



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 28 November, 2024

1. The House met at 11.02 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 27 November, 2024.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**

(i) **Visitors in the Gallery:**

Mr Deputy Speaker announced the presence of the following:

- (i) Members of the National Association of Public Administration Students (NAPAS), Federal Polytechnic, Nasarawa State;
- (ii) Staff and Students of DE Supreme Model Academy, Nursery, Primary & Secondary School, Iddo Sarki, Abuja;

(ii) **Bereavement:**

Mr Deputy Speaker read a communication from Hon. Paul Gowon Haruna (*Bassa/Dekina Federal Constituency*) announcing the demise of Hon. Joel Abuh (*Bassa/Dekina Federal Constituency 1979 - 1983*).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

5. **Executive Session**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resolve into a Closed Session" (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader). — Agreed to.

Closed Session — 11. 15 a.m

Open Session — 1. 32 p.m.

6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Mangu, Plateau State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1748).
- (2) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1876).
- (3) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Increase the number of Judges) Bill, 2024 (HB.1877).
- (4) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1944).
- (5) Grain Research Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1945).
- (6) National Mushroom Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1946).

7. Presentation of Reports

- (i) ***Ad-hoc Committee on the Screening and Confirmation of the Acting Chief of Army Staff:***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Confirmation/Screening of the Acting Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General Olufemi Olatubosun Oluyede as the Chief of Army Staff of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria” (*Hon. Babajimi Benson Adegoke — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (ii) ***Report of the Conference Committee:***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish North Central Development Commission charged with the Responsibility, among other things, to Receive and Manage Funds from Allocation of the Federation Account for the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Roads, Houses and other Infrastructural Damages Suffered by the Region as a result of the effect of the Communal Crises as well as tackle the Ecological Problems and any other Related Environmental or Developmental challenges in the North Central States and for Related Matters” (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (iii) ***Report of the Conference Committee:***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act, Cap. N30, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters” (*Hon. Abbas Adigun Adekunle — Ibadan North East/Ibadan South East. Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

- (iv) ***Report of the Conference Committee:***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the

Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish South - South Development Commission charged with the responsibility to receive and manage funds from the Federation Account allocation and other sources, Donations, Grants, Aids for the Integration, Development, Resolution of Infrastructural Deficit, Militancy, Communal crisis as well as tackle Ecological, Environmental problems and for Related Matters” (*Hon. Frederick Yeitiemone Agbedi — Ekeremor/Sagbama Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) Committee on Health Institutions:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend Federal Medical Centres Act and to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Afam, Rivers State, and for Related Matters (HB. 1191)” (*Hon. Adedayo Adesola Samuel — Apapa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vi) Committee on Health Institutions:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend Federal Medical Centres Act and to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Mallam Madori, Jigawa State, and for Related Matters (HB. 1594)” (*Hon. Adedayo Adesola Samuel — Apapa Federal Constituency Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(vii) Committee on Health Institutions:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an to Amend Federal Medical Centres Act and to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Epe, Lagos State, and for Related Matters (HB. 1449)” (*Hon. Adedayo Adesola Samuel — Apapa Federal Constituency Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(viii) Committee on Health Institutions:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend Federal Medical Centres Act and to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Okehi, Kogi State to provide Primary to Tertiary Healthcare Services in all ramifications; and for Related Matters (HB. 776)” (*Hon. Adedayo Adesola Samuel — Apapa Federal Constituency Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ix) Committee on Health Institutions:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to provide for Establish of Federal

College of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Sciences, Damagun, Fune, Yobe State, and for Related Matters (HB. 1022)” (*Hon. Adedayo Adesola Samuel — Apapa Federal Constituency Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(x) Committee on Health Institutions:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to provide for Establish of Federal College of Nursing, Midwifery, Hawul, Borno State, and for Related Matters (HB. 280)” (*Hon. Adedayo Adesola Samuel — Apapa Federal Constituency Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xi) Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Polytechnics Act, Cap. F17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal Institute of Technical and Vocational Education, Imeko, Ogun State for the purpose of Providing Qualitative Education in Technical Education and Vocational Education and for Related Matters (HB. 506)” (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xii) Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Polytechnics Commission to Supervise, Regulate and Co-Ordinate Polytechnics Education In Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 673)” (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xiii) Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Institute, Okota/Oshodi, Lagos State, to Provide Qualitative Education in Vocational and Entrepreneurship and for Related Matters (HB. 226)” (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(xiv) Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College Yankaba, Kano State to Provide for

Research, Teaching, Instruction and Training on Vocational and Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters (HB.592)” (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. Consolidation of Bill:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the National Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Robotic Studies, Somolu, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB.143); a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the National Artificial Intelligence and Robotic Sciences Regulation Commission and for the Related Matters (HB. 601); a Bill for an Act to ensure Proper Control of Usage of Artificial Intelligence (Ai) Technology in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 942); and a Bill for an act to Regulate the Development, Deployment, and use of Artificial Intelligence in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1810) be now consolidated (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

9. Order of the Day

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do set down items 2 - 30 on the Order Paper till another legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3)” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

10. Consideration of Report

Ad-hoc Committee on the Screening and Confirmation of the Acting Chief of Army Staff:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Confirmation/Screening of the Acting Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General Olufemi Olatubosun Oluyede as the Chief of Army Staff of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria” (*Hon. Babajimi Benson Adegoke — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

“That Lt Gen. Olufemi Olatubosun Oluyede be confirmed as the Chief of Army Staff of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, having successfully undergone the screening process of the *Ad-hoc* Committee” (*Hon. Babajimi Benson Adegoke — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Confirmation/Screening of the Acting Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General Olufemi Olatubosun Oluyede as the Chief of Army Staff of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

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

11. Adjournment of First Sitting

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

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.55 p.m.

Benjamin Okezie Kalu
Deputy Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 18 July, 2024, page 463, item No. 13, *leave out* the Referral and *insert* as follows:

“Bill referred to the Committee on Health Institutions.”

Benjamin Okezie Kalu
Deputy Speaker