Council shall, in liaison with the National Orientation Agency, ensure that the implementation of the teachings on Breast and Cervical Cancers into the Curriculum of all Senior Secondary Schools in Nigeria, are properly monitored.
- (iii) The Council shall, in collaboration with the Nigerian Cancer Society (NCS) ensure that adequate trainings are in place for all Civic Education teachers in Nigeria (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Penalties/Non-Compliance.

The NERDC, through the various states' Ministries of Education, will ensure compliance to the program. Penalties for non-compliance by the schools shall be as already exists for similar inclusions into the curriculum of existing subjects (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Mandatory Inclusion of Teachings on Breast and Cervical Cancers into the Curriculum of all Senior Secondary Schools in Nigeria Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to provide for the inclusion of the teachings on Breast and Cervical Cancers into the curriculum of all senior secondary schools in Nigeria, to ensure a timely, cost-effective, all-encompassing, and sustainable awareness and prevention (Civic Education) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Introduce Preventive Measures and Teachings of Breast and Cervical Cancers into the Curriculum of A Compulsory Subject (Civic Education) for Senior Secondary Schools in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 501) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Introduce Preventive Measure and Teaching of Breast and Cervical Cancers into the Curriculum of a Compulsory Subject (Civic Education) for Senior Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 501) and approved Clauses 1 - 4, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Introduce Preventive Measures and Teachings of Sexual Gender Based Violence into the Curriculum of a Compulsory Subject (Civil Education) for all Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 502) (Committee of the Whole):***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Introduce Preventive Measures and Teachings of Sexual Gender Based Violence into the Curriculum of a Compulsory Subject (Civil Education) for all Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 502)” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — 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)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO INTRODUCE PREVENTIVE MEASURES
AND TEACHINGS OF SEXUAL AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE
INTO THE CURRICULUM AS A COMPULSORY SUBJECT (CIVIC

EDUCATION) FOR ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN NIGERIA;
AND FOR RELATED MATTER (HB.502)

Clause 1: Establishment.

The Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council shall provide for the mandatory inclusion of the teachings on Prevention and Management of Sexual and Gender Based Violence as core parts of Civic Education at all Secondary School levels in Nigeria (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Regulation/Implementation.

- (i) The Council shall, in liaison with the National Senior Secondary School Commission (NSSEC) and the States' Ministries of Education, through the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), ensure the inclusion of the teachings on Sexual and Gender Based Violence into the Curriculum of all levels of Secondary Schools in Nigeria.
- (ii) The Council shall, in liaison with the National Orientation Agency and Universal Basic Education Commission, ensure that the implementation of the teachings on Sexual and Gender Based Violence into the Curriculum of all levels of Secondary Schools in Nigeria, are properly monitored.
- (iii) The Council shall, in collaboration with the National Teachers Institute ensure that adequate trainings are in place for all Civic Education teachers in Nigeria (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Penalties/Non-Compliance.

The NERDC, through the various states' Ministries of Education, shall ensure compliance to the program. Penalties for non-compliance by the schools shall be as already exist for similar inclusions into the curriculum of existing subjects (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Mandatory Inclusion of Preventive Measures and Teachings on Sexual and Gender Based Violence into the Curriculum of all levels of Secondary Schools in Nigeria Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to provide for the inclusion of the teachings on Sexual and Gender Based Violence into the curriculum of Civic Education at all levels of secondary schools in Nigeria, as a more systemic preventive approach to ending SGBV by enlightening the children who are the future generation on their basic rights regarding the subject matter to ensure timely prevention, preventive measures, case management, partway to access justice, and all-encompassing for sustainable awareness and prevention (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Introduce Preventive Measures and Teachings of Sexual and Gender Based Violence into the Curriculum as A Compulsory Subject (Civic Education) for All Secondary Schools in Nigeria; and for Related Matter (HB.502) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Introduce Preventive Measures and Teachings of Sexual Gender Based Violence into the Curriculum of a Compulsory Subject (Civil Education) for all Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 502) and approved Clauses 1 - 4, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

29. Order of the Day

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do set down items 24 - 28 on the Order Paper to another legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 7 (3)” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Agreed to.

30. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 7 March, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.08 p.m.

Benjamin Okezie Kalu
Deputy Speaker