



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

Thursday, 10 October, 2024

1. The House met at 11.13 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**  
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 9 October, 2024.

*The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.*

4. **Announcement**  
**Visitors in the Gallery:**  
Mr Speaker announced the following visitors in the gallery:
  - (i) Staff and Students of the Centagon International School, Abuja;
  - (ii) Staff and Students of Javino Model School, Gauraka, Suleja, Niger State;
  - (iii) members of the Lagos State Office of Political, Legislative and Civil Engagement Team.
5. **Admittance into the Chamber**  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do admit into the Chamber, Dr Bashir Hamza, Secretary Health Services, National Assembly, Isabel Anani and 16 others from Edo State on the commemoration of the 2024 International Day of the Girl Child pursuant to Order Six, Rule 4 (2)”  
(*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

6. **Speaker’s Speech**  
Mr Speaker made the following remarks:

***Commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child:***

*Honourable Members of the House of Representatives, I am pleased to announce that Friday, 11 October, 2024, the House joins the global community in commemorating the **International Day of the Girl Child**. This day highlights the challenges faced by girls around the world while celebrating their resilience, potential, and crucial role in shaping a better future.*

*In recognition of this special occasion, we have the privilege of welcoming girls from public secondary schools across the Federal Capital Territory, who are present today to observe our proceedings. Their presence is a reminder of the importance of investing in the education and empowerment of young girls in Nigeria.*

*Furthermore, the House is proud to introduce **Ms Isabel Anani**, our "**Speaker for the Day**". Isabel is a remarkable young leader and a Girl Advocate for Gender Equality. She is also the youngest member of the Technical Working Group for Adolescent Health and Wellbeing in Nigeria, as well as a UNICEF Young Influencer. Isabel was chosen for this prestigious role after emerging first among candidates across Nigeria, following an open call and a rigorous interview process.*

*Throughout the day, she will shadow the Rt Hon. Speaker, both during today's plenary session and in meetings, as part of our effort to empower young leaders. In the spirit of this celebration, I call on all Honourable Members to join me in a round of applause for Isabel and for all Nigerian girls who continue to demonstrate immense strength, ambition, and determination in overcoming barriers.*

*Thank you.*

**7. Special Sitting — 11.35 a.m.**

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resolve into a Special Sitting in commemoration of the 2024 International Day of the Girl Child "(Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).*

***Agreed to.***

*Mr Speaker invited Isabel Anani to preside over the Special Sitting.*

*Isabel Anani's Speech:*

*Good morning Speaker of the House of Representatives, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Members of the House and Parliamentarians, members of the press, ladies and gentlemen, all protocol duly observed.*

*My name is Isabel Anani*

*Today marks a very important day in the lives of girls all around the world. It is a constant reminder of how far we have come and how much progress we are willing to make as Nigerians.*

*The theme of this year's International Day of the Girl Child is "Girls Vision for the Future".*

*For me, I envision a future where every girl regardless of where she comes from has an opportunity to flourish. Where education isn't seen as a high pedestal privilege, but as an essential tool to equip girls make important decisions that affect them and ultimately the places they come from. According to the UN, Nearly 1 in 5 girls are still not completing lower-secondary and nearly 4 in 10 girls are not completing upper-secondary school today, as if that isn't concerning enough, they are at risk of harassment and the "what ifs" that are associated with violence which simply should not exist.*

- *I want a future where we don't have to combat all the overwhelming experiences of childhood and adolescence alone.*

- *Where girls aren't discriminated because of their bodily functions, and are encouraged when they want to take firm hold of the mantle in places like STEM and politics and feel safe, feel wanted. As an aspiring woman in STEM, I know what it is like to be the only girl in male dominated spaces. However, I don't want to be the only girl, i want to be one of many.*

*I want a future where the healthcare system for girls isn't discriminated against due to the socio-cultural factors that so wrongfully exist.*

*Girls are breaking boundaries and barriers posed by stereotypes and exclusion, including living with disabilities and in marginalized communities in their own ways regardless of what society says.*

*Now more than ever, we need girls to combat problems of climate change, political conflict, economic degeneration, diseases, and global unrest.*

*We need to ensure that for every girl, there is:*

*Access to healthcare that protects her and understands her needs;*

*Access to quality education that enables her reach her potential;*

*Safety from Violence and Harmful Practices that affects her physically, emotionally and mentally.*

*How would she take charge when she lives in constant fear? How does she dream when she is worried about what her next meal might be?*

*Most importantly, she needs support because we all have a role to play.*

*The good thing is that we are half way there and everyday, a step closer to achieving these goals. Also, there isn't just one solution, but hundreds. There isn't just one girl to talk for, but millions. In order for us to continue at this steady progression, we mustn't just provide her a seat at the table, but we must make sure she stays there and feels like she can conquer.*

*Finally, I congratulate all the women in Parliament that have pushed through and broken stereotypes, girls around Nigeria aspire to you.*

*And to all the He For Shes, who uplift the girls they know to continue striving, we see your effort and we deeply appreciate your strive for equality.*

*Until the next time, the marathon continues.*

*(Signed)*

**Isabela Anani**

**House in Plenary — 11.49 a.m.**

## **8. Petitions**

- (i) A petition from Mohammed Aminu Turaki (K T Turaki & Co. Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Abbas Haruna (No. M5209), on his dismissal from the service of the Nigerian Navy, was presented and laid by Hon. Ali Isa JC (*Balanga/Billiri Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from A. H. Mukhtar & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Abdullahi Ibrahim, on alleged fraudulent auction of his vehicle by the Nigerian Customs Service, was presented and laid by Hon. Mudashiru Lukman Alani (*Ayedire/Iwo/Ola-Oluwa Federal Constituency*);

- (iii) A petition from Mohammed Ali & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Afolabi Olaniyi Ridwan, on the stoppage of his salary by the Federal Fire Service, was presented and laid by Hon. Najimdeen Oyeshina Oyedeji (*Iseyin/Itesiwaju/Kajola/Iwajowa Federal Constituency*);
- (iv) The following Petitions were presented and laid by Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (*Oshodi/Isolo II Federal Constituency*);
  - (a) Theophilus Ndubuaku, on behalf of Academic Staff Union of Research Institutions, on alleged stifling policy by Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation,
  - (b) Idopise Chambers (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Kurfre Ufot Harry, on alleged unjust disciplinary action meted on him by the Department of Security Services);
- (v) A petition from Mansur Hashim and 1 other, on alleged lopsided replacement exercise by the Nigerian Immigration Service, was presented and laid by Hon. Mohammed Hussaini Jallo (*Igabi Federal Constituency*);
- (vi) A petition from Olomu A. Hawkins, on behalf of Obetim Uno community, on alleged non-compensation for oil spillage to their community by Sterling Energy Exploration Production Company, was presented and laid by Hon. Aliyu Bappa Misau (*Misau/Dambam Federal Constituency*).

*Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.*

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

**(i) Commemoration of the 2024 International Day of the Girl Child:**

Hon. Kafilat Adetola Ogbara (*Kosofe 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.*

**Commemoration of the 2024 International Day of the Girl Child:**

The House:

*Notes* that Friday, 11 October globally, the world celebrates International Day of the Girl Child; and this year's theme is "girls vision for the future";

*Also notes* that International Day of the Girl Child is a day adopted by the United Nations to remind young girls of their Uniqueness, Strength and Prowess; it is a day set aside to address issues such as: early or child marriage, violence against girls, rape, child molestation, education deprivation, nutrition, legal rights and all other issues faced by girls and to support more opportunities for girls and increase awareness for gender inequality;

*Aware* that more than 1.1 billion girls are poised to take on the future; everyday girls are breaking boundaries and barriers; tackling issues posed by stereotypes and exclusion,

including those directed at children with disabilities and those living in marginalized communities; the protection of the girl child is crucial for sustaining the continuity of mankind as they grow in to women and mothers who not only shape the future generation but the trajectory of nations;

*Also aware* that gender discrimination is a global phenomenon that has engulfed many Nations of the world due to patriarchy and cultural stereotypes, while other nations have made giant strides in closing the gender gap, Nigeria is still grappling with these issues, starting from access to education, healthcare and access to basic Amenities;

*Further aware* that despite Nigeria being a signatory to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Conventions on Child's Rights and many others, while harmful practices like the Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is still being practised in some parts of the country which is a direct violation of human rights of women and girls;

*Informed* that recent analysis shows that girls are not only courageous in the face of crisis, but hopeful for the future and according to the World Health Organisation (WHO) children growing into adolescents especially between the ages of 10 to 19 have limited knowledge about the natural processes of puberty, sexual health, pregnancy or reproduction. This period of their lives is a period of rapid development of knowledge and skills, learning to manage emotions, relationships, acquire attributes and abilities that will be necessary for enjoying the adolescent years and assuming adult roles. When they are sexually abused at this sensitive season of their lives, it affects their growth and development and their overall well being, leading them to becoming dysfunctional adults in some instances, due to psychological and mental trauma;

*Worried* about the disheartening high number of out of school girls engaged in drug abuse; current data indicates that Nigeria has an estimated 10.5 million out of school children who are also users of hard drugs;

*Also worried* that the presence of such a vast number of uneducated youth not only jeopardises their future but also poses a threat to the nation's security and socio-economic stability;

*Further worried* that if deliberate efforts are not taken to address the challenges and be intentional to protect the girl child, the country would be at risk of raising dysfunctional mothers who are meant to be protectors of the home, society and the future;

*Resolves to;*

- (i) urge the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and National Orientation Agency (NOA) alongside other stakeholders to collaborate with schools, community organisations, and religious institutions to educate the public on drug abuse dangers and promote a drug-free lifestyle and to make provision for rehabilitation;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education to devise practical ways, such as implementing mobile education units or community outreach programs, to curb out-of-school girls across the 36 States of the federation;
- (iii) mandate the leadership of the National Assembly to see to the amendment of the Child's Right Act to provide protection for sexually abused children and provide the necessary legislative support in terms of budgetary approvals to the concerned Ministries in this regard and also see to the domestication of the child right act

throughout the nation through the conference of speakers;

- (iv) also mandate the leadership of the National Assembly to ensure the swift passage of Bills that seek to protect women and the girls like the Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill (GEOB);
- (v) further mandate the Committees on Women Affairs and Social Development, and Basic Education and Services to engage the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Federal Ministry of Education, National Orientation Agency (NOA), and other stakeholders by organizing workshops, creating awareness campaigns, and monitoring progress to ensure compliance (*Hon. Adetola Kafilat Ogbara — Kosofe Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

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*Aware* that more than 1.1 billion girls are poised to take on the future; everyday girls are breaking boundaries and barriers; tackling issues posed by stereotypes and exclusion, including those directed at children with disabilities and those living in marginalized communities; the protection of the girl child is crucial for sustaining the continuity of mankind as they grow in to women and mothers who not only shape the future generation but the trajectory of nations;

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*Further aware* that despite Nigeria being a signatory to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Conventions on Child's Rights and many others, while harmful practices like the Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is still being practised in some parts of the country which is a direct violation of human rights of women and girls;

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*Worried* about the disheartening high number of out of school girls engaged in drug abuse; current data indicates that Nigeria has an estimated 10.5 million out of school children who are also users of hard drugs;

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  - (iv) also mandate the leadership of the National Assembly to ensure the swift passage of Bills that seek to protect women and the girls like the Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill (GEOB);
  - (v) further mandate the Committees on Women Affairs and Social Development, and Basic Education and Services to engage the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Federal Ministry of Education, National Orientation Agency (NOA), and other stakeholders by organizing workshops, creating awareness campaigns, and monitoring progress to ensure compliance (**HR. 94/10/2024**)
- (ii) ***Need to Curtail the Crisis in Okpella, Edo State:***  
Hon. Anamero Sunday Dekeri (*Etsako Central/Etsako East/Etsako West Federal Constituency and Two Others*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
  - (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

*Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.*

*Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

**Need to Curtail the Crisis in Okpella, Edo State:**

The House:

*Notes* that Okpella clan head died about five years ago and efforts were made by concerned indigenes to get the State Government to providing enabling environment for smooth selection of a successor by the people, to avoid creation of a prolonged interregnum in a community beehive of mining activities that has attracted diversity of humans across the country into the community with its associated vices;

*Also notes* that a few interest parties mainly concerned about their selfish economic benefits, had taken advantage of the nonchalant attitude of the state government to issues concerning Okpella in spite of the enormous resources derived from the community for the economy of the state, and they have engaged in fraudulent means to lure the state government to appoint a clan head who will service their selfish desires at the detriment of the people and the Governor is fully aware of their antics, but choose to turn the situation to political bargaining chip as seen in the just concluded gubernatorial election in the state, yet, his party suffered an embarrassing defeat in the community;

*Further notes* that the inflammatory statements credited to the State Governor during the gubernatorial campaigns in Edo State relating to conflagration of Nigeria should leave no one in doubt regarding where the flames will be ignited;

*Aware* that the suspicious appointment and coronation of a faction clan head by the State Government on 27 September, 2024, barely five days after its political party lost in the gubernatorial election and Okpella being one of the places she lost woefully, has heighten tension in the land and the people are being killed;

*Concerned* that barely 24 hours after the State Government escorted her newly appointed faction clan head into the community overnight with trucks load of soldiers on 6 October, 2024, about nine (9) people have been gruesomely murdered while several others suffered various degree of injuries and thousands of people including women and children have been displaced as tension continues to rise in the community;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) observe a minute's silence in honour of the deceased;
- (ii) urge the Minister of Defence to deploy an army to strategic locations in Okpella to de-escalate the violence that is currently spreading like wildfire as the personal ambition of anyone is not worth the life of another;
- (iii) also urge the National Security Adviser and intelligence units of the security agencies to investigate those behind the senseless killings and bring the perpetrators to justice;
- (iv) further urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Power Alleviation to provide relief materials to the displaced members of the community and the families of those who have been killed.
- (v) mandate the Committees on Defence, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and National Security and Intelligence to ensure compliance (*Hon. Sunday Anamero Dekeri — Etsako Central/Etsako East/Etsako West Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Negatived.*

- (iii) ***Need to Address the incessant Banditry and Kidnapping in Zuru Emirate, Kebbi State:***  
Hon. Kabir Ibrahim Tukura (*Fakai/Sakaba/Wasagu Danko/Zuru Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:



- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

*Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.*

*Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

**Need to Address the incessant Banditry and Kidnapping in Zuru Emirate, Kebbi State:**

The House:

*Notes* that the Zuru Emirate, located in Kebbi State, has recently witnessed an alarming increase in incidents of banditry and kidnapping. This upsurge in violent crimes is not isolated but is closely linked to the ongoing security operations in neighboring Zamfara and Sokoto States, which share borders with Zuru Emirate, have been hotspots for bandit activities, prompting intensified military and security operations aimed at dismantling bandit networks and restoring peace;

*Also notes* that as a result of these operations, bandits have increasingly migrated across State boundaries, seeking refuge and operational bases in adjoining areas, including the Zuru Emirate (especially in Wasagu Chiefdom where District Head of Kanya was recently kidnapped and killed). This spillover effect has exacerbated the security situation in Zuru, where communities that were once peaceful are now becoming targets of attacks, kidnappings, and other criminal activities perpetrated by these migrating groups;

*Aware* that on Sunday, October 6, 2024, the District Head of Kanya in Wasagu Chiefdom, Zuru Emirate, was kidnapped and subsequently killed by bandits on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, and the unfortunate event highlights the severe security challenges facing the region and underscores the vulnerability of traditional leaders and local communities; the incidents emphasize the urgent need for reinforced security measures and coordinated efforts to protect citizens and traditional institutions in Zuru Emirate;

*Also aware* that: not too long to forget, the unfortunate kidnapping and subsequent killing of the Emir of Gobir in Sokoto State remains a somber reminder of the growing security crisis affecting traditional rulers and communities in northwestern Nigeria;

*Further aware* that the late Emir, a respected leader and custodian of the region's rich heritage, was targeted by bandits in an attack that sent shockwaves across Sokoto State and beyond; while his death underscores the vulnerability of traditional leaders who serve as pillars of stability and cultural preservation in their communities, the tragic incident calls for urgent and decisive action to protect these vital institutions and ensure the safety and security of traditional rulers, who are increasingly becoming targets in the escalating wave of banditry and violence across the region;

*Concerned* that the security challenges in Wasagu Chiefdom have become a matter of grave concern as the area continues to face frequent attacks, kidnappings, and other forms of violent crimes perpetrated by bandits. This once-peaceful chiefdom is now plagued by insecurity that disrupts the lives and livelihoods of its residents;

*Also concerned* that the kidnapping and killing of the District Head of Kanya highlight the audacity and brutality of these criminal elements, who now operate with impunity in the area, and the increasing insecurity not only threatens the social and economic fabric of Wasagu Chiefdom but also undermines the authority of traditional institutions that have long served as pillars of peace and stability;

*Worried* that the persistent insecurity in Zuru Emirate, particularly in Wasagu Chiefdom, poses a severe threat to farming activities, which are the backbone of the local economy, while farmers, who play a crucial role in food production and supply, are increasingly unable to access their fields due to the fear of attacks, kidnappings, and violence by bandits;

*Also worried* that this disruption of farming not only affects the immediate livelihoods of these farmers but also has broader implications for food security, as the escalating prices of agricultural produce already strain local markets and communities, and with the harvest season approaching, there is an urgent need to provide adequate security to ensure that farmers can safely access their farms and harvest their crops without fear of violence, of which failing to do so could result in a significant reduction in crop yield, further driving up food prices and exacerbating the already challenging economic conditions for the people of Zuru Emirate and beyond;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the late District Head of Kanya;
- (ii) urge the security enforcement Agencies to prioritize the implementation of comprehensive security measures in Zuru Emirate, particularly in Wasagu Chiefdom, to effectively combat the escalating banditry and kidnapping incidents threatening the lives and livelihoods of residents;
- (iii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government to:
  - (a) allocate resources and develop initiatives aimed at providing adequate security for farmers during the harvest season, ensuring they can access their farmlands without fear of violence and contribute to food production,
  - (b) establish mechanisms for regular engagement with traditional leaders and local communities to better understand their security needs and to promote trust and cooperation in the fight against insecurity,
  - (c) review and strengthen existing security policies to address the unique challenges posed by cross-border banditry and to ensure that effective measures are in place to protect vulnerable communities (*Hon. Kabir Ibrahim Takura — Fakai/Sakaba/Wasagu Danko/Zuru Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the Zuru Emirate, located in Kebbi State, has recently witnessed an alarming increase in incidents of banditry and kidnapping. This upsurge in violent crimes is not isolated but is closely linked to the ongoing security operations in neighboring Zamfara and Sokoto States, which share borders with Zuru Emirate, have been hotspots for bandit activities, prompting intensified military and security operations aimed at dismantling bandit networks and restoring peace;

*Also noted* that as a result of these operations, bandits have increasingly migrated across State boundaries, seeking refuge and operational bases in adjoining areas, including the Zuru Emirate (especially in Wasagu Chiefdom where District Head of Kanya was recently kidnapped and killed). This spillover effect has exacerbated the security situation in Zuru,

where communities that were once peaceful are now becoming targets of attacks, kidnappings, and other criminal activities perpetrated by these migrating groups;

*Aware* that on Sunday, October 6, 2024, the District Head of Kanya in Wasagu Chiefdom, Zuru Emirate, was kidnapped and subsequently killed by bandits on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, and the unfortunate event highlights the severe security challenges facing the region and underscores the vulnerability of traditional leaders and local communities; the incidents emphasize the urgent need for reinforced security measures and coordinated efforts to protect citizens and traditional institutions in Zuru Emirate;

*Also aware* that: not too long to forget, the unfortunate kidnapping and subsequent killing of the Emir of Gobir in Sokoto State remains a somber reminder of the growing security crisis affecting traditional rulers and communities in northwestern Nigeria;

*Further aware* that the late Emir, a respected leader and custodian of the region's rich heritage, was targeted by bandits in an attack that sent shockwaves across Sokoto State and beyond; while his death underscores the vulnerability of traditional leaders who serve as pillars of stability and cultural preservation in their communities, the tragic incident calls for urgent and decisive action to protect these vital institutions and ensure the safety and security of traditional rulers, who are increasingly becoming targets in the escalating wave of banditry and violence across the region;

*Concerned* that the security challenges in Wasagu Chiefdom have become a matter of grave concern as the area continues to face frequent attacks, kidnappings, and other forms of violent crimes perpetrated by bandits. This once-peaceful chiefdom is now plagued by insecurity that disrupts the lives and livelihoods of its residents;

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- (a) allocate resources and develop initiatives aimed at providing adequate security for farmers during the harvest season, ensuring they can access their farmlands without fear of violence and contribute to food production,
- (b) establish mechanisms for regular engagement with traditional leaders and local communities to better understand their security needs and to promote trust and cooperation in the fight against insecurity,
- (c) review and strengthen existing security policies to address the unique challenges posed by cross-border banditry and to ensure that effective measures are in place to protect vulnerable communities (**HR. 95/10/2024**).

*A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.*

**Motion made and Question proposed**, “That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (4) to enable it take more than 3 matters of urgent public importance” (*Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali — Deputy House Leader*).

**Agreed to.**

- (iv) **Need to urge the Inspector-General of Police and the Director-General of National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) to Rescue the Missing Youth Corp Member, Okeke Chukwuemeka Godwin in Ondo State:**

Hon. Nnolim Nnaji John (*Nkanu East/Nkanu West Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

*Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.*

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**Need to urge the Inspector-General of Police and the Director-General of National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) to Rescue the Missing Youth Corp Member, Okeke Chukwuemeka Godwin in Ondo State:**

The House:

*Notes* that the NYSC was established to engage Nigerian university graduates in effective community services and nation building across ethno-linguistic boundaries, however the scheme has been threatened by myriads of abductions, incessant attacks and murder due to the inadequate facilities and general welfare;

*Aware* that there is an optimum obligation of providing safe environment and facilities for NYSC members by Federal and State Governments in conjunction with security agencies while serving or posted in various host communities;

*Concerned* that a Youth Corper and my constituent, Okeke Chukwuemeka Godwin from Umuanyi Village, Ovuorie, Ugbawka Community in Nkanu East LGA of Enugu State, being the best-graduated student in Computer Science Department at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State, with Second Class upper division, has been missing till date, while serving in Ondo State under Batch 238;

*Also concerned* that Godwin was supposed to complete his NYSC program on June 17, 2024,

but got missing on May 9, 2024, which was the particular day his parents couldn't reach him on his mobile phone numbers till date;

*Informed* that on 13 May, 2024, the mother of the missing Corp member, Mrs Okeke Patience and his younger brother, went to Akure, Ondo State, to verify the situation and thereby visited his place of primary assignment and residence but could not get any vital information;

*Also informed* that the relatives reported the matter to the Nigeria Police (Ijapo Police Division, Akure) who sent signal to other police stations and the police headquarter in Ondo State for investigation, but after some interrogations, the family has not been fully communicated on the outcome of these investigations;

*Worried* that the relatives also reported the matter to the local government and State office of the NYSC, including the community leadership but up till date the matter is still pending without any information leading to his rescue;

*Acknowledges* that on 19 June, 2024, the mother of Godwin with two other relatives and a journalist visited the Ondo State Police Command, the NYSC State and local government offices, where the journalist made some inquiries and produced a documentary *via* Trust Television, meanwhile the mother also visited and reported the matter and her ordeal at NYSC National Secretariat, Abuja;

*Cognizant* that the Commissioner of Police in Ondo State and the State Coordinator of NYSC with the management of the scheme have not taken adequate measures to search and rescue the missing Corp member;

*Also cognizant* that the negative and culminating effects of various State Governments not being proactive in taking adequate measures to provide basic accommodation facilities, clinics, enabling environment and other necessities has been very devastating to the safety and welfare of corps members;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to appropriately direct the State Governments and security agencies to provide maximum security and good habitation facilities for Youth Corp members;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP), the Director-General of NYSC and relevant agencies to investigate the case of the missing Corp member and initiate measures for the safety and welfare of Corp members in every host community;
- (iii) further urge the IGP to intervene by conducting a comprehensive search and rescuing of Godwin, the missing Youth Corp member, as the matter is seriously affecting the lives and mental state of the family, most especially the mother;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Youth Development, Police Affairs and other related Committees to examine this case and engage the Government, including other stakeholders to ensure the protection and wellbeing of Corp members;
- (v) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to monitor and ensure compliance and report within three (3) weeks (*Hon. Nnolim Nnaji John — Nkanu East/West Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the NYSC was established to engage Nigerian university graduates in effective community services and nation building across ethno-linguistic boundaries, however the scheme has been threatened by myriads of abductions, incessant attacks and murder due to the inadequate facilities and general welfare;

*Aware* that there is an optimum obligation of providing safe environment and facilities for NYSC members by Federal and State Governments in conjunction with security agencies while serving or posted in various host communities;

*Concerned* that a Youth Corper and my constituent, Okeke Chukwuemeka Godwin from Umuanyi Village, Ovuorie, Ugbawka Community in Nkanu East LGA of Enugu State, being the best-graduated student in Computer Science Department at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State, with Second Class upper division, has been missing till date, while serving in Ondo State under Batch 238;

*Also concerned* that Godwin was supposed to complete his NYSC program on June 17, 2024, but got missing on May 9, 2024, which was the particular day his parents couldn't reach him on his mobile phone numbers till date;

*Informed* that on 13 May, 2024, the mother of the missing Corp member, Mrs Okeke Patience and his younger brother, went to Akure, Ondo State, to verify the situation and thereby visited his place of primary assignment and residence but could not get any vital information;

*Also informed* that the relatives reported the matter to the Nigeria Police (Ijapo Police Division, Akure) who sent signal to other police stations and the police headquarter in Ondo State for investigation, but after some interrogations, the family has not been fully communicated on the outcome of these investigations;

*Worried* that the relatives also reported the matter to the local government and State office of the NYSC, including the community leadership but up till date the matter is still pending without any information leading to his rescue;

*Acknowledged* that on 19 June, 2024, the mother of Godwin with two other relatives and a journalist visited the Ondo State Police Command, the NYSC State and local government offices, where the journalist made some inquiries and produced a documentary *via* Trust Television, meanwhile the mother also visited and reported the matter and her ordeal at NYSC National Secretariat, Abuja;

*Cognizant* that the Commissioner of Police in Ondo State and the State Coordinator of NYSC with the management of the scheme have not taken adequate measures to search and rescue the missing Corp member;

*Also cognizant* that the negative and culminating effects of various State Governments not being proactive in taking adequate measures to provide basic accommodation facilities, clinics, enabling environment and other necessities has been very devastating to the safety and welfare of corps members;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to appropriately direct the State Governments and security agencies to provide maximum security and good habitation facilities for Youth Corp members;

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  - (iii) further urge the IGP to intervene by conducting a comprehensive search and rescuing of Godwin, the missing Youth Corp member, as the matter is seriously affecting the lives and mental state of the family, most especially the mother;
  - (iv) mandate the Committees on Youth Development, Police Affairs and other related Committees to examine this case and engage the Government, including other stakeholders to ensure the protection and wellbeing of Corp members;
  - (v) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to monitor and ensure compliance and report within three (3) weeks **(HR. 96/10/2024)**.
- (v) ***Need for the Provision of Relief Materials to Flood Ravaged Victims in Ikwo Local Government Area, Ebonyi State:***  
Hon. Chinedu Ogah (*Ezza South/Ikwo 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 the Provision of Relief Materials to Flood Ravaged Victims in Ikwo Local Government Area, Ebonyi State:**

The House:

*Notes* that flooding is a perennial problem and also a natural disaster with devastating impact on many communities across the country due to heavy rainfalls especially Ikwo LGA of Ebonyi State;

*Also notes* that the provision of Section 2 (1) and (2) of the National Environmental (Soil Erosion and Flood Control) Regulations 2011 states the objectives of the regulation which protect human lives and the environment;

*Aware* that the 2024 Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) and Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA) predictions shows Ikwo LGA is among the areas rated as high and moderate flood prone areas in Ebonyi State;

*Also aware* that upon the forecast prediction, His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Ebonyi State, Chief Francis Nwifuru embarked on proactive approach in disaster management which focused on sensitization, enlightenment, prevention and mitigation;

*Worried* that the flood incidents which wreaked havoc on some communities claimed the life of young pregnant woman who is a mother of three, while other people are missing, following a flood disaster that ravaged the Inyimagu, Igbudu and Ekpa-Omaka communities amongst other communities in Ikwo LGA of Ebonyi State;

*Also worried* that several others also sustained various degrees of injuries while making efforts to escape from the flood;

*Disturbed* that several farmlands with growing crops such as rice, yams, melon, corn and cassava among others were all destroyed and washed away by the flood;

*Also disturbed* that properties worth millions of Naira were equally lost as well as displacement of livelihood due to the attendant effect of the flood incidents;

*Concerned* that this unfortunate incident happened at a time when people are making efforts to make ends meet;

*Informed* that immediately this unfortunate incident occurred, Chief Francis Nwifuru, the Governor of Ebonyi State dispatched a rescue team to the area to evacuate all the victims who are now relocated to a safer area and also gave them some support but there is need for the federal government to complement the efforts of the State Governor;

*Cognizant* that since floods are becoming imminent, it is crucial that proper support is given and more awareness is raised about floods in order to mitigate and avoid further potential losses;

*Also cognizant* that if no emergency response is provided for the victims, the dislocated individuals will be devastated and regrettable number of colossal casualties may be recorded;

*Further cognizant* that if immediate humanitarian support and relief materials are adequately provided to the affected victims of the flood, it will further prove to the people the high level of commitment and dedication of His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR to the plight of the vulnerables;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately provide humanitarian assistance and relief materials to victims;
- (iii) also urge the Ecological Funds Office alongside the Ministry of Finance to collaborate with the aim of providing succor to the flood victims and forestall reoccurrences;
- (iv) further urge the Federal Ministries of Housing, Rural and Urban Development and Works to ensure the rehabilitation of collapsed houses and roads and other relevant facilities;
- (v) mandate the Committee on Ecological Fund, Finance, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Internally Displaced Persons, Environment, Housing and Habitat, Refugees (IDP, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within one (1) week (*Hon. Chinedu N. Ogah — Ezza South/Ikwo Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that flooding is a perennial problem and also a natural disaster with devastating impact on many communities across the country due to heavy rainfalls especially Ikwo LGA of Ebonyi State;



*Also noted* that the provision of Section 2 (1) and (2) of the National Environmental (Soil Erosion and Flood Control) Regulations 2011 states the objectives of the regulation which protect human lives and the environment;

*Aware* that the 2024 Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) and Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA) predictions shows Ikwo LGA is among the areas rated as high and moderate flood prone areas in Ebonyi State;

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*Worried* that the flood incidents which wreaked havoc on some communities claimed the life of young pregnant woman who is a mother of three, while other people are missing, following a flood disaster that ravaged the Inyimagu, Igbudu and Ekpa-Omaka communities amongst other communities in Ikwo LGA of Ebonyi State;

*Also worried* that several others also sustained various degrees of injuries while making efforts to escape from the flood;

*Disturbed* that several farmlands with growing crops such as rice, yams, melon, corn and cassava among others were all destroyed and washed away by the flood;

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- (v) mandate the Committee on Ecological Fund, Finance, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Internally Displaced Persons, Environment, Housing and Habitat, Refugees (IDP, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within one (1) week **(HR. 97/10/2024)**.

*A minute silence observed in honour of the deceased.*

**(vi) *Devastating Storm in Some Communities of Talata Marafa Local Government Area, Zamfara State:***

Hon. Isa Mohammed Anka (*Anka/Talata Mafara 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.*

**Devastating Storm in Some Communities of Talata Marafa Local Government Area, Zamfara State:**

The House:

*Notes* that a few months ago, there was a breakdown of storm in some communities under Talata Mafara LGA of Zamfara State and the affected areas are Limanci, Shiyar Kofar Hoce, Makera Fara, 'Yar Katanga, Tsohon Masallacin Jumma'a, Shinkafi, Karfi, 'Yan Hudu, Bakin Kasuwa, Yelwa, Tabkin Asaula, Kartawa, Dan Rini, Asarara, Fakon Idi, Tudun Wada, Sobon Gari, 'Yar Kofa, Tashar Kali, Gandu, Tsakuwa, Gyallabu, Dan Kura, 'Yar Yazawa and Sabuwar Sagi;

*Also notes* that resulting from the above the destructive storm has dislocated a lot of people and damaged parts of their homes, and farms, rendering them homeless and were forced to seek temporary shelter in nearby communities that were not affected by the hurricane;

*Concerned* that the storm has damaged homes and farms, caused environmental problems, polluted drinking water and in some cases the health of the people was affected;

*Disturbed* that communities affected by the storm have been rendered homeless with attendant health issues and indeed in dire need of assistance, at least to have their homes repaired and health failures addressed which calls for an urgent attention of the relevant agencies of the Federal Government;

*Worried* that neglecting the affected communities without providing them with emergency government assistance may be unfair, especially given their present state of dislocation, damaged to their properties, and the health issues caused by the storm;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to

conduct an assessment of the affected communities with a view to determining the affected homes, the damages to such homes, farms and the health issues involved and urgently provide an immediate support to the affected homes and families;

- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide basic relief materials for the affected families to enable them repair their damaged homes, farms and have those whose health were affected to be medically taken care of;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to conduct "Needs Assessment" of the affected communities with a view to ascertaining the plausible cause of the hurricane and prevent its future occurrence (*Hon. Mohammed Isa Anka — Anka/Talata Mafara Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

**(HR. 98/10/2024).**

*Motion referred to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).*

- (vii) ***Need for Government to Refrain from Shifting Economic Burden Through Unnecessary and Multiple Taxation:***

Hon. Peter Udogalanya Aniekwe (*Anambra East/Anambra West Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

*Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.*

*Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.*

**Need for Government to Refrain from Shifting Economic Burden Through Unnecessary and Multiple Taxation:**

The House:

*Notes* that the current economic situation of the country, characterized by rising inflation, unemployment, and the increasing cost of living, which has led to widespread hardship for the masses;

*Aware* that the imposition of multiple taxes, levies, and charges at various levels of government only serve to exacerbate the financial strain on citizens, particularly those in low-income brackets, many of whom are already struggling to meet basic needs such as food, healthcare, housing, and education;

*Cognizant* that the government's primary responsibility is to alleviate the economic challenges faced by the masses, ensuring policies that promote economic development, social welfare, and prosperity for all citizens;

*Concerned* that the introduction of additional and sometimes unnecessary taxes, including consumption taxes, service taxes, and levies on essential goods and services, places an undue burden on the masses, further widening the inequality gap;

*Mindful* that while taxation is necessary for government revenue, a balance must be struck between revenue generation and the economic well-being of citizens, particularly at a time when many families and businesses are still recovering from the economic impact of global and local challenges;

*Convinced* that there are alternative measures that can be taken to increase government revenue without overburdening the masses, such as expanding the tax base, improving tax administration, reducing government waste, and curbing corruption;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Government and relevant authorities to be sensitive to the plight of the masses by reviewing current tax policies to prevent the imposition of unnecessary and multiple taxes, particularly on essential goods and services;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to consider alternative revenue generation strategies such as widening the tax net to capture more high-income earners, strengthening enforcement of existing tax laws, and plugging leakages in the system; exploring measures to increase export of cash crops and agricultural produces;
- (iii) further urge the National Orientation Agency (NOA) and other relevant agencies to embark on an awareness campaign to educate the public on their tax rights and responsibilities, and to report any cases of exploitation or unjust taxation to ombudsman;
- (iv) still urge the Executive Arm of Government to immediately suspend any new tax initiatives that disproportionately affect the low-income population until a comprehensive review of their impact is conducted;
- (v) mandate the Committees on Finance and FIRS to within three (3) weeks conduct a thorough review of existing tax laws and policies to streamline tax collection processes and eliminate redundant or overlapping taxes that contribute to the financial burden on citizens with a view to identifying areas of double taxation at all levels to provide relief to citizens without jeopardizing government revenue targets;
- (vi) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Peter Udogalanya Aniekwe — Anambra East/West Federal Constituency and Sixteen Others*).

*Debate.*

**Amendments Proposed:**

- (i) *Leave out* Prayer (ii) (*Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi — Karu/Keffi/Kokona Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

- (ii) *Leave out* Prayer (iv) (*Hon. Isa Mohammed Anka — Anka/Talata Mafara Federal Constituency*).

*Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the current economic situation of the country, characterized by rising inflation, unemployment, and the increasing cost of living, which has led to widespread hardship for the masses;

*Aware* that the imposition of multiple taxes, levies, and charges at various levels of government only serve to exacerbate the financial strain on citizens, particularly those in low-income brackets, many of whom are already struggling to meet basic needs such as food, healthcare, housing, and education;

*Cognizant* that the government's primary responsibility is to alleviate the economic challenges faced by the masses, ensuring policies that promote economic development, social welfare, and prosperity for all citizens;

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- (i) urge the Federal Government and relevant authorities to be sensitive to the plight of the masses by reviewing current tax policies to prevent the imposition of unnecessary and multiple taxes, particularly on essential goods and services;
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- (v) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (**HR. 99/10/2024**).

## 10. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) (Creation of Oyo State) (HB.1679).

- (2) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1706).
- (3) Petroleum Industry Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1216).
- (4) Environmental Impact Assessment Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1737).
- (5) Employment Racketeering (Prohibition) Bill, 2024 (HB.1738).
- (6) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (HB.1540).
- (7) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (HB.1540).
- (8) Harmonized Retirement Age of Health Workers in Nigeria Bill, 2024 (HB.1577).
- (9) Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Kafin Malamal Garko, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1208).
- (10) Fisheries and Aquatic Studies Research Institute, Darki-Wudil, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1210).
- (11) FCT Displaced Original Inhabitant Resettlement and Integration (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1707).
- (12) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1747).
- (13) Federal University of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1643).
- (14) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1650).
- (15) Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, kaugama (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1792).
- (16) Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Training Centre, Mallam Madori, Jigawa State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1793).
- (17) Nigeria Police Force College, Training School and Institution (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1794).
- (18) National Skill Acquisition and Digital Hub Centre, Irele (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1795).
- (19) Birth , Death, Etc. (Compulsory, Registration) (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1796).
- (20) Federal University, Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1780).

## 11. Presentation of Reports

- (i) ***Ad-hoc Committee on Discrimination Against the House of Representatives in the National Honours Award:***  
*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc Committee on Discrimination Against the House of Representatives in the National Honours Award (HR. 74/10/2024)*” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(ii) **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 the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Obukpa, Enugu State and for Related Matters (HB.348)” (*Hon. Amos Gwamna Magaji — Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(iii) **Committee on Defence:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Defence on a Motion on the Gruesome Killing of Seventeen Military Personnel in Okuama, Delta State on 14 March, 2024 (HR.151/03/2024)” (*Hon. Babajimi Benson Adegoke — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**12. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Education, Numan, Adamawa State and for Related Matters (HB.936) — Third Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Education, Numan, Adamawa State and for Related Matters (HB.936) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

**13. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba to make Comprehensive Provisions for Its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.1520) — Third Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba to make Comprehensive Provisions for Its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.1520) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

**14. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for creation of Katagum State with Azare as the Proposed Capital City and for Related Matters (HB.1501) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for creation of Katagum State with Azare as the Proposed Capital City and for Related Matters (HB.1501) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Auwalu Abdu Gwalabe — Katagum Federal Constituency and 8 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.*

- 15. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, 2007 to make provision for Establishment of Road safety Special Armed Squad and make Corps on the rank of Deputy Corp Marshal enjoy benefits attached to that grade including Retirement grade and to empower the Federal Road Safety Commission with the responsibility for road traffic administration and safety management, preventing and minimizing road traffic crashes on public roads, supervision of users of such public roads, regulation of traffic thereon and clearing of obstruction on any part of the public roads and for educating drivers, motorist and other members of the public generally on the proper use of public roads and for Related Matters (HBs. 1401 and 1604) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, 2007 to make provision for Establishment of Road safety Special Armed Squad and make Corps on the rank of Deputy Corp Marshal enjoy benefits attached to that grade including Retirement grade and to empower the Federal Road Safety Commission with the responsibility for road traffic administration and safety management, preventing and minimizing road traffic crashes on public roads, supervision of users of such public roads, regulation of traffic thereon and clearing of obstruction on any part of the public roads and for educating drivers, motorist and other members of the public generally on the proper use of public roads and for Related Matters (HBs. 1401 and 1604) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Abiodun Derin Adesida — Akure North/Akure South Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).*

- 16. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute for Cardiovascular Disease Research and Treatment, Kano State to Provide Treatment and Research for Cardiovascular cases and for Related Matters (HB. 868) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Institute for Cardiovascular Disease Research and Treatment, Kano State to Provide Treatment and Research for Cardiovascular cases and for Related Matters (HB. 868) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Hassan Shehu Hussain — Nassarawa Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Health Institutions.*

- 17. Celebrating and Supporting Teachers**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes that the World Teachers ' Day declared by UNESCO in 1994 and celebrated on October 5th annually to recognize the vital role of teachers in shaping societies, key Contributions in educating present and future generations, foster critical thinking and creativity, promote social justice and equality, impact on Students on influence educational out comes , mentor and guide personal development;*



*Also notes* that the holy books, Islam lays so much emphasis on seeking knowledge and also on giving respect to the ones who imparted knowledge. That's reason teachers have the highest status in Islam. In Holy Quran, Almighty Allah says;

"Allah elevates to high positions those from amongst you who are faithful and those who have acquired knowledge. Also, (Romans 12:6-7, 1 Corinthians 12:28, and Ephesians 4:11-13) stress that, without knowledge, values, beliefs are lost to later generations;

*Aware* of the current challenges facing Teachers such as low salaries and lack of financial support, overwork and burnout, insufficient resources and training, emotional and mental health toll;

*Request* the House to address the current issues in education, fostering a supportive environment for teachers in increase funding for salaries and resources, and create, implement professional development programs platforms for teacher feedback and support. -Advocate for policy changes that supports local educational initiative to celebrate teachers in our communities that the Holy Spirit bestows teaching as a spiritual gift to the Church.

*Invites* the educators to come together to celebrate the invaluable contributions they make to the society. Your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds pave the way for a brighter future;

*Recalls* your roles not only as educators but also your influence as mentors, guides, and champions of knowledge. Each lesson you impart and every word of encouragement you share leaves a lasting impact on the lives of students;

*Acknowledge* the challenges teachers face and the resilience they demonstrate, your ability to inspire curiosity and foster a love for learning is a gift that transcends the class room and shapes the world;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of our dead teachers;
- (ii) urge the Executive Arm of Government of Nigeria, the State Governments, and other Stakeholders in the education sector to address without delay, the plight of Teachers in Nigeria (*Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the World Teachers ' Day declared by UNESCO in 1994 and celebrated on October 5th annually to recognize the vital role of teachers in shaping societies, key Contributions in educating present and future generations, foster critical thinking and creativity, promote social justice and equality, impact on Students on influence educational outcomes, mentor and guide personal development;

*Also noted* that the holy books, Islam lays so much emphasis on seeking knowledge and also on giving respect to the ones who imparted knowledge. That's reason teachers have the highest status in Islam. In Holy Quran, Almighty Allah says;

"Allah elevates to high positions those from amongst you who are faithful and those who have acquired knowledge. Also, (Romans 12:6-7, 1 Corinthians 12:28, and Ephesians 4:11-13) stress that, without knowledge, values, beliefs are lost to later generations;

*Aware* of the current challenges facing Teachers such as low salaries and lack of financial support, overwork and burnout, insufficient resources and training, emotional and mental health toll;

*Requestted* the House to address the current issues in education, fostering a supportive environment for teachers in increase funding for salaries and resources, and create, implement professional development programs platforms for teacher feedback and support. -Advocate for policy changes that supports local educational initiative to celebrate teachers in our communities that the Holy Spirit bestows teaching as a spiritual gift to the Church.

*Invited* the educators to come together to celebrate the invaluable contributions they make to the society. Your dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds pave the way for a brighter future;

*Recalled* your roles not only as educators but also your influence as mentors, guides, and champions of knowledge. Each lesson you impart and every word of encouragement you share leaves a lasting impact on the lives of students;

*Acknowledged* the challenges teachers face and the resilience they demonstrate, your ability to inspire curiosity and foster a love for learning is a gift that transcends the class room and shapes the world;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of our dead teachers;
- (ii) urge the Executive Arm of Government of Nigeria, the State Governments, and other Stakeholders in the education sector to address without delay, the plight of Teachers in Nigeria (**HR. 100/10/2024**).

*A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.*

**18. Call on the Federal Road Safety Commission to Adopt Modern Technology in its Operations**  
*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) is a Government Agency established in 1988 with the responsibility of promoting safe driving practices, reducing road accidents and fosters the culture of road safety awareness across the country;

*Also notes* that the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) officers patrol highways, apprehend traffic offenders, issue traffic regulations to deter dangerous driving and regulate the issuance of driver's licenses to ensure only qualified individuals operate vehicles on the roads;

*Concerned* that the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) enforcement methods of physical checkpoints pose potential risks to commuters, the location of checkpoints on steep inclines or declines can be dangerous, especially for motorcycles and tricycles, application of sudden brake or swerve maneuvers to avoid checkpoints can lead to accidents;

*Also concerned* that checkpoints create bottlenecks, especially during peak hours, leading to traffic jams and delays coupled with alleged reports of Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) officials engaging in corrupt practices at checkpoints, soliciting bribes from motorists, or impounding vehicles for minor offenses;

*Worried* that the Federal Road Safety Commission's (FRSC) practice of using motorcycles and vehicles to chase commuters for traffic offenses raises concerns as the chase was always on high speed, posing a risk to bystanders, and resulting in loss of control leading to injuries and minor accidents;

*Also worried* that while the Federal Road Safety Commission's (FRSC) goal of enforcing traffic laws is understandable, it's crucial to prioritize the safety of everyone on the road. Chasing commuters should be a last resort, employed only in situations where it is absolutely necessary and can be done safely;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to embrace technology-assisted enforcement, which includes:
  - (a) Automatic Vehicle Local (AVL) systems,
  - (b) Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) systems,
  - (c) Advanced analytics and data platforms, and
  - (d) Other potential options;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Road Safety Commission to evaluate the effectiveness of enforcement strategies, whether technology-assisted methods are reducing traffic violations and improving safety; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Garba Ibrahim Muhammad — Gwale Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) is a Government Agency established in 1988 with the responsibility of promoting safe driving practices, reducing road accidents and fosters the culture of road safety awareness across the country;

*Also noted* that the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) officers patrol highways, apprehend traffic offenders, issue traffic regulations to deter dangerous driving and regulate the issuance of driver's licenses to ensure only qualified individuals operate vehicles on the roads;

*Concerned* that the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) enforcement methods of physical checkpoints pose potential risks to commuters, the location of checkpoints on steep inclines or declines can be dangerous, especially for motorcycles and tricycles, application of sudden brake or swerve maneuvers to avoid checkpoints can lead to accidents;

*Also concerned* that checkpoints create bottlenecks, especially during peak hours, leading to traffic jams and delays coupled with alleged reports of Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) officials engaging in corrupt practices at checkpoints, soliciting bribes from motorists, or impounding vehicles for minor offenses;

*Worried* that the Federal Road Safety Commission's (FRSC) practice of using motorcycles and vehicles to chase commuters for traffic offenses raises concerns as the chase was always on high speed, posing a risk to bystanders, and resulting in loss of control leading to injuries and minor accidents;

*Also worried* that while the Federal Road Safety Commission's (FRSC) goal of enforcing traffic laws is understandable, it's crucial to prioritize the safety of everyone on the road. Chasing commuters should be a last resort, employed only in situations where it is absolutely necessary and can be done safely;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to embrace technology-assisted enforcement, which includes:
  - (a) Automatic Vehicle Local (AVL) systems,
  - (b) Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) systems,
  - (c) Advanced analytics and data platforms, and
  - (d) Other potential options;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Road Safety Commission to evaluate the effectiveness of enforcement strategies, whether technology-assisted methods are reducing traffic violations and improving safety; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to ensure compliance (**HR. 101/10/2024**).

**19. Need to Reconstruct the Collapsed Alau Dam in Borno State**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the Alau Dam with a maximum storage capacity of 112-million litres, located in Alau Community of Borno State was constructed in 1984 to provide water for irrigation and domestic use in Maiduguri;

*Also notes* that Alau Dam was constructed by the Federal Government not only to store for use, but to also help control flooding from the Ngadda River;

*Aware* that on 13 September, 1994, the Alau Dam collapsed causing flood in Maiduguri and its environs that destroyed properties, public amenities and farmlands causing the displacement of about half a million residents;

*Concerned* that almost exactly 30 years later on 10th September, 2024, Maiduguri is again flooded by the worst flood in its history, affecting over 60% of the city destroying lives, properties and critical city infrastructure like roads, bridges, hospitals, schools, markets and other public utilities;

*Worried* that despite several budgetary allocations over the years the Alau Dam has remained in poor shape, hence the recurring collapse and the ensuing floods;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation to reassess, fortify and reconstruct the Alau Dam to forestall any future Occurrence of floods or any mishap;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to include the reconstruction of Alau Dam in its 2025 budget estimates with a view to provide permanent solution to the problem;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Water Resources, Appropriations, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Abdulkadir Rahis — Maiduguri Metropolitan Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

(HR. 102/10/2024).

*Motion referred to the Committees on Water Resources, Appropriations, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).*

**20. Need to Investigate the Accessibility of Persons with Disability in Public Buildings**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

**21. Consideration of Reports**

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Medical Centers Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Fufu, Kwara State and for Related Matters (HB. 834) (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 Federal Medical Centers Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Fufu, Kwara State and for Related Matters (HB. 834)" (Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu 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)*

A BILL TO AMEND THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRES ACT  
TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, FUFU, KWARA  
STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.834)

**Clause 1: Amendment of the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2023.**

The Federal Medical Centres Act, 2023 (hereinafter called "the Principal Act" is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*)).

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

**Clause 2: Amendment of the Second Schedule.**

The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new item "3"

"3. Federal Medical Centre, Fufu, Kwara State" (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

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

**Clause 3: Citation.**

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2023 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Fufu, Kwara State (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Fufu, Kwara State and for Related Matters (HB.834) (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

*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 Federal Medical Centers Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Fufu, Kwara State and for Related Matters (HB. 834) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, 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.*

**(ii) Committee on Health Institutions:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Medical Centers Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Kafanchan, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB.507 )” (*Hon. Amos Gwamna Magaji — Jaba/Zangon Kataf 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)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRES ACT  
TO PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE,  
KAFANCHAN, KADUNA STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 507)

**Committee’s Recommendation:**

**Clause 1: Amendment of the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2023.**

The Federal Medical Centres Act, 2023 (hereinafter called "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Amos Gwamma Magaji — Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee’s Recommendation:**

**Clause 2: Amendment of the Second Schedule.**

The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new item "22":

"22. Federal Medical Centre, Kafanchan, Kaduna State” (*Hon. Amos Gwamma Magaji — Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:****Clause 3: Citation.**

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Centres (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Amos Gwamma Magaji — Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2023 to establish Federal Medical Centre, Kafanchan, Kaduna State (*Hon. Amos Gwamma Magaji — Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Kafanchan, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB. 507) (*Hon. Amos Gwamma Magaji — Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*).

*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 of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Medical Centers Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Kafanchan, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB.507) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, 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.*

**(iii) Committee on Health Institutions:**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Medical Centers Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Usung Atiat, Ukanafun LGA, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (HB.957)" (*Hon. Amos Gwamma Magaji — Jaba/Zangon Kataf 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)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRES ACT  
TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, USUNG ATIAT, UKANAFUN,  
AKWA IBOM STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.957)

**Committee's Recommendation:****Clause 1: Amendment of the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2023.**

The Federal Medical Centres Act, 2024 (hereinafter called "the Principal Act" is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Amos Gwamma Magaji — Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 2: Amendment of the Second Schedule.**

The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new item "3":

"Federal Medical Centre, Usung Atiat, Ukanafun, Akwa Ibom State" (*Hon. Amos Gwamma Magaji — Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 3: Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Amos Gwamma Magaji — Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2024 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Usung Atiat, Ukanafun, Akwa Ibom State (*Hon. Amos Gwamma Magaji — Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Usung Atiat, Ukanafun, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (HB.957) (*Hon. Amos Gwamma Magaji — Jaba/Zangon Kataf Federal Constituency*).

*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 of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Medical Centers Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Usung Atiat, Ukanafun LGA, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (HB.957) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, the Schedules, 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.*

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

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Ute Ukpu to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB.105)" (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba 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)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF AGRICULTURE ACT, CAP. F22, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, UTE OKPU, DELTA STATE;  
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 105)

***Committee's Recommendation:*****Clause 1: Amendment of the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act.**

The Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, LFN, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act) is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:*****Clause 2: Amendment of section 2.**

Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new paragraph (d) immediately after (c) —

"(d) the Federal University of Agriculture, Ute Okpu, Delta State" (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:*****Clause 3: Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as Federal University of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

***Explanatory Memorandum:***

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Ute Okpu, Delta State (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

***Long Title:***

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Ute Okpu, Delta State; and for Related Matters (HB. 105) (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

***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 of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Ute Ukpu to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB.105) and approved Clauses 1 -3, 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.*

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

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do consider 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 the 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.*

*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 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, AGILA, BENUE STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 11)

**Committee’s Recommendation:**

**Clause 1: Amendment of Cap. A12, LFN, 2004.**

The Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency).

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

**Committee’s Recommendation:**

**Clause 2: Amendment of Third Schedule.**

The Third Schedule of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new paragraph 17 to read thus:

"17. Federal College of Agriculture, Agila, Benue State" (Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency).

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

**Committee’s Recommendation:**

**Clause 3: Short Title.**

This Bill may be cited as the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill seeks 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, Agila, Benue State (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

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, Agila, Benue State; and for Related Matters (HB. 11) (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

*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 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 the 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) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, 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.*

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

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Fiditi - Oyo, Oyo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1269)” (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba 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)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF  
AGRICULTURE ACT, CAP. F22, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004,  
TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, FIDITI - OYO,  
OYO STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1269)

**Committee’s Recommendation:**

**Clause 1: Amendment of the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act.**

The Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, LFN, 2004 (hereinafter

referred to as the Principal Act) is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 2: Amendment of section 2.**

Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new paragraph (d) immediately after (c) —

"(d) the Federal University of Agriculture, Fiditi - Oyo, Oyo State" (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

**Committee's Recommendation:**

**Clause 3: Short Title.**

3. This Bill may be cited as Federal University of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Fiditi - Oyo, Oyo State (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Fiditi - Oyo, Oyo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1269) (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi — Afijio/Oyo East/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

*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 of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Fiditi - Oyo, Oyo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1269) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, 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.*

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

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act to Establish Federal College of Education (Special), Dukku, Gombe State and for Related Matters (HB. 1371)" (*Hon. Adamu Tanko — Gurara/Suleja/Tafa 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)*

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL COLLEGES OF EDUCATION ACT, NO. 43, 2023 TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (SPECIAL), DUKKU, GOMBE STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1371)

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 1: Amendment of the Federal Colleges of Education Act, No. 43, 2023.**

The Federal Colleges of Education Act No. 43, 2023 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Adamu Tanko — Gurara/Suleja/Tafa West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 2: Amendment of the First Schedule.**

The First Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the existing Paragraph "(y)", a new paragraph "(z)" —

"(z) Federal College of Education (Special) Dukku, Gombe State" (*Hon. Adamu Tanko — Gurara/Suleja/Tafa West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***

**Clause 3: Citation.**

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (*Hon. Adamu Tanko — Gurara/Suleja/Tafa West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

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

***Explanatory Memorandum:***

The Bill seeks to amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, No. 43, 2023, to establish Federal College of Education (Special) Dukku, Gombe State (*Hon. Adamu Tanko — Gurara/Suleja/Tafa West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

***Long Title:***

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, No. 43, 2023 to Establish Federal College of Education (Special), Dukku, Gombe State and for Related Matters (HB.1371) (*Hon. Adamu Tanko — Gurara/Suleja/Tafa West/Atiba Federal Constituency*).

*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 of the Committee on Federal Colleges of Education on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act to Establish Federal College of Education (Special), Dukku, Gombe State and for Related Matters (HB. 1371) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, 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.*

**(viii) Committee on Public Accounts:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts on a Motion on the Alleged Mismanagement of Covid-19 Intervention Funds Disbursed to some Ministries, Departments, and Agencies covering the period 2020 - 2022 and approved the recommendations therein (HR. 254/10/2023)” (Hon. Bamidele Salam — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo 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(i):**

“That the EFCC and ICPC should be directed to provide comprehensive information on funds recovered from MDAs on COVID-19 intervention funds to the Public Accounts Committee and the House Committee on Finance” (Hon. Bamidele Salam — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency).

*Debate.*

**Amendment Proposed:**

Immediately after the words “funds to the”, insert the words “House through the”(Hon.Kingsley Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency)

*Agreed to.*

*Question that Recommendation (i) as amended, stands part of the Report — Agreed to.*

**Recommendation(ii):**

“That the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation should be directed to provide evidence of remittances/mop-up of unspent funds on COVID-19 intervention funds from MDAs” (Hon. Bamidele Salam — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo Federal Constituency).

*Agreed to.*

**Recommendation(iii):**

“That the House should strongly caution all Chief Accounting Officers of MDAs, Medical Directors of Medical institutions, Directors of Finance and Accounts or Bursars with their Tender Board Members to stop awarding contracts above their statutory threshold and ensure they always obtain BPP approval for future procurement, in line with relevant extant laws” (Hon. Bamidele Salam — Ede North/Ede South/Egbedore/Ejigbo 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 Committee on Public Accounts on a Motion on the Alleged Mismanagement of COVID-19 Intervention Funds Disbursed to some Ministries, Departments, and Agencies covering the period 2020 - 2022 and approved the recommendations therein (**HR. 254/10/2023**) and approved Recommendation (i) as amended, approved Recommendations (ii) - (iii) of the Report.

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

**22. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 15 October, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 2.00 p.m.*

**Abbas Tajudeen**  
*Speaker*