

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 31 July, 2024

- 1. The House met at 1.15 p.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayer.
- 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 *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 23 July, 2024.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

## 4. Announcement

#### Bereavement:

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Peter Ifeanyi Uzokwe (*Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of Senator Ifeanyi Ubah (*Anambra South Senatorial District*), on Saturday, 27 July, 2024.

A minute silence was observed in his honor.

## 5. Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 5)

Capacity of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) for Swift and Effective Responses to National Emergencies:

Hon. Ahmed Idris (Wase 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.

Capacity of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) for Swift and Effective Responses to National Emergencies:

#### The House:

*Notes* with concern the increasing frequency and severity of natural disasters, pandemic, and other emergencies in Nigeria, which pose a significant threat to human life, livelihoods, and national security;

Also notes the critical role of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in responding to emergencies and disasters across our nation, and acknowledges the need to enhance NEMA's capacity to effectively respond to these increasing challenges;

Aware that the Agency is saddled with the responsibility of coordinating and implementing efficient disaster response and relief measures, ensuring the safety and well-being of our citizens during crisis. However, recent incidents have highlighted a significant gap in our emergency response capabilities, particularly in search and rescue and medical evacuation;

Also aware that the current fleet of air ambulances and helicopters is inadequate to cover our country's vast and diverse terrain. This limitation hampers the agency's ability to respond swiftly and effectively to emergencies, particularly in remote and inaccessible areas;

Worried about the rise in natural and man-made disasters, including floods, earthquakes, and industrial accidents, the demand for rapid response and medical evacuation has surged. The current capabilities are stretched thin, leaving many vulnerable citizens without timely assistance;

Further aware that in emergencies, time is of the essence; delays in search and rescue operations or medical evacuations can result in increased fatalities and injuries; enhancing NEMA's air capabilities will significantly reduce response times, thereby saving lives and mitigating the impact of disasters;

Cognizant of the urgent need for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to acquire additional air ambulances and helicopters to enhance its capacity for search and rescue operations, as well as medical evacuations as NEMA currently have one Air ambulance and one Bell 429 Helicopter which were procured since 2014 from funds appropriated by the 7th Assembly;

Also worried about the negative consequences of the Nigerian Air Force and the Nigeria Police taking over the Air ambulance and Helicopter from NEMA, which has further depleted the Agency's assets and compromised its ability to respond effectively to emergencies;

## Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to:
  - (a) prioritize and provide funding for the procurement of additional air ambulances and helicopters equipped with advanced medical facilities and search and rescue capabilities to be deployed to key locations across the country, enabling swift mobilization to disaster-stricken areas,
  - (b) review and increase the budgetary provision of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to enable the Agency to invest in the training of its personnel to operate and maintain the equipment, and ensure that our emergency responders are well-prepared to utilize these resources effectively;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Appropriations, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to

liaise with the Budget Office of the Federation and take necessary measures to ensure adequate funding is provided for the Agency in 2025 Budget (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

## **Amendment Proposed:**

*Insert* a new Prayer (iii), as follows:

"mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to evaluate all the requirements that will enable NEMA function efficiently and report within four (4) weeks" (*Hon. Isiaka Ayokunle Ibrahim — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made —  $Agreed\ to$ .

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

*Noted* with concern the increasing frequency and severity of natural disasters, pandemic, and other emergencies in Nigeria, which pose a significant threat to human life, livelihoods, and national security;

Also noted the critical role of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in responding to emergencies and disasters across our nation, and acknowledges the need to enhance NEMA's capacity to effectively respond to these increasing challenges;

Aware that the Agency is saddled with the responsibility of coordinating and implementing efficient disaster response and relief measures, ensuring the safety and well-being of our citizens during crisis. However, recent incidents have highlighted a significant gap in our emergency response capabilities, particularly in search and rescue and medical evacuation;

Also aware that the current fleet of air ambulances and helicopters is inadequate to cover our country's vast and diverse terrain. This limitation hampers the agency's ability to respond swiftly and effectively to emergencies, particularly in remote and inaccessible areas;

Worried about the rise in natural and man-made disasters, including floods, earthquakes, and industrial accidents, the demand for rapid response and medical evacuation has surged. The current capabilities are stretched thin, leaving many vulnerable citizens without timely assistance;

Further aware that in emergencies, time is of the essence; delays in search and rescue operations or medical evacuations can result in increased fatalities and injuries; enhancing NEMA's air capabilities will significantly reduce response times, thereby saving lives and mitigating the impact of disasters;

Cognizant of the urgent need for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to acquire additional air ambulances and helicopters to enhance its capacity for search and rescue operations, as well as medical evacuations as NEMA currently have one Air ambulance and one Bell 429 Helicopter which were procured since 2014 from funds appropriated by the 7th Assembly;

Also worried about the negative consequences of the Nigerian Air Force and the Nigeria Police taking over the Air ambulance and Helicopter from NEMA, which has further depleted the Agency's assets and compromised its ability to respond effectively to emergencies;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to:
  - (a) prioritize and provide funding for the procurement of additional air ambulances and helicopters equipped with advanced medical facilities and search and rescue capabilities to be deployed to key locations across the country, enabling swift mobilization to disaster-stricken areas,
  - (b) review and increase the budgetary provision of the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to enable the Agency to invest in the training of its personnel to operate and maintain the equipment, and ensure that our emergency responders are well-prepared to utilize these resources effectively;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Appropriations, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to liaise with the Budget Office of the Federation and take necessary measures to ensure adequate funding is provided for the Agency in 2025 Budget;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to evaluate all the requirements that will enable NEMA function efficiently and report within four (4) weeks (HR. 56/07/2024).

## 6. Presentation of Report

# Report of Conference Committee:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive and adopt the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Library Trust Fund (Establishment) Act, No. 11 of 2022 to change the name from the National Assembly Library Trust Fund to National Assembly Library and Resource Centre, to provide for additional sources of Funds for the Resource Centre, Eliminate the ambiguity in the Chairmanship position of the Governing Council, Streamline the functions and duties of the Governing Council and the Office of the Director General, and to provide for the application of the Funds of the National Assembly Library Resource Centre to set up the National Assembly Museum and for Related Matters" (Hon. Usman Zannah — Kaga/Gubio/Magumeri Federal Constituency).

## Agreed to.

Report laid.

7. Rescission of the Resolution of the House on the Appropriations Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 pursuant to Order Nine, Rule1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives *Motion made and Question proposed*:

The House:

Notes that the Appropriations Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 was passed on Tuesday 23 July, 2024;

Also notes in the cause of cleaning the Bill, the Directorate of Legal Services observed some legal issues that require reconsideration;

Aware that Clauses 13 and 14 of the Bill as well as the long title and Explanatory Memorandum need to be amended to reflect the intent of the Appropriation Act;

*Cognizant* of the need to rescind the House decision on the Long Title, Explanatory Memorandum and Clauses 13 and 14 of the Bill;

Resolves to:

Rescind the decision on the Long Title, Explanatory Memorandum and clauses 13 and 14 of the Bill and commit same provisions to the Committee of Supply for reconsideration (*Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

# 8. Consideration of Report

## (i) Committee on Appropriations:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Appropriation Act, 2024 and Enact the Appropriation Act, 2024 to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₩35,055,536,770,218 (Thirty-Five Trillion, Fifty-Five Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighteen Naira) only, of which ₹1,742,786,788,150 (One Trillion, Seven Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, \$\frac{1}{18},270,960,606,831\$ (Eight Trillion, Two Hundred and Seventy Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty Million, Six Hundred and Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-One Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₩11,268,513,380,853 (Eleven Trillion, Two Hundred and Sixty-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Thirteen Million, Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₩13,773,275,994,384 (Thirteen Trillion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Four Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2024" (Hon. Usman *Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

# 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)

Issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₹35,055,536,770,218 (thirty-five trillion, fifty-five billion, five hundred and thirty-six million, seven hundred and seventy thousand, two hundred and eighteen Naira) only, of which ₹1,742,786,788,150 (one trillion, seven hundred and forty-two billion, seven hundred and eighty-six million, seven hundred and eighty-eight thousand, one hundred and fifty Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₹8,270,960,606,831 (eight trillion, two hundred and seventy billion, nine hundred and sixty million, six hundred and six thousand, eight hundred and thirty-one Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₹11,268,513,380,853 (eleven trillion, two hundred and sixty-eight billion, five hundred and thirteen million, three hundred and eighty thousand, eight hundred and fifty-three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₹13,773,275,994,384 (thirteen trillion, seven hundred and seventy-three billion, two hundred and seventy-five million, nine hundred and ninety-four thousand, three hundred and eighty-four Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2024

# Clause 13: Repeal and savings provisions.

- (1) The Appropriation Act, 2024 is repealed.
- (2) Except otherwise provided by law or authorised by the National Assembly, any fund appropriated or released or any transaction or contract executed under the repealed Act shall be deemed to have been appropriated or released, or transacted or executed under this Bill.

#### Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 13 be retained (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

#### Clause 14: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Appropriations Bill, 2024.

#### Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 14 be retained (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

## **Explanatory Memorandum:**

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Appropriation Act, 2024 and Enact the Appropriation Act, 2024 to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₹35,055,536,770,218 (Thirty-Five Trillion, Fifty-Five Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighteen Naira) only, of which ₹1,742,786,788,150 (One Trillion, Seven Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₹8,270,960,606,831 (Eight Trillion, Two Hundred and Seventy Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty Million, Six Hundred and Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-One Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₹11,268,513,380,853 (Eleven Trillion, Two Hundred and Sixty-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Thirteen Million, Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₹13,773,275,994,384 (Thirteen Trillion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Four Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2024 (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

## Agreed to.

#### **Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Appropriation Act, 2024 and Enact the Appropriation Act, 2024 to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₹35,055,536,770,218 (Thirty-Five Trillion, Fifty-Five Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighteen Naira) only, of which ₹1,742,786,788,150 (One Trillion, Seven Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₹8,270,960,606,831 (Eight Trillion, Two Hundred and Seventy Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty Million, Six Hundred and Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-One Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₹11,268,513,380,853 (Eleven Trillion, Two Hundred and Sixty-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Thirteen Million, Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₹13,773,275,994,384 (Thirteen Trillion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Four Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for

the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2024 (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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 on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Appropriation Act, 2024 and Enact the Appropriation Act, 2024 to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₩35,055,536,770,218 (Thirty-Five Trillion, Fifty-Five Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighteen Naira) only, of which ₩1,742,786,788,150 (One Trillion, Seven Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₹8,270,960,606,831 (Eight Trillion, Two Hundred and Seventy Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty Million, Six Hundred and Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-One Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₹11,268,513,380,853 (Eleven Trillion, Two Hundred and Sixty-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Thirteen Million, Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₩13,773,275,994,384 (Thirteen Trillion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Four Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2024 and approved Clauses 13, 14, the Explanatory Memorandum 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 Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, to increase the Central Bank of Nigeria's total advances to the Federal Government from five per cent to a Maximum of Fifteen per cent and for Related Matters (HB.1579) (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 Central Bank of Nigeria Act, to increase the Central Bank of Nigeria's total advances to the Federal Government from five per cent to a Maximum of Fifteen per cent and for Related Matters (HB.1579)" (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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 CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA ACT, 2007 TO INCREASE THE CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA'S TOTAL ADVANCES TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM FIVE PERCENT TO A MAXIMUM OF FIFTEEN PERCENT AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

#### Clause 1: Amendment of the Central Bank Act 2007.

The Central Bank Act, 2007 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

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

## Clause 2: Amendment of Section 38.

Section 38 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection (2) as follows —

- (2) By substituting the words "five percent" with the words "Fifteen percent".
  - (2) The total amount of such advances outstanding shall not at any time exceed "Fifteen percent" of the previous year's actual revenue of the Federal Government (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo Chief Whip*).

#### **Amendment Proposed:**

In Clause 2, *leave out* the words "fifteen percent" wherever it occurs in the Bill, and *insert* the words "ten percent" (*Hon. Isiaka Ayokunle Ibrahim* — *Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

#### Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Central Bank Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

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

#### **Explanatory Memorandum:**

The Bill seeks to amend the Central Bank Act, 2007 to increase the Central Bank total advances to the Federal Government from five percent to a maximum of ten percent (*Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip*).

# Agreed to.

# **Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, 2007 to Increase the Central Bank of Nigeria's Total Advances to the Federal Government from Five Percent to a Maximum of Ten Percent and for Related Matters (HB. 1579) (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

# 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 Central Bank of Nigeria Act, to increase the Central Bank of Nigeria's total advances to the Federal Government from five per cent to a Maximum of Ten per cent and for Related Matters. (HB.1579) and approved Clause 1, approved Clause 2 as amended, approved Clause 3, 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.* 

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do Suspend Order Twelve, Rule 4 (1) to enable it take the Third Reading on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Appropriation Act, 2024 and Enact the Appropriation Act, 2024 to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the

Federation the total sum of ₹35,055,536,770,218 (Thirty-Five Trillion, Fifty-Five Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighteen Naira) only, of which ₹1,742,786,788,150 (One Trillion, Seven Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₹8,270,960,606,831 (Eight Trillion, Two Hundred and Seventy Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty Million, Six Hundred and Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-One Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₹11,268,513,380,853 (Eleven Trillion, Two Hundred and Sixty-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Thirteen Million, Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₹13,773,275,994,384 (Thirteen Trillion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Four Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2024" (Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency)

## Agreed to.

9. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Appropriation Act, 2024 and Enact the Appropriation Act, 2024 to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₩35,055,536,770,218 (Thirty-Five Trillion, Fifty-Five Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighteen Naira) only, of which ₹1,742,786,788,150 (One Trillion, Seven Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₹8,270,960,606,831 (Eight Trillion, Two Hundred and Seventy Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty Million, Six Hundred and Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-One Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₹11,268,513,380,853 (Eleven Trillion, Two Hundred and Sixty-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Thirteen Million, Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₹13,773,275,994,384 (Thirteen Trillion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Four Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2024 — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Appropriation Act, 2024 and Enact the Appropriation Act, 2024 to authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₹35,055,536,770,218 (Thirty-Five Trillion, Fifty-Five Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighteen Naira) only, of which ₹1,742,786,788,150 (One Trillion, Seven Hundred and Forty-Two Billion, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Eight Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₹8,270,960,606,831 (Eight Trillion, Two Hundred and Seventy Billion, Nine Hundred and Sixty Million, Six Hundred and Six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty-One Naira) only, is for Debt Service, \\11,268,513,380,853 (Eleven Trillion, Two Hundred and Sixty-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Thirteen Million, Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₹13,773,275,994,384 (Thirteen Trillion, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Eighty-Four Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2024 be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

## Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do Suspend Order Twelve, Rule 4 (1) to enable it take the Third Reading on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria Act,

to increase the Central Bank of Nigeria's total advances to the Federal Government from five per cent to a Maximum of Ten per cent and for Related Matters (HB.1579)" (Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, to increase the Central Bank of Nigeria's total advances to the Federal Government from five per cent to a Maximum of Ten per cent and for Related Matters (HB.1579) — *Third Reading* 

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, to increase the Central Bank of Nigeria's total advances to the Federal Government from five per cent to a Maximum of Ten per cent and for Related Matters (HB.1579) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. Adjournment of First Sitting

That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 2.40 p.m. (Hon. Usman Bello Kumo — Chief Whip).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.25 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen Speaker