



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 26 September, 2024

1. The House met at 11.00 a.m.
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, 25 September, 2024.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**

(i) ***Bereavement:***

Mr Speaker announced the 32 years remembrance of the ill-fated NAF C 130 Air Crash of 26 September, 1992, at Ejigbo, Lagos State, where all passengers and cabin crew on board died. He prayed for the repose of their souls.

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(ii) ***Joint Senate and House Ad-hoc Committee on Investigation of the Petroleum Industry:***

Mr. Speaker announced the House membership of the Joint Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Julius Ihonvbere	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Fatima Talba	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Sani Egidi	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Sada Soli	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Aliyu Bappa Misau	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Patrick Umoh	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Kalejaiye Paul	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Obinna Aguocha	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Adegboyega Nasiru Isiaka	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Amos Daniel	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Mohammed Bello Shehu	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Kelechi Nwogu	—	<i>Member</i>

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| (14) | Hon. Akin Rotimi | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (15) | Hon. Pascal Agbodike | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (16) | Hon. Mohammed Audu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (17) | Hon. Rahis Abdulkadir | — | <i>Member</i> |

Ordered: *The constitution of this Joint Senate and House Ad-hoc Committee supercedes the former Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate Alleged Conspiracy by International Oil Companies (IOCs) to Frustrate the Operations and Survival of Dangote Refinery and the Actual Percentage Holding of the Federal Government and ultimately rescinds its earlier Resolutions.*

(iii) Conference Committee:

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Conference Committee on Nigeria Anti-Doping Bill:

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| (1) | Hon. Muhammed Buba Jajere | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Adedayo Adesola Samuel | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Nwaeke Felix Uche | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Aliyu Bappa Misau | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Fayinka Moses Oluwatoyin | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Muktar Zakari | — | <i>Member</i> |

5. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Chikezie Agwara on behalf of City Point Global Properties and Investment Limited on alleged non-disbursement of funds by the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria for the construction of one hundred and sixty (160) housing units in Umuahia North Local Government Area, Abia State, was presented and laid by Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (*Oshodi/Isolo II Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) The following Petitions were presented and laid by Hon. Hussaini Jallo (*Igabi Federal Constituency*):
- (a) Jibrilla Madu Gadzama and 84 others, on alleged encroachment and confiscation of Kauyen Liman Community land, Rigachikun by the Nigerian Air Force,
- (b) A. K. Usman & Co. (Solicitors and Advocates) on behalf of Hayin Mallam Auta, and 6 other villages in Igabi Local Government Area, Kaduna State, on the refusal by the Nigerian Army to obey the court Order in Suit No: KDH/KAD/328/2018;
- (iii) A petition from E. K. Muoneke (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Mr Cyprian Ezeifeke on alleged conspiracy and fraud by the Managing Director, SKY Global Fleet Nigeria Limited, was presented and laid by Hon. Dominic Okafor (*Aguata Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) ***Disturbing Allegation of Corruption Against the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the Nigerian Correctional Service:***
Hon. Patrick Umoh (*Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara 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.

Disturbing Allegation of Corruption Against the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the Nigerian Correctional Service:

The House:

Notes the disturbing and widely circulated publication emanating from Martins Vincent Otse (also known as VeryDarkMan) against critical Nigerian law enforcement institutions; the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the Nigerian Correctional Service;

Also notes that the publication alleges that the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) dropped money laundry charges against Idris Okuneye (also known as Bobrisky) upon collection of the sum of Fifteen Million Naira (₦15,000,000):

Further notes that the publication alleges that Idris Okuneye, upon conviction for abuse and defacing of the Naira, by the court did not serve his term at the Nigerian Correctional Service, but was lodged outside the confines of the Service;

Disturbed about the damning allegations against Nigerian critical law enforcement agencies of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the Nigerian Correctional Service established by law to fight corruption and incarcerate persons convicted of crime for correctional purposes, respectively;

Worried about the negative image and portrayal of Nigeria as a corrupt nation and Nigeria's struggle to redeem itself from such perception;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee comprising of persons of unquestionable integrity to immediately probe the allegation and report within three (3) weeks (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in the Prayer and *insert* as follows:

“Mandate the Committees on Financial Crimes, and Reformatory Institutions to investigate the matter and report within four (4) weeks” (*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:

Notes the disturbing and widely circulated publication emanating from Martins Vincent Otse (also known as VeryDarkMan) against critical Nigerian law enforcement institutions; the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the Nigerian Correctional Service;

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Worried about the negative image and portrayal of Nigeria as a corrupt nation and Nigeria's struggle to redeem itself from such perception;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Financial Crimes Commission, and Reformatory Institutions to investigate the matter and report within four (4) weeks **(HR. 63/09/2024)**.

(ii) *Reconstruction of the Collapse Namnai Bridge in Gassol Local Government Area of Taraba State:*

Hon. Jaafaru Yakubu (*Bali/Gassol 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.

Reconstruction of the Collapse Namnai Bridge in Gassol Local Government Area of Taraba State:

The House:

Concerned that the Namnai Bridge in Gassol LGA, Taraba State, a critical infrastructure connecting the Northern and Eastern parts of the country, has totally collapsed;

Notes that the Namnai Bridge a vital transportation artery was in a very good condition serving millions of Nigerian citizens before the collapse;

Disturbed that the torrential rainfall experienced recently, seriously affected the bridge as it could not withstand the velocity of the flood, thereby causing the bridge to collapse leaving the citizens stranded and the economic activities have severely impacted the exacerbating economic hardship;

Worried that the collapse of the bridge has created humanitarian crisis as thousands of travelers and commuters carrying goods and services from Lagos, Onitsha, Port Harcourt to Northeastern part of the country are stranded and facing untold hardships as criminal elements are feasting on the disruption resulting to security risk;

Appreciates the effort of the Taraba State Government that provided a ferry boat to assist and alleviate the suffering of the road users which is highly commendable;

Resolves to:

- (i) declare the collapse of Namnai Bridge a national disaster;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to immediately:

- (a) commence reconstruction of the collapsed bridge to ease the hardship faced by the road users,
- (b) provide necessary funds for the reconstruction in the 2025 budget;
- (iii) also urge the Nigerian Army to provide temporary measures to ease the hardship faced by the road users;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Appropriation, and Works to ensure compliance (*Hon. Jaafaru Yakubu — Bali/Gassol Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Concerned that the Namnai Bridge in Gassol LGA, Taraba State, a critical infrastructure connecting the Northern Eastern and Eastern parts of our country, has totally collapsed;

Noted that the Namnai Bridge a vital transportation artery was in a very good condition serving millions of Nigerian citizens before the collapse;

Disturbed that the torrential rainfall experienced recently, seriously affected the bridge as it could not withstand the velocity of the flood, thereby causing the bridge to collapse leaving the citizens stranded and the economic activities have severely impacted the exacerbating economic hardship;

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- (iii) also urge the Nigerian Army to provide temporary measures to ease the hardship faced by the road users;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Appropriation, and Works to ensure compliance (**HR. 64/09/2024**).

(iii) ***Gruesome Murder of Isa Muhammad Bawa, Late Sarkin Gobir of Sabon Birni, Sokoto State:***

Hon. Mohammed Saidu Bargaja (*Iso/Sabon/Birni 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.

Gruesome Murder of Isa Muhammad Bawa, the Late Sarkin Gobir, Sabon Birni, Sokoto State:

The House:

Notes the gruesome murder of Alh. Isa Muhammad Bawa, the late Sarkin Gobir, Sabon Birni, Sokoto State by bandits operating in the Sokoto State axis;

Also notes that on Friday, 27 July, 2024, the late Sarkin Gobir was invited by the Sokoto State Government for a security meeting but was abducted by armed bandits the following day, on his way back to his community;

Recalls that after being in captivity for over three weeks, a ransom of 50 million Naira was paid and motorcycles given for his release, the Sarkin Gobir was eventually murdered;

Appreciates the recent efforts of the Military, which yielded results;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the gruesome Murder of the late Sarkin Gobir, Sabon Birni, Sokoto State;
- (ii) observe a minute silence in honour of the late Sarkin Gobir;
- (iii) urge the Sokoto State Government to provide Scholarships up to University level for the Children of the late Sarkin Gobir (*Hon. Mohammed Saidu Bargaja — Iso/Sabon/Birni Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out* Prayer (iii) (*Hon. Mark Esset — Uyo/Uruan/Nsit Atai/Asutan/Ibesikpo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
“mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, National Security and Intelligence, and Traditional Institutions to investigate the matter and report within four (4) weeks” (*Hon. Dasuki Abdussamad — Kebbe/Tambuwal Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the gruesome murder of Alh. Isa Muhammad Bawa, the late Sarkin Gobir, Sabon Birni, Sokoto State by bandits operating in the Sokoto State axis;

Also noted that on Friday, 27 July, 2024, the late Sarkin Gobir was invited by the Sokoto State Government for a security meeting but was abducted by armed bandits the following day, on his way back to his community;

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Resolved to:

- (i) condemn the gruesome Murder of the late Sarkin Gobir, Sabon Birni, Sokoto State;
- (ii) observe a minute silence in honour of the late Sarkin Gobir;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, National Security and Intelligence, and Traditional Institutions to investigate the matter and report within four (4) weeks **(HR. 65/09/2024)**.

A minute silence observed in hour 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. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

- (iv) ***Need to Allow Independent Marketers to Off-take/Lift Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) from the Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemical Ltd:***

Hon. Oboku Abonsizibe Oforji (*Yenogoa/Kolokuma/Opokuma 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 Allow Independent Marketers to Offtake/Lift Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) from the Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemical Ltd:

The House:

Notes that the Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemical Ltd began operation in its 650 barrels per day (BPD) integrated refinery on 15 September, 2024, with the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation Limited (NNPCL) as the sole off taker, as the Major Marketers have been granted access to lift the products;

Also notes that by this feat, Nigeria is driving towards energy self-sufficiency, cost and foreign exchange savings, meeting the increasing demand for fuels, attraction of foreign capital investment, generation of Forex through export of finished product, conservation of foreign exchange and huge value addition that will contribute to increase in Nigeria Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

Further notes that in view of the high demand by millions of Nigerians for PMS, and the ordeal they go through to get it, NNPCCL should allow independent Marketers to lift the product from the Dangote Refinery and Petrochemical Ltd;

Cognizant that allowing the Independent Marketers, Major Marketers, along with the NNPCCL to lift from the Dangote Refinery will lead to competitiveness in the industry, availability of the product, and reduction in the market price of PMS;

Worried that the NNPCCL and the Major Marketers are operating a form of monopoly in the industry;

Also worried that the NNPCCL has failed in the past to manage the crude oil and the refineries for decades;

Disturbed that allowing only the NNPCCL and Major Marketers to lift PMS from the Dangote Refinery to the exclusion of other Independent Marketers, is not competitive enough;

Also disturbed that the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria's (IPMAN) has expressed fear that importation of PMS is unsustainable and uneconomical occasions scarcity of the product and untold economic hardships on Nigerian citizens;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the NNPCCL and the Dangote Refinery to allow independent marketers to equally lift the PMS from the Dangote Refinery;
- (ii) also urge the management of the Dangote Refinery to build, acquire or partner with relevant stakeholders to provide Tank Farms or/and depot across the six Geopolitical Zones in the country, to ease the accessibility of PMS to the people;
- (iii) further urge the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation Limited (NNPCCL) to make open and transparent the prices of crude oil supplied to the Dangote Refinery and the official market price it sells PMS to the NNPCCL;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Midstream), and Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Oboku Abonsizibe Oforji — Yenagoa/Koloduma-Opokima Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the Prayers, and *insert* a new Prayer as follows:

“Mandate the Joint Senate and House *Ad-hoc* Committee on Investigation of the Petroleum Industry to look into the matter” (*Hon. Bashir Zubairu Usman — Birni/Gwari/Giwa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemical Ltd began operation in its 650 barrels per day (BPD) integrated refinery on 15 September, 2024, with the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation Limited (NNPCL) as the sole off taker, as the Major Marketers have been granted access to lift the products;

Also noted that by this feat, Nigeria is driving towards energy self-sufficiency, cost and foreign exchange savings, meeting the increasing demand for fuels, attraction of foreign capital investment, generation of Forex through export of finished product, conservation of foreign exchange and huge value addition that will contribute to increase in Nigeria Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

Further noted that in view of the high demand by millions of Nigerians for PMS, and the ordeal they go through to get it, NNPCL should allow independent Marketers to lift the product from the Dangote Refinery and Petrochemical Ltd;

Cognizant that allowing the Independent Marketers, Major Marketers, along with the NNPCL to lift from the Dangote Refinery will lead to competitiveness in the industry, availability of the product, and reduction in the market price of PMS;

Worried that the NNPCL and the Major Marketers are operating a form of monopoly in the industry;

Also worried that the NNPCL has failed in the past to manage the crude oil and the refineries for decades;

Disturbed that allowing only the NNPCL and Major Marketers to lift PMS from the Dangote Refinery to the exclusion of other Independent Marketers, is not competitive enough;

Also disturbed that the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria's (IPMAN) has expressed fear that importation of PMS is unsustainable and uneconomical occasions scarcity of the product and untold economic hardships on Nigerian citizens;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Joint Senate and House *Ad-hoc* Committee on Investigation of the Petroleum Industry to look into the matter (**HR. 66/09/2024**).

(v) ***Need for Federal Government Intervention to Address Riverside Erosion in Onyah Community, Ndokwa East, Leading to Loss of Lives and Property:***

Hon. Nnamdi Ezechi (*Ndokwa/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.

Need for Federal Government Intervention to Address Riverside Erosion in Onyah Community, Ndokwa East, Leading to Loss of Lives and Property:

The House:

Notes that the riverside erosion in Onyah community of Ndokwa East, Delta State, has caused devastating losses over the past few years, including the destruction of homes, markets, school buildings, and other critical community assets;

Also notes that Onyah community is experiencing an alarming rate of erosion, leading to the loss of significant land and infrastructure, threatening the livelihoods and safety of its residents;

Further notes that the town is on the verge of being wiped out by this natural disaster, and immediate intervention is necessary to prevent further destruction and displacement;

Concerned that the continued erosion without intervention could lead to a large-scale humanitarian crisis, with many families displaced and losing their sources of income, which will further exacerbate poverty and hardship in the region;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately provide relief materials to the affected residents of Onyah community, including temporary shelter, food, and medical supplies, to alleviate the suffering of displaced individuals;
- (ii) call on the Ecological Fund Office to prioritize the construction of erosion control infrastructure in Onyah community as part of its efforts to mitigate the impact of natural disasters in vulnerable regions;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Ecological Fund to liaise with the Ecological Fund Office to assess the erosion situation in Onyah and develop long-term erosion control measures (*Hon. Nnamdi Ezechi — Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the riverside erosion in Onyah community of Ndokwa East, Delta State, has caused devastating losses over the past few years, including the destruction of homes, markets, school buildings, and other critical community assets;

Also noted that Onyah community is experiencing an alarming rate of erosion, leading to the loss of significant land and infrastructure, threatening the livelihoods and safety of its residents;

Further noted that the town is on the verge of being wiped out by this natural disaster, and immediate intervention is necessary to prevent further destruction and displacement;

Concerned that the continued erosion without intervention could lead to a large-scale humanitarian crisis, with many families displaced and losing their sources of income, which will further exacerbate poverty and hardship in the region;

Resolved to:

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 - (iii) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Ecological Fund to liaise with the Ecological Fund Office to assess the erosion situation in Onyah and develop long-term erosion control measures (**HR. 67/09/2024**).
- (vi) ***Need to Repair the Asaba - Onitsha Expressway and East - West Road in Delta State:***
Hon. Ngozi Okolie (*Aniocha/Oshimili Federal Constituency and 1 other*) 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 Repair the Asaba-Onitsha Expressway and East-West Road in Delta State:

The House:

Notes that the Asaba/Onitsha Expressway and the East-West Road, both in Delta State, is a high traffic road within and across the State which aids and facilitates the conduct of commercial activities both within and outside the State;

Aware that the road is of immense benefit to the movement of goods, services and individuals to and from several parts of the country to the overall benefit of the nation's economy;

Concerned that this very important highway has been left in a terrible state of disrepair which has hindered the quick, and free movement of persons and goods and has caused several accidents as well as creating a safe haven for criminal activities;

Worried that with the present state of the road, commercial activities and the security of lives and properties of the residents would be immensely affected, resulting in a paralyzed economic activity within the region;

Observes that if the road is repaired, it would boost economic activities and also improve the security situation in the region;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to immediately commence immediate repairs on the Asaba/Onitsha Expressway and East-West Road in Delta State;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on FERMA, Works and other relevant Committees to

ensure compliance (*Hon. Ngozi Lawrence Okolie — Aniocha/Oshimili Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Asaba/Onitsha Expressway and the East-West Road, both in Delta State, is a high traffic road within and across the State which aids and facilitates the conduct of commercial activities both within and outside the State;

Aware that the road is of immense benefit to the movement of goods, services and individuals to and from several parts of the country to the overall benefit of the nation's economy;

Concerned that this very important highway has been left in a terrible state of disrepair which has hindered the quick, and free movement of persons and goods and has caused several accidents as well as creating a safe haven for criminal activities;

Worried that with the present state of the road, commercial activities and the security of lives and properties of the residents would be immensely affected, resulting in a paralyzed economic activity within the region;

Observed that if the road is repaired, it would boost economic activities and also improve the security situation in the region;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to immediately commence immediate repairs on the Asaba/Onitsha Expressway and East-West Road in Delta State;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on FERMA, Works and other relevant Committees to ensure compliance (**HR. 68/09/2024**).

7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1630).
- (2) National Assembly Security Service (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1632).
- (3) Agricultural Extension Services Revitalization Bill, 2024 (HB.1680).
- (4) Tourism Development Trust Fund Bill, 2024 (HB.1682).
- (5) Federal Universities of Technology Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1684).
- (6) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1690).
- (7) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1691).
- (8) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1692).

- (9) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1745).
- (10) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1746).

8. Presentation of Reports

(i) *Committee on Federal Capital Territory:*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration's Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration account, the total sum of ₦288,000,000,000 (Two Hundred and-Eighty-Eight Billion) only, of which the sum of ₦31,000,000,000 (thirty-one billion, one hundred million Naira) only, is for Over Head Costs; while the sum of ₦256,900,000,000 (two hundred and fifty six billion, nine hundred million Naira) only, is for Capital Projects; for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory Administration, Abuja, for the Financial year ending 31 December, 2024” (*Hon. Aliyu Mukhtar Betara — Biu/Kwaya-Kusar/Shani/Bayo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) *Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions:*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for the Establishment of National Institute for Oil Palm Research, Ijebu-Igbo, Ogun State; and for Related Matters (HB 655)” (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) *Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions:*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for the Establishment of Agricultural And Energy Technical Institute, Nasarawa Eggon, Nasarawa State; and for Related Matters (HB.116)” (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) *Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions:*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Agriculture, Agila, Benue State that shall provide full-time Courses of Agriculture, Teaching Instruction and Training in Sciences, Social Sciences, Commerce, Arts, Applied Sciences, Management and Humanities; and carry out Research, Innovation, Development and Adaptation of Teaching Techniques, and for Related Matters, 2024 (HB. 11)” (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) ***Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions:***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for the Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture and Vocational Studies, Ako-Nike, Enugu State; and for Related Matters (HB. 887)” (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Chartered Institute of Business Educators of Nigeria (CIBEN) charged with responsibility of Advancing the study, Training and Practice of Business Educators of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1112) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Chartered Institute of Business Educators of Nigeria (CIBEN) charged with responsibility of Advancing the study, Training and Practice of Business Educators of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1112) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Moshood Olanrewaju Oshun — Lagos Mainland 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 Commerce.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to create a new State in the South-Eastern Region of Nigeria known as Aba State and for Related Matters (HB. 1578) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the provision of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to create a new State in the South-Eastern Region of Nigeria known as Aba State and for Related Matters (HB. 1578) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ginger Onwusibe — Isiala Ngwa North/South Federal Constituency and 3 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 Constitution Review.

11. **Need to Investigate Gross Inefficiency of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) for Improved Service delivery to Nigerians**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Health Insurance Act (NHIA) 2022, which replaced the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, seeks to promote, regulate, and integrate health insurance schemes, secure

mandatory health insurance for every Nigerian and legal resident, and establish a fund for subsidy on health insurance coverage for vulnerable persons and payment of health insurance premiums for indigents;

Also notes that since the passage of the National Health Insurance Act of 2022, the scheme has enjoyed the cooperation of the National Assembly in terms of annual budgetary allocations for it to perform optimally in delivering its mandate to Nigerians, with the primary objective to ensure affordability of health care for all, especially the poorest and most vulnerable Nigerians;

Concerned that enrollees in urban and semi-urban settlements have received extremely poor service from Health Maintenance Organisations (HMOs), both private and public healthcare facilitates, which is distressing given the harsh reality that Nigerians are faced with the removal of fuel subsidy and other economic policies of the government;

Also concerned that the attitude of medical personnel and healthcare service providers treats enrollee patients as trash, subjecting Nigerians to unnecessary delay with the aim of frustrating patients from accessing services while the HMOs smile to bank monthly for services poorly rendered, a situation many Nigerians describe as dehumanizing and fraudulent;

Aware that some enrollees have recently chosen to pay in full for medical services in establishments other than the HMO they subscribed to, in order to avoid needless stress and, harassment, that characterize the enrollee patients like beggars devoid of human dignity and respect;

Further concerned that this scenario could further undermine Nigerians' trust in the programme if left unchecked and considering how crucial a healthy population is to the country's productivity. The purportedly dehumanising treatment of enrollees and the regular out-of-stock or shortage of necessary medications and consumables in the majority of HMOs requires an investigation;

Worried that wherever possible, enrolled patients are made to purchase out-of-stock drugs and consumables outside; they often do so without a refund or any form of compensation from the HMOs, which raises questions about the integrity of the scheme;

Also worried about the growing allegations of abysmal service expressed by Nigerians with different unpleasant accounts of frustrations and dehumanised treatments in various HMOs across the nation;

Recognises that unchecked behaviour of this kind would amount to fraud and gross disservice to the Nigerian citizens on whose behalf the government is funding the programme, as well as further eroding the citizens' faith in the current administration's Renewed Hope Agenda;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to investigate the cause of the alleged gross inefficiency of the National Health Insurance Scheme and recommend ways the scheme can be made to function more efficiently and report within four (4) weeks; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the National Health Insurance Act (NHIA) 2022, which replaced the National Health Insurance Scheme Act, seeks to promote, regulate, and integrate health insurance schemes, secure

mandatory health insurance for every Nigerian and legal resident, and establish a fund for subsidy on health insurance coverage for vulnerable persons and payment of health insurance premiums for indigents;

Also noted that since the passage of the National Health Insurance Act of 2022, the scheme has enjoyed the cooperation of the National Assembly in terms of annual budgetary allocations for it to perform optimally in delivering its mandate to Nigerians, with the primary objective to ensure affordability of health care for all, especially the poorest and most vulnerable Nigerians;

Concerned that enrollees in urban and semi-urban settlements have received extremely poor service from Health Maintenance Organisations (HMOs), both private and public healthcare facilities, which is distressing given the harsh reality that Nigerians are faced with the removal of fuel subsidy and other economic policies of the government;

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12. Call to Commence Academic Activities at Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron, Akwa Ibom State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the legislative framework which upgraded the Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron to the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron was assented to by the former President. Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR) in 2023;

Also notes that the Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria with well-equipped structures on ground to function as a base for specialised Maritime Education;

Aware that employers in the Maritime field place a high value on Maritime course graduates which improves their chances of gainful employment and access to the wider maritime operations;

Convinced that the establishment of the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron will afford the students the opportunity to specialize in International Shipping, Marine Transport, Marine Security among other related fields, since the Maritime industry is at the forefront of international trade;

Worried that since its approval, the Federal University of Maritime Studies is yet to commence academic activities;

Also worried that economic and commercial activities across Communities in Oron/Mbo/Okobo/Udung Uko/Urueoffong Oruko Federal Constituency, which should receive a boost following the presence of a functional Maritime University have been stalled;

Resolves to:

- (i) invite the Hon. Minister of Education and the Executive Secretary of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) to brief the Committee on University Education on the delay in the commencement of academic activities at the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron, Akwa Ibom State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education, the Nigerian Universities Commission (NUC), and the Tertiary Education Trust Fund to set out modalities for the commencement of academic activities at the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on University Education, TETFUND and Other Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon Martins Esin — Mbo/Okobo/Oron/Udung Uko/Urue Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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Also noted that the Maritime Academy of Nigeria, Oron was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria with well-equipped structures on ground to function as a base for specialised Maritime Education;

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- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education, the Nigerian Universities Commission (NUC), and the Tertiary Education Trust Fund to set out modalities for the commencement of academic activities at the Federal University of Maritime Studies, Oron; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on University Education, TETFUND and Other Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (**HR. 70/09/2024**).

13. Need to Implement Safety Measures against Gully Erosion Menace in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Section 14(2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the security, safety, and welfare of the people of Nigeria shall be the primary purpose of government;

Also notes that the ravaging effect of the coastal erosion across the country has posed a significant threat to the security and livelihoods of many communities, highlighting the urgent need for government intervention and sustainable solutions to protect the citizens and their environment;

Aware that the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of the ecological environment in local communities in Moba, Ilejemeje, and Ido-Osi Federal Constituency of Ekiti State is crucial for safe movement of goods and services;

Also aware that the erosion tragedy could lead to the collapse of the entire rural agricultural economy in vital food-producing regions;

Concerned about the threat of gully erosion and its devastating consequences on the livelihoods and safety of the indigenous people and residents of the country. In addition, the problem of gully erosion has flooded a lot of structures, churches, farms, places of worship, schools, and football fields, and the roads are in a deplorable state;

Also concerned that the issue of gully erosion poses a significant threat to the indigenous people of the communities, causing flooding of various structures, churches, farms, schools, and football fields further complicating the financial security of the people and displaced residents;

Further concerned that if quick action is not taken to avert the disaster, the consequences of severe flooding at the height of the rainy season could spark a looming danger and ultimately result in the deaths of well-meaning Nigerians due to erosion. As a result, reclamation and shore protection measures must be put in place to address the threat to communities that could otherwise disappear;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works, Federal Roads and Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and Ecological Fund Office to urgently fund the construction of a new route that will link affected communities in each State across Nigeria;

- (ii) also urge National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to ensure the resettlement of displaced residents in affected areas and provide relief materials;
- (iii) further urge the Ecological Fund Office (EFO) and NEMA to jointly agree and engage relevant experts to implement measures, such as slope stabilization, gabion installations, terracing, re-vegetation, and construction of losses, and minimize the risks to nearby infrastructure, communities;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Environment to embark on a tour of the affected communities to assess the damages and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Kolawole Davidson Akinlayo — Ido/Osi/Moba/Ilejemeje Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 71/09/2024).

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

14. Consideration of Reports

(i) Committee on Federal Capital Territory:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration's Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration account, the total sum of ₦288,000,000,000 (Two Hundred and-Eighty-Eight Billion) only, of which the sum of ₦31,100,000,000 (thirty-one billion, one hundred million Naira) only, is for Over Head Costs; while the sum of ₦256,900,000,000 (two hundred and fifty six billion, nine hundred million Naira) only, is for Capital Projects; for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory Administration, Abuja, for the Financial year ending 31 December, 2024” (*Hon. Aliyu Mukhtar Betara — Biu/Kwaya-Kusar/Shani/Bayo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

ISSUANCE FROM THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION'S STATUTORY REVENUE FUND OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT, THE TOTAL SUM OF ₦288,000,000,000 (TWO HUNDRED AND-EIGHTY-EIGHT BILLION) ONLY, OF WHICH THE SUM OF ₦31,100,000,000 (THIRTY-ONE BILLION, ONE HUNDRED MILLION NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR OVER HEAD COSTS; WHILE THE SUM OF ₦256,900,000,000 (TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY SIX BILLION, NINE HUNDRED MILLION NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS; FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION, ABUJA, FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER, 2024

SCHEDULE

PART A — RECURRENT NON -DEBT EXPENDITURE

FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY FIRST LINE CHARGE

**2024 Supplementary
Appropriation (₦)**

(1) Federal Capital Territory Administration	
Personnel Costs	0
Overhead Costs	15,000,000,000
Sub-Total	15,000,000,000
(2) Health and Human Services Secretariat	
Personnel Costs	0
Overhead Costs	100,000,000
Sub-Total	100,000,000
(3) Youth Department	
Personnel Costs	0
Overhead Costs	11,000,000,000
Sub-Total	11,000,000,000
(4) FCT Water Board	
Personnel Costs	0
Overhead Costs	2,100,000,000
Sub-Total	2,100,000,000
(5) Abuja Environmental Protection Board	
Personnel Costs	0
Overhead Costs	2,900,000,000
Sub-Total	2,900,000,000
General Summary:	
Total Personnel	0
Total Overhead	31,100,000,000
Total Recurrent	31,100,000,000

Question:

That the Expenditure of Thirty-One Billion, One Hundred Million Naira (₦31,100,000,000) for the purposes set out under Recurrent Costs do stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Supplementary Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2024 — *Agreed to.*

PART B — CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

(1) Engineering Services, FCDA	110,400,000,000
(2) Public Building, FCDA	41,000,000,000
(3) Resettlement and Compensation Department	2,500,000,000
(4) Facilities Maintenance and Management Department	20,000,000,000
(5) Satellite Towns Development Department	83,000,000,000
Total Capital	256,900,000,000

Question:

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Fifty-Six Billion, Nine Hundred Million Naira (₦256,900,000,000) for the purposes set out under Capital Costs do stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Supplementary Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2024 — *Agreed to.*

Grand Total Recurrent and Capital **288,000,000,000**

Main Question:

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Eighty-Eight Trillion Naira (₦288,000,000,000) for the purposes set out under the Recurrent and Capital Costs do stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2024 — *Agreed to.*

Clause 1: Issuance of ₦288,000,000,000 from Federal Capital Territory Administration

Statutory Revenue Fund.

- (1) The Director of Treasury of the Federal Capital Territory Administration shall, when authorized to do so by warrants signed by the Minister Federal Capital Territory Administration with responsibility to pay out of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration during the financial year 2024 the sum specified by the warrants, not exceeding in the aggregate ₦288,000,000,000.00 (two hundred and eighty eight billion Naira) only.
- (2) The amount mentioned in section (1) of this section shall be appropriated to heads of expenditure as indicated in the schedule to this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 1 be retained (*Hon. Muktar Aliyu Betera — Biu/Kwaya-Kusar/Shani/Bayo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Release of Funds.

All amounts appropriated under this Act shall be made from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund only for the purposes specified in the schedule to this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Hon. Muktar Aliyu Betera — Biu/Kwaya-Kusar/Shani/Bayo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Payment of Revenue into the Statutory Account.

- (1) All revenues accruing to the Federal Capital Territory Administration, including the Statutory Revenue distribution shall be paid into the Federal Capital Territory Administration's Statutory Revenue Account.
- (2) No monies shall be withdrawn from the Account mentioned in section 3 (1) above without appropriation by the National Assembly.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 3 be retained (*Hon. Muktar Aliyu Betera — Biu/Kwaya-Kusar/Shani/Bayo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Waiver not to incur expenditure.

Where, due to revenue shortfall, amounts appropriated under this Act cannot be funded, the Minister of Federal Capital Territory shall seek from the National Assembly a waiver not to incur such expenditure.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Hon. Muktar Aliyu Betera — Biu/Kwaya-Kusar/Shani/Bayo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Capital Territory Supplementary Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2024.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Hon. Muktar Aliyu Betera — Biu/Kwaya-Kusar/Shani/Bayo Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.
Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration's Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration account, the total sum of ₦288,000,000,000 (Two Hundred and-Eighty-Eight Billion) only, of which the sum of ₦31,100,000,000 (thirty-one billion, one hundred million Naira) only, is for Over Head Costs; while the sum of ₦256,900,000,000 (two hundred and fifty six billion, nine hundred million Naira) only, is for Capital Projects; for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory Administration, Abuja, for the Financial year ending 31 December, 2024 and approved Clauses 1 - 5, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Dengi-Kanam, Plateau State, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and for Related Matters (HB. 35) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Dengi-Kanam, Plateau State, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and for Related Matters (HB. 35)" (Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, DENG-KANAM, PLATEAU STATE, TO PROVIDE FULL-TIME COURSES, TEACHING INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING IN TECHNOLOGY, APPLIED SCIENCE, ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND MANAGEMENT; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: Establishment of Federal College of Education, Dengi-Kanam, Plateau State.

- (1) There is established the Federal College of Education, Dengi-Kanam (in this Bill referred to as "the College").
- (2) The College shall —
 - (a) be a body corporate with perpetual succession and common seal; and
 - (b) have power to acquire and dispose of interest in movable and immovable properties.

- (3) The College may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Governing Council of the College.

- (1) The governance and direction of the affairs of the College shall rest in the Governing Council of the College (in the Act referred to as "the Council").
- (2) The Council shall have the responsibility to consider and approve the —
- (a) programme of studies to be undertaken in the College;
 - (b) annual estimates of the College; and
 - (c) investment plan of the College.
- (3) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the Council as mentioned in the Schedule (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Membership of the Council of the College.

The Council of the College shall consist of —

- (a) a Chairman and other members to be appointed by the President;
- (b) a representative of the Federal Ministry responsible for Education;
- (c) a representative of the University of which the College is affiliated for the purpose of moderation;
- (d) two representatives of the Academic Board of the College;
- (e) a representative of the National Commission for Colleges of Education; and
- (f) the Provost of the College (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Tenure of members of the Council.

- (1) A member of the Council, other than the ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of four years and subject to the provision of subsection (2), shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term of four years and no more.
- (2) The office of a member appointed under section 3 of this Bill shall become vacant if the —
- (a) member resigns by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the Minister; or
 - (b) Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the College for the member appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in

writing to that effect (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Functions of the College.

The functions of the College shall be to —

- (a) provide full-time courses, teaching instruction and training in —
 - (i) technology, applied sciences, arts, social sciences, humanities and management, and
 - (ii) such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of development of Nigeria;
- (b) conduct courses in education for qualified teachers;
- (c) arrange conferences, seminars and workshops relative to the functions of the College; and
- (d) perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may serve to promote the objectives of the College (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Power of the Council.

The Council shall have power to —

- (a) hold examinations and grant National Certificates in Education (NCE), Diplomas, professional certificates and other distinctions to persons, who have pursued courses of study approved and accredited by the National Commission for Colleges of Education;
- (b) hold examinations in education for qualified teachers;
- (c) recruit staff and determine structure of such staff;
- (d) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the College for the purpose of instruction, such fees as the Council may with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;
- (e) hold public lectures and undertake printing, publishing and selling of books;
- (f) award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles;
- (g) establish and maintain such schools and other teaching units with the College or extra mural departments as the Council may from time to time determine;
- (h) erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational, recreational and residential facilities as the College may require;
- (i) create lectureships and other academic posts and offices and to make appointments accordingly;
- (j) receive and make gifts;

- (k) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the objectives of the College;
- (l) provide amenities for and make such other provision for the welfare of the staff and students of the College;
- (m) encourage and make provision for research in the College; and
- (n) do such acts and things whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the College (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 7: Visitation.

- (1) The Minister responsible for Education shall be the Visitor of the College.
- (2) The Visitor shall, at least, not less than once in every five years, conduct a visitation to the College or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less than five experts to conduct the visitation —
 - (a) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative performance of the College; or
 - (b) for such other purpose as the Visitor may deem fit (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 8: The Academic Board and its functions.

- (1) There is established for the College a Board known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members —
 - (a) the Provost of the College as Chairman;
 - (b) all Heads of Departments;
 - (c) the College Bursar;
 - (d) the College Librarian; and
 - (e) not more than three members of the academic staff other than the heads of departments to be appointed by the Council.
- (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for —
 - (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the College including the regulation of admission of students, and award of certificates, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinction; and
 - (b) discharging any other functions which the Council may from time to time delegate to it (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 8 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 9: Power of Minister.

The Minister may give to the Council directions of a general nature or relating generally to matters with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directions (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 9 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 10: The Provost of the College.

- (1) There shall be a Provost for the College who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of the Provost, the Council shall —
 - (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable, widely read newspaper in Nigeria specifying —
 - (i) the qualities of a person who may apply for the post, and
 - (ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, andthereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration of the Minister.
- (3) The President shall appoint as Provost one of the candidates recommended by the Minister.
- (4) Subject to the general control of the Council the Provost shall be the chief executive of the College and shall be charged with general responsibility for matters relating to the management and operations of the College.
- (5) The Provost shall hold office for a term of five years only and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 10 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 11: Deputy Provosts.

- (1) There shall be for the College, two Deputy Provosts —
 - (a) Deputy Provost (Academic); and
 - (b) Deputy Provost (Administration).
- (2) The Council shall nominate the Deputy Provosts from among the Chief Lecturers in the College in any of the following ways —
 - (a) from a list of five candidates in order of preference, submitted by the Provost;
 - (b) on the recommendation of a Selection Board constituted for that purpose; or
 - (c) on the nomination of the Provost.

- (3) The Selection Board referred to in subsection 2 (b) shall consist of —
- (a) the Chairman of the Council;
 - (b) the Provost of the College;
 - (c) two members of the Academic Board; and
 - (d) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board.
- (4) (a) The Deputy Provost (Academic) shall —
- (i) assist the Provost in the performance of his functions in academic matters of the College;
 - (ii) act as the Provost when the post of the Provost is vacant or if the Provost is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions;
- (b) The Deputy Provost (Administration) shall —
- (i) assist the Provost in administrative matters of the college, and
 - (ii) perform such other functions as the Provost or the Council may assign to him.
- (5) Each of the Deputy Provosts shall hold office for a term of two years and no more (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 11 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 12: The Registrar and other staff of the College.

- (1) There shall be a Registrar for the College to be appointed by the Council.
- (2) The Registrar shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council.
- (3) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to —
- (a) the Council;
 - (b) the Academic Board of the Council; and
 - (c) any committee of the Council.
- (4) The Registrar may perform any duty assigned to him by the Council or the Provost.
- (5) The Registrar shall hold office for a term of five years and no more (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 12 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 13: Other principal officers of the College.

- (1) There shall be for the College in addition to the Registrar —
 - (a) the Bursar; and
 - (b) the College Librarian,who shall be appointed by the Council.
- (2) The Bursar shall be the chief financial officer of the College and be responsible to the Provost for the administration and control of the financial affairs of the College.
- (3) The College Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the College library and coordination of the library services in the teaching units of the College.
- (4) The Bursar and the College Librarian shall each hold office for a term of five years and no more (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 13 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 14: Resignation of appointment of principal officer.

A principal officer of the College may resign his appointment -

- (a) in case of the Provost by notice to the Visitor; and
- (b) in any other case by advise to the Council (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 14 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 15: Other employees of the College.

- (1) The Council may appoint other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may deem necessary to assist the Provost and the principal officers in the performance of their functions.
- (2) The remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the employees of the College shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 15 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 16: Pensions.

Service in the College shall be approved service for the purpose of the Pensions Reform Act and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the College shall be entitled to pension, gratuity and other retirement benefits as may be prescribed in their respective letters of appointment (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 16 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 17: Selection Board.

- (1) There shall be a Selection Board for the College which shall consist of —
 - (a) the Chairman of the Council;

- (b) the Provost;
 - (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board; and
 - (d) two members of the Academic Board.
- (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under subsection (1) shall be determined from time to time by the Council (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 17 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 18: Fund of the College.

- (1) The College shall establish and maintain a Fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives of this Bill.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund established under subsection (1) —
- (a) such sums as may from time to time be granted by the Federal Government through the National Commission for Colleges of Education;
 - (b) all money raised by the Council by way of gifts, grants-in-aid or testamentary disposition;
 - (c) all subscription fees and charges for services rendered by the Council; and
 - (d) all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any sources.
- (3) The Council shall submit to the Minister, through the National Commission for Colleges of Education, not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such other time as the Minister may direct an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next financial year (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 18 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 19: Power to accept gifts.

- (1) The College may accept gifts, money or of other property upon such terms and conditions, as may be specified by the person making the gifts.
- (2) The College shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached to the gift are inconsistent with the objectives of the College (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 19 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 20: Accounts and audit.

The College shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, allocations, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be audited (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 20 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 21: Annual reports.

The Council shall as soon as may be after the expiration of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its activities during the immediate preceding financial year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the College for that year and of the auditor's report of the accounts (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 21 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 22: Interpretation.

In this Bill —

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Chairman" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"College" means the Federal College of Education, Dengi-Kanam established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "College" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Council" means the Governing Council of the College established under section 2 of this Bill (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Council" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"function" includes power and duties (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "function" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minster" means the Minster charged with the responsibility for education (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Minister" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Member" means a member of the Council including the Chairman (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Member" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Provost" means the Provost of the College appointed under section 10 of this Bill (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word “Provost” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 22 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 23: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Education, Dengi-Kanam (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 23 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Explanation Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Education, Dengi-Kanam, Plateau State as institution to offer full-time courses leading to the award of National Certificates of Education, Diplomas, etc. (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education Dengi-Kanam, Plateau State, to Provide Full-time Courses, Teaching Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 35) (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education Dengi-Kanam, Plateau State, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and for Related Matters (HB. 35) and approved Clauses 1 - 23, the Schedule, 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.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration's Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration account, the total sum of ₦288,000,000,000 (Two Hundred and-Eighty-Eight Billion) only, of which the sum of ₦31,100,000 (thirty-one billion, one hundred million Naira) only, is for Over Head Costs; while the sum of ₦256,900,000 (two hundred and fifty six billion, nine hundred million Naira) only, is for Capital Projects; for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory Administration, Abuja, for the Financial year ending 31 December, 2024 — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration's Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration account, the total sum of ₦288,000,000,000 (Two Hundred and-Eighty-Eight Billion) only, of which the sum of ₦31,100,000 (thirty-one billion, one hundred million Naira) only, is for Over Head Costs; while the sum of ₦256,900,000 (two hundred and fifty six billion, nine hundred million Naira) only, is for Capital Projects; for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory Administration, Abuja, for the Financial year ending 31 December, 2024 be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

16. Adjournment of First Sitting

That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 2.00 p.m. (Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 12.56 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker