



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 15 May, 2025

1. The House met at 11.05 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House sang the National Anthem and recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 14 May, 2025.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Admittance into the Chamber**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do admit into the Chamber, the National Chairman of All Progressives Congress (APC), His Excellency, Abdullahi Ganduje, the Deputy National Chairman APC (North), Hon. Ali Bukar Dalori, the National Vice Chairman APC North West, Hon. Garba Datti Muhammad, the National Organising Secretary, Sulaiman Argungu, APC State Chairman, Kano State, Alhaji Abdullahi Abbas, the State Minister of Federal Capital Territory, Mariya Mahmoud Bunkure, Sen. Kawu Sumaila, and Hon. Faruk Lawal, to observe the proceedings of the House, pursuant to Order Six, Rule 4 (1) (2)” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

5. **Announcements**
 - (i) **Visitors in the Gallery:**
Mr Speaker announced the presence of the following visitors:
 - (i) Members of the Legislative Arm, Akoko Edo Local Government Area, Edo State;
 - (ii) Staff and Students of Boys Lead Foundation, Lugbe, Abuja;
 - (iii) Staff and Students of St. Aloysius Primary School, Garki, Abuja.

(ii) Defection:

Mr Speaker read the following communications from:

- (i) Hon. Oke Busayo Oluwole (*Obokun/Oriade Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC);
- (ii) Hon. Abdullahi Sani Rogo (*Karaye/Rogo Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC);
- (iii) Hon. Kabiru Alhassan Usman Rurum (*Rano/Bunkure/Kibiya Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC).

(iii) Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Implementation of the CNG Policy:

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Jaha Ahmadu Usman | — | Chairman |
| (2) | Hon. Ghali Mustapha Tijjani | — | Member |
| (3) | Hon. Adewale Morufu Adebayo | — | Member |
| (4) | Hon. Sarki Dahiru | — | Member |
| (5) | Hon. Tarkighir Dickson | — | Member |
| (6) | Hon. Bukar Talba | — | Member |
| (7) | Hon. Alex Mascot Ikwechegh | — | Member |
| (8) | Hon. Julius Pondi Gbabojo | — | Member |
| (9) | Hon. Wale Ahmed | — | Member |
| (10) | Hon. Muhammed Ozigi | — | Member |
| (11) | Hon. Esosa Iyaw | — | Member |

(iv) Ad-hoc Committee to Convocate a Special Discussion/Security Conference on the Security Challenges in Plateau State:

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Hammed Adewale Waheed | — | Chairman |
| (2) | Hon. Aliyu Bappa Musa | — | Member |
| (3) | Hon. Mansur Jega | — | Member |
| (4) | Hon. Afuwape Monday Afolabi | — | Member |
| (5) | Hon. Abdulmaleek Abdurraheem Danga | — | Member |
| (6) | Hon. Bassey Akiba | — | Member |
| (7) | Hon. Eze Nwachukwu | — | Member |
| (8) | Hon. Jafaru Yakubu | — | Member |
| (9) | Hon. Attah Thaddeus | — | Member |
| (10) | Hon. Aguye Suleiman Danladi | — | Member |

6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 5)**(i) Need to Address the Anger, Confusion and Agony that Trail the 2025 Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Examination:**

Hon. Adewale Morufu Adebayo (*Irepodun/Orolu/Olorunda/Osogbo 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.*

Need to Address the Anger, Confusion and Agony that Trail the 2025 Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Examination:

The House:

Notes that the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) is responsible for the conduct of entrance examinations into Nigeria Tertiary Institutions through Computer- Based Test (CBT);

Also notes that the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) is a crucial examination that plays a significant role in the admission process across all tertiary institutions in Nigeria;

Further notes that the 2025 UTME is Nigeria's third worst performance since 2016. The worst performance over the 10- year period occurred in 2021 when 87.2 percent of the candidates scored below 200 marks. The second worst performance occurred in 2020 when 79.2 percent of the candidates scored below 200;

Aware that Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) released the statistical analysis of the 2025 UTME showing that 78.5 percent of candidates representing 1.5 million scored below 200 out of 400. The woefully performance has renewed public outcry;

Also aware that the struggle to reach examination centres contributed to mass failure, as many candidates were required to travel many kilometres to access the nearest CBT centre, which resulted to some psychological effects on the candidates;

Concerned that this situation exposes young candidates to avoidable risks, including road accidents, kidnapping and other forms of insecurity;

Further aware that fatal accident claimed the lives of several students who were on their way from Oyo-Ogbomoso to sit for the 2025 UTME examination;

Recalls that the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) admitted that there were errors caused by human and technology which resulted to poor performance of students who wrote the 2025 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME);

Also recalls that the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) finally bow to mounting pressure from education stakeholders, parents and civil society groups to reconduct the 2025 UTME for 379,997 candidates affected by technical glitches in Lagos and the South East;

Cognizant that urgent improvement in the technical and logistical preparation by JAMB will avert unnecessary risks, agony and improve overall performance in subsequent JAMB (UTME) examinations in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute of silence in honour of the victim of the tragic accident;
- (ii) urge the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) to establish at least one CBT Centre in each of the 774 Local Government Area across the country;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Appropriations to include the construction of

Computer-Based Test (CBT) centre in all the 774 Local Government across the country in the 2026 budget estimates;

- (iv) also mandate the Committees on Basic Education and services, and ICT to engage with JAMB and relevant stakeholders to ensure all technical glitches are identified and addressed;
- (v) further mandate Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Adewale Morufu Adebayo — Irepodun/Orolu/Olorunda/Osogbo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (ii), immediately after the words “Government Area”, *insert* the Words “and in some Secondary Schools” (*Hon. Chinedu Ogah — Ikwo/Ezza South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Motion — Agreed.

The House:

Noted that the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) is responsible for the conduct of entrance examinations into Nigeria Tertiary Institutions through Computer- Based Test (CBT);

Also noted that the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) is a crucial examination that plays a significant role in the admission process across all tertiary institutions in Nigeria;

Further noted that the 2025 UTME is Nigeria's third worst performance since 2016. The worst performance over the 10- year period occurred in 2021 when 87.2 percent of the candidates scored below 200 marks. The second worst performance occurred in 2020 when 79.2 percent of the candidates scored below 200;

Aware that Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) released the statistical analysis of the 2025 UTME showing that 78.5 percent of candidates representing 1.5 million scored below 200 out of 400. The woefully performance has renewed public outcry;

Also aware that the struggle to reach examination centres contributed to mass failure, as many candidates were required to travel many kilometres to access the nearest CBT centre, which resulted to some psychological effects on the candidates;

Concerned that this situation exposes young candidates to avoidable risks, including road accidents, kidnapping and other forms of insecurity;

Further aware that fatal accident claimed the lives of several students who were on their way from Oyo-Ogbomosho to sit for the 2025 UTME examination;

Recalled that the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) admitted that there were errors caused by human and technology which resulted to poor performance of students who wrote the 2025 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME);

Also recalled that the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) finally bow to

mounting pressure from education stakeholders, parents and civil society groups to reconduct the 2025 UTME for 379,997 candidates affected by technical glitches in Lagos and the South East;

Cognizant that urgent improvement in the technical and logistical preparation by JAMB will avert unnecessary risks, agony and improve overall performance in subsequent JAMB (UTME) examinations in Nigeria;

Resolved to:

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- (iii) mandate the Committee on Appropriations to include the construction of Computer-Based Test (CBT) centre in all the 774 Local Government across the country in the 2026 budget estimates;
- (iv) also mandate the Committees on Basic Education and services, and ICT to engage with JAMB and relevant stakeholders to ensure all technical glitches are identified and addressed;
- (v) further mandate Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 136/05/2025**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(ii) *Need to Curb the Rising Spate of Killings and Kidnappings in Irhodo-Jesse, Ethiope West Local Government Area, Delta State:*

Hon. Erhiatake Ibori-Suenu (*Ethiope East/Ethiope 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.

Need to Curb the Rising Spate of Killings and Kidnappings in Irhodo-Jesse, Ethiope West Local Government Area, Delta State:

The House:

Notes the alarming increase in killings and kidnappings in Irhodo-Jesse, Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta State, resulting in the loss of lives, displacement of residents, and heightened fear within the community;

Also notes that these incidents have disrupted social and economic activities, leaving families in mourning and communities in constant fear for their safety;

Aware that the rising wave of insecurity in the area threatens not only the peace and stability

of the community but also the broader security architecture of Delta State;

Cognizant of the constitutional obligation of the government to protect the lives and property of its citizens as enshrined in Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Concerned that the continuous attacks, if left unchecked, could further escalate tensions and disrupt peaceful coexistence in the region;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigeria Police Force, the Nigerian Army, and other relevant security agencies to intensify surveillance and security operations in Irhodo-Jesse, Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta State, with a view to curbing the rising spate of killings and kidnappings;
- (ii) call on the Inspector-General of Police to deploy a special tactical team to the area to restore peace and protect lives and property;
- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to affected families and support the rehabilitation of displaced persons;
- (iv) also call on the security forces and relevant government agencies to investigate the incidents thoroughly, identify the perpetrators and bring them to justice to serve as a deterrent to others; and
- (v) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Defence, and National Security to liaise with the relevant security agencies to ensure the immediate restoration of peace and stability in the affected community (*Hon. Erhiatake Ibori-Suenu — Ethiope East/Ethiope West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed.

The House:

Noted the alarming increase in killings and kidnappings in Irhodo-Jesse, Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta State, resulting in the loss of lives, displacement of residents, and heightened fear within the community;

Also noted that these incidents have disrupted social and economic activities, leaving families in mourning and communities in constant fear for their safety;

Aware that the rising wave of insecurity in the area threatens not only the peace and stability of the community but also the broader security architecture of Delta State;

Cognizant of the constitutional obligation of the government to protect the lives and property of its citizens as enshrined in Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Concerned that the continuous attacks, if left unchecked, could further escalate tensions and disrupt peaceful coexistence in the region;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Nigeria Police Force, the Nigerian Army, and other relevant security agencies to intensify surveillance and security operations in Irhodo-Jesse, Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta State, with a view to curbing the rising spate of killings and kidnappings;
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 - (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to affected families and support the rehabilitation of displaced persons;
 - (iv) also call on the security forces and relevant government agencies to investigate the incidents thoroughly, identify the perpetrators and bring them to justice to serve as a deterrent to others; and
 - (v) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Defence, and National Security to liaise with the relevant security agencies to ensure the immediate restoration of peace and stability in the affected community (**HR. 137/05/2025**).
- (iii) ***Incessant Conflict Between Fulani, Bandawa and Munga Communities in Karim Lamido Local Government Area, Taraba State:***
Hon. Mohammed Audu (*Karim Lamido/Lau/Ardo-Kola 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.

Incessant Conflict between Fulani, Bandawa and Munga Communities in Karim Lamido Local Government Area of Taraba State:

The House:

Notes that on Saturday, May 10th, 2025 violence erupted between Fulani, Bandawa and Munga Communities in Karim Lamido Local Government area of Taraba State, which resulted in the death of many people as well as destruction of properties, farm crops and livestock worth millions of naira;

Worried that as a result of the attacks, over 2000 in Karim and 3,000 in Lau have been displaced and rendered homeless, thus exposing them to further attacks as they are unable to easily access potable water and basic essentials required for decent living;

Also worried that the victims are suffering untold hardship as being predominantly farmers, their sources of livelihood have been suddenly destroyed as the ongoing dry season rice farming has stopped;

Concerned that the neighboring communities where the victims were forced to take refuge in the neighboring local government Lau are under pressure as their meagre resources are barely sufficient to sustain the unexpected population of victims in those areas;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the victims who died in the clash between Fulani, Bandawa and Munga in Karim Lamido Local Government area of Taraba State;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, provide relief materials to the victims of the clash who run to Karim town, Bikwin, Jen and Lau, in Lau Local Government Area;
- (iii) also urge the North East Development Commission (NEDC) and the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internal Displaced Persons (NCFRMI) to provide proper shelter and rehabilitation for the victims of the affected communities;
- (iv) call on the Nigeria Police Force and other security agencies to intensify efforts towards adequate protection of lives and property in Karim Lamido, Lau local Government area of Taraba State (*Hon. Mohammed Audu — Karim Lamido/Lau/Ardo-Kola Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on Saturday, May 10th, 2025 violence erupted between Fulani, Bandawa and Munga Communities in Karim Lamido Local Government area of Taraba State, which resulted in the death of many people as well as destruction of properties, farm crops and livestock worth millions of naira;

Worried that as a result of the attacks, over 2000 in Karim and 3,000 in Lau have been displaced and rendered homeless, thus exposing them to further attacks as they are unable to easily access potable water and basic essentials required for decent living;

Also worried that the victims are suffering untold hardship as being predominantly farmers, their sources of livelihood have been suddenly destroyed as the ongoing dry season rice farming has stopped;

Concerned that the neighboring communities where the victims were forced to take refuge in the neighboring local government Lau are under pressure as their meagre resources are barely sufficient to sustain the unexpected population of victims in those areas;

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- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, provide relief materials to the victims of the clash who run to Karim town, Bikwin, Jen and Lau, in Lau Local Government Area;
- (iii) also urge the North East Development Commission (NEDC) and the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internal Displaced Persons (NCFRMI) to provide proper shelter and rehabilitation for the victims of the affected communities;
- (iv) call on the Nigeria Police Force and other security agencies to intensify efforts

towards adequate protection of lives and property in Karim Lamido, Lau local Government area of Taraba State (HR. 138/05/2025).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal University of Animal Health and Production Technology (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2319).
- (2) North - East Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2320).
- (3) Federal College of Forestry Management, Okeluse , Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2321).
- (4) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025(HB. 2322).

8. Presentation of Reports

(i) *Committee on Police Affairs:*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the 2024 Budget Proposal of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund (NPTF) the total sum of ₦124,289,057,866.00 (one hundred and twenty-four billion, two hundred and eighty-nine million, fifty-seven thousand, eight hundred and sixty-six Naira) only, out of which ₦1,206,310,618.16 (one billion, two hundred and six million, three hundred and ten thousand, six hundred and eighteen Naira, sixteen, Kobo) only, is for Personnel Cost while ₦24,445,014,506.00 (twenty-four billion, four hundred and forty-five million, fourteen thousand, five hundred and six Naira) only, is for Overhead Expenditure and ₦98,637,732,741.64 (ninety-eight billion, six hundred and thirty-seven million, seven hundred and thirty-two thousand, seven hundred and forty -one Naira, sixty-four Kobo) only is for Capital Expenditure” (Hon. Makki Abubakar Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) *Committee on Judiciary:*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal High Court Act, Cap. F12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Increase in the Number of Judges of the Court, and to Include Crew Claims, Enforcement, and Matters Incidental Thereto and for Related Matters (HB. 1634)” (Hon. Mamudu Abdullahi — Agaie/Lapai Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) *Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical), Ile-Ife, Osun State and for Related Matters (HB. 438)” (Hon. Uguru Emmanuel — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on 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, Afon, Kwara State and for Related Matters (HB.593)” (*Hon. Uguru Emmanuel — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish Federal College of Education, Oke-oyi, Kwara State and for Related Matters (HB.833)” (*Hon. Uguru Emmanuel — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vi) Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on 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, Ididep, Ibiono Local Government Area, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (HB.972)” (*Hon. Uguru Emmanuel — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vii) Committee on Federal Colleges of Education:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish the Federal College of Education, (Technical) Uzebba-Iuleha, Edo State and for Related Matters (HB 1852)” (*Hon. Uguru Emmanuel — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act, 2022 to make it mandatory for Nigerians of Maturity Age to Vote in all National and State Elections and for Related Matters (HB.1930) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act, 2022 to make it mandatory for Nigerians of Maturity Age to Vote in all National and State Elections and for Related Matters (HB.1930) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Daniel Asama Ago — Jos North/Bassa Federal Constituency*), and *One other*.

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Electoral Matters.

Motion made and Question proposed, “That do suspend Order Twelve, Rule 4 (1), to enable the House take the Second Reading on a Bill for an Act to Amend the North–East Development Commission Act, 2017 and for Related Matters (HB.2320) immediately” (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the North–East Development Commission Act, 2017 and for Related Matters (HB.2320) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the North–East Development Commission Act, 2017 and for Related Matters (HB.2320) 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.

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation, 2004 to make Provision for Establishment of Nigeria Palm Oil Research and Production Technology Institute, Njaba, Imo State 2024 And for Other Related Matters (HB 1495) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation, 2004 to make Provision for Establishment of Nigeria Palm Oil Research and Production Technology Institute, Njaba, Imo State 2024 And for Other Related Matters (HB 1495) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Harrison Anozie Nwadike — Isu/Njaba/Nkwere/Nwangele 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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

12. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and Establish the Federal College of Education, (Technical), Eggua, Egbado North, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB.1933) — 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 and Establish the Federal College of Education, (Technical), Eggua, Egbado North, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB.1933) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Adegboyega Nasiru Isiaka — Egbado North/Imeko-Afon 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.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Labour Act, Cap. L1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to increase the Maternity Leave period of Working Women to Six Months and for Related Matters (HB. 2105) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Labour Act, Cap. L1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to increase the Maternity Leave period of Working Women to Six Months and for Related Matters (HB. 2105) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Chike John Okafor — Ehime Mbano/Ihite-Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned for further consultation.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission Act, Cap. F7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to provide for strict adherence to the Provisions of the Act not giving room for waivers contrary to the provisions of the Act and increase the penalties to correlate with current financial realities due to inflation and for Related Matters (HB. 721) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission Act, Cap. F7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to provide for strict adherence to the Provisions of the Act not giving room for waivers contrary to the provisions of the Act and increase the penalties to correlate with current financial realities due to inflation and for Related Matters (HB. 721) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Obuzor Victor Chukwuemele — Ahoada West/Ogba/Egbemi/Ndoni Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned for further consultation.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Police Trust Fund Act, No. 6 of 2019 to Increase the duration of the Trust Fund for continued training, Provision of Security Equipment, and Related Facilities, Enhance the Skills of the Personnel of the Nigeria Police and for Related Matters (HB.1720) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Police Trust Fund Act, No. 6 of 2019 to Increase the duration of the Trust Fund for continued training, Provision of Security Equipment, and Related Facilities, Enhance the Skills of the Personnel of the Nigeria Police and for Related Matters (HB.1720) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Adewale Hammed Waheed — Agege 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 Police Affairs.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Establish National Child Protection and Enforcement Agency and to Provide Necessary Protection and Care for the Nigerian Child and for Related Matters (HB.2090) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Child Protection and Enforcement Agency and to Provide Necessary Protection and Care for the Nigerian Child and

for Related Matters (HB.2090) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ogbara Adetola Kafilat — Kosofe 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 Women Affairs.

17. Gruesome Murder of Miss Oyeronke Blessing Otunla at Iddo Sarki, Abuja, Federal Capital Territory

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the right to life is an inalienable constitutional right by virtue of Section 33 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), which provides that every person has a right to life, and no one shall be deprived intentionally of his life, save in execution of the sentence of a court in respect of a criminal offence of which the person has been found guilty in Nigeria;

Also notes that several International and Regional Instruments, such as Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 6 of the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, and Article 4 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, among others, contain provisions that guarantee the right to life and its inalienability;

Aware that recent events in Nigeria indicates an increase in loss of lives through unlawful acts of commission or omission by private individuals, which is contrary to the provisions of the Constitution and International Human Rights Instruments;

Regrets that Oyeronke Otunla, a 24 years graduate of the University of Abuja, from Saki-West/Saki-East/Atisbo, Federal Constituency of Oyo State was unlawful deprived of her life;

Alarmed that late Oyeronke Otunla travelled from Ibadan, Oyo State, to University of Abuja on the 21 May, 2021 for her bachelor's degree certificate but went missing soon after she arrived in the FCT but her lifeless body was found on Saturday, May 22, 2021 in a gutter at Iddo Sarki, Abuja;

Also alarmed that the state of the unclad body of the deceased shows that she was subjected to rape, after which she was agonizingly bludgeoned to death;

Also aware that the hope of every family is for their children to study, graduate, become very useful to the society, and above all, to be able to fend for themselves, but this hope has been dashed in Oyeronke's case due to extreme wickedness and inhumanity;

Concerned that Nigeria is experiencing an epidemic of gender-based violence, resulting in gruesome rape and murder, despite immediate investigations by the Nigeria Police Force;

Cognizant that the primary purpose of government is the security and welfare of the people, there is an urgent need for the police to give a progress report of the investigation, which has now taken several months, to bring the perpetrators to justice, bring respite to the family and loved ones, and ultimately rekindle the hope of the citizens in the protective capacity of the state.

Also cognizant of the need for the Nigeria Police to investigate and bring perpetrators to justice, provide relief to families, and rekindle citizens' confidence in the nation's protective capacity;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, and Justice to invite the Commissioner of Police, FCT Command to give progress report on the investigation of the crime and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Tajudeen Kareem Abisodun — Saki East/Saki West/Atigbo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the right to life is an inalienable constitutional right by virtue of Section 33(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), which provides that every person has a right to life, and no one shall be deprived intentionally of his life, save in execution of the sentence of a court in respect of a criminal offence of which the person has been found guilty in Nigeria;

Also noted that several International and Regional Instruments, such as Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 6 of the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, and Article 4 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, among others, contain provisions that guarantee the right to life and its inalienability;

Aware that recent events in Nigeria indicates an increase in loss of lives through unlawful acts of commission or omission by private individuals, which is contrary to the provisions of the Constitution and International Human Rights Instruments;

Regretted that Oyeronke Otunla, a 24 years graduate of the University of Abuja, from Saki-West/Saki-East/Atisbo, Federal Constituency of Oyo State was unlawfully deprived of her life;

Alarmed that late Oyeronke Otunla travelled from Ibadan, Oyo State, to University of Abuja on the 21 May, 2021 for her bachelor's degree certificate but went missing soon after she arrived in the FCT but her lifeless body was found on Saturday, May 22, 2021 in a gutter at Iddo Sarki, Abuja;

Also alarmed that the state of the unclad body of the deceased shows that she was subjected to rape, after which she was agonizingly bludgeoned to death;

Also aware that the hope of every family is for their children to study, graduate, become very useful to the society, and above all, to be able to fend for themselves, but this hope has been dashed in Oyeronke's case due to extreme wickedness and inhumanity;

Concerned that Nigeria is experiencing an epidemic of gender-based violence, resulting in gruesome rape and murder, despite immediate investigations by the Nigeria Police Force;

Cognizant that the primary purpose of government is the security and welfare of the people, there is an urgent need for the police to give a progress report of the investigation, which has now taken several months, to bring the perpetrators to justice, bring respite to the family and loved ones, and ultimately rekindle the hope of the citizens in the protective capacity of the state.

Also cognizant of the need for the Nigeria Police to investigate and bring perpetrators to justice, provide relief to families, and rekindle citizens' confidence in the nation's protective capacity;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, and Justice to invite the Commissioner of Police, FCT

Command to give progress report on the investigation of the crime and report within four (4) weeks (HR. 139/05/2025).

18. Restoration of Aniocha North II State Constituency of Delta State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that in 2014, the people of Idumuje-Unor, Idumuje-Ugboko, Nkwu-Nzu, Ugboba, Idumuogo, Ugbodu, Ubulubu, Anioma, and Ogodo towns in Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State, initiated a legal action at the Federal High Court, Asaba, seeking the restoration of Aniocha North II State Constituency;

Also notes that the Federal High Court dismissed the originating summons, the Court of Appeal, Benin Division, on 22 November, 2017, delivered judgment in favor of the people, ordering the restoration of Aniocha North II State Constituency and directed the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to conduct elections in the constituency;

Aware that INEC filed an application for leave to appeal the judgment of the Court of Appeal at the Supreme Court, but the Supreme Court, in its ruling of November 29, 2019, dismissed the application, thereby affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal as final, binding, and legally non-appealable;

Also aware that INEC, in compliance with the judgment convened a meeting with the stakeholders of the Constituency on the 19 November, 2020, pledging to implement the court's directive; subsequently, INEC submitted a comprehensive report to the National Assembly for consideration in line with Section 115 of the 1999 Constitution (as amended);

Concerned that despite INEC having concluded all processes for the restoration of the constituency and reminding the National Assembly of the matter through a letter dated 17 December, 2020, further action has not been taken to facilitate the restoration of Aniocha North II State Constituency;

Disturbed that the delay in implementing the Supreme Court judgment undermines the Rule of Law, disenfranchising the people of the affected towns, and denying them proper representation in the Delta State House of Assembly.

Resolves to:

- (i) approve the restoration of Aniocha North II State Constituency, Delta State;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Electoral Matters, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Ngozi Okolie Lawrence — Aniocha North/Aniocha South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that in 2014, the people of Idumuje-Unor, Idumuje-Ugboko, Nkwu-Nzu, Ugboba, Idumuogo, Ugbodu, Ubulubu, Anioma, and Ogodo towns in Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State, initiated a legal action at the Federal High Court, Asaba, seeking the restoration of Aniocha North II State Constituency;

Also noted that the Federal High Court dismissed the originating summons, the Court of Appeal,

Benin Division, on 22 November, 2017, delivered judgment in favor of the people, ordering the restoration of Aniocha North II State Constituency and directed the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to conduct elections in the constituency;

Aware that INEC filed an application for leave to appeal the judgment of the Court of Appeal at the Supreme Court, but the Supreme Court, in its ruling of November 29, 2019, dismissed the application, thereby affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal as final, binding, and legally non-appealable;

Also aware that INEC, in compliance with the judgment convened a meeting with the stakeholders of the Constituency on the 19 November, 2020, pledging to implement the court's directive; subsequently, INEC submitted a comprehensive report to the National Assembly for consideration in line with Section 115 of the 1999 Constitution (as amended);

Concerned that despite INEC having concluded all processes for the restoration of the constituency and reminding the National Assembly of the matter through a letter dated 17 December, 2020, further action has not been taken to facilitate the restoration of Aniocha North II State Constituency;

Disturbed that the delay in implementing the Supreme Court judgment undermines the Rule of Law, disenfranchising the people of the affected towns, and denying them proper representation in the Delta State House of Assembly.

Resolved to:

- (i) approve the restoration of Aniocha North II State Constituency, Delta State;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Electoral Matters, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (HR. 140/05/2025).

19. Consideration of Reports

(i) *Committee on Police Affairs:*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the 2024 Budget Proposal of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund (NPTF) the total sum of ₦124,289,057,866.00 (One Hundred and Twenty-Four Billion, Two Hundred and Eighty- Nine Million, Fifty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty - Six Naira) only, out of which ₦1,206,310,618.16 (One Billion, Two Hundred and Six Million, Three Hundred and Ten Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighteen, Naira, Sixteen Kobo) only, is for Personnel Cost while ₦24,445,014,506.00 (Twenty-Four Billion, Four Hundred and Forty-Five Million, Fourteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Six Naira) only, is for Overhead Expenditure and ₦98,637,732,741.64 (Ninety-Eight Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty- One Naira, Sixty-Four Kobo) only, is for Capital Expenditure” (Hon. Makki Abubakar Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do suspend Order Seven, Rule 2 (2) to enable the Deputy Speaker preside on the Committee of Supply” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

ISSUE FROM THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND OF THE FEDERATION THE TOTAL SUM OF ₦124,289,057, 866.00 (ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR BILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE MILLION, FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY - SIX NAIRA) ONLY, OUT OF WHICH ₦1,206,310,618.16 (ONE BILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND SIX MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN NAIRA, SIXTEEN KOBO) ONLY, IS FOR PERSONNEL COST WHILE ₦24,445,014,506.00 (TWENTY-FOUR BILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY- FIVE MILLION, FOURTEEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND SIX NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR OVERHEAD EXPENDITURE AND ₦98,637,732,741.64 (NINETY-EIGHT BILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-ONE NAIRA, SIXTY-FOUR KOBO) ONLY, IS FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

<i>Details</i>		<i>Amount</i>
(i) Personnel Cost	—	₦1,206,310,618.16
(ii) Overhead Expenditure	—	₦24,445,014,506.00
(iii) Capital Expenditure	—	₦98,637,732,741.64
		₦124,289,057,866.00

“That the Nigeria Police Trust Fund should expedite action on the implementation of the 2024 Budget for the enhancement of policing and tackling the security challenges for the benefit of the nation and its citizenry” (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the 2024 Budget Proposal of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund (NPTF) the total sum of ₦124,289,057,866.00 (One Hundred and Twenty-Four Billion, Two Hundred and Eighty-Nine Million, Fifty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty - Six Naira) only, out of which ₦1,206,310,618.16 (One Billion, Two Hundred and Six Million, Three Hundred and Ten Thousand, Six Hundred and Eighteen Naira, Sixteen Kobo) only, is for Personnel Cost while ₦24,445,014,506.00 (Twenty-Four Billion, Four Hundred and Forty-Five Million, Fourteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Six Naira) only, is for Overhead Expenditure and ₦98,637,732,741.64 (Ninety-Eight Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty- One Naira, Sixty-Four Kobo) only, is for Capital Expenditure and approved Recommendations (i) - (iii) of the Report.

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

(ii) *A Bill for an Act to Amend the North-East Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2320) (Committee of the Whole):*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the North-East Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2320)” (*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 AMEND THE NORTH-EAST
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT, 2025;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 2320)**

Clause 1: Amendment of North East Development Commission Act, 2017.
The North East Development Commission (Establishment) Act, 2017 (referred to as the Principal Act) is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of section 2.
Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended —

- (a) in subsection (2) (c), by substituting for the words, "Twelve Executive Directors" the words, "three Executive Directors";
- (b) by deleting subsection (3); and
- (c) by renumbering the section accordingly (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Amendment of section 9.
Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (2), a new subsection "(2)" —

"(2) There shall be established in the head office of the Commission, the following Departments to be headed by Executive Directors —

- (a) Administration and Human Resources;
- (b) Community and Rural Development;
- (c) Utilities, Infrastructural Development and Waterways;
- (d) Environmental Protection and Control;
- (e) Finance and Supply;
- (f) Solid Minerals, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry;
- (g) Planning, Research and Statistics and Management Information System;
- (h) Legal Services;
- (i) Education, Health and Social Services;
- (j) Commercial and Industrial Development;

- (k) Projects Monitoring and Supervision; and
- (l) Youth and Women Affairs Development (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the North East Development Commission (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the North-East Development Commission (Establishment) Act, 2025; and for Related Matters (HB. 2320) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo 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 Amend the North-East Development Commission Act, 2025 and for Related Matters (HB.2320) 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.

20. Order of the Day

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do set down items 13 - 21 on the Order Paper till another legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3)” (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).*

21. Adjournment of First Sitting

*That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 3.00 p.m. (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).*

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.35 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker