



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

Thursday, 20 February, 2025

1. The House met at 11.14 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House sang the National Anthem and recited the National Pledge.
3. **Votes and Proceedings**  
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 19 February, 2025.

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

4. **Announcement**
  - (i) **Visitors in the Gallery:**  
Mr Speaker announced the presence of the following:
    - (i) Members of Students' Representative Council, Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State;
    - (ii) Staff and Students of Jewel Model Schools, Kubwa, Abuja;
    - (ii) Staff and Students of Zenith Hills Academy, Dakwa, Suleja, Niger State.
  - (ii) **Defection:**  
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Yusuf Shitu Galambi (*Gwaram Federal Constituency*) announcing his defection from the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP) to All Progressives Congress (APC).
5. **Petitions**
  - (i) The following Petitions were presented and laid by Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (*Oshodi/Isolo II Federal Constituency*);
    - (a) Disengaged workers of Nigerian Ports Authority, on alleged non-payment of their entitlements by the Nigerian Ports Authority;

- (b) Elizabeth Jonah Archibong on alleged non-payment of her entitlements by the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC);
- (c) Omole Phase II Community Development Association (CDA), Lagos State, on epileptic power supply by the Ikeja Electric Plc;
- (ii) A petition from Association of Senior Staff of Banks, Insurance and Financial Institutions (ASSBFI), on behalf of disengaged workers, on alleged non-payment of their outstanding severance benefits by EcoBank Plc, was presented and laid by Hon. Abdullahi El-Rasheed (*Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) A petition from Nigerian Office for Trade Negotiations Staff Association, on alleged abuse of office and gross misconduct by the Director-General, was presented and laid by Hon. Mathew Nwogu (*Abo Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*);
- (iv) A petition from Miracle Divine Ventures Limited, on alleged non-payment of the outstanding contract sum of Forty Million, One Hundred and Fifty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty-Two Naira, Eighty-Six Kobo (₦40,158,842.86k) by AUDA-NEPAD Nigeria, was presented and laid by Hon. Jajere Muhammed Buba (*Fika/Fune Federal Constituency*).

*Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.*

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

- (i) ***Need to Investigate the Allegation by US Congressman, Scott Perry, that United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has Allegedly Funded Boko Haram and Other International Terrorist Organisations:***  
Hon. Inuwa Garba (*Yamaltu/Deba 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 Investigate the Allegation by US Congressman, Scott Perry, that United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has Allegedly Funded Boko Haram and Other International Terrorist Organisations:**

The House:

*Notes* with concern the recent statement made by a U.S. Congressman, Scott Perry, alleging that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has been involved in the sponsorship of Boko Haram and other terrorist activities in countries where the different groups operated;

*Also notes* that Scott Perry made this claim during the inaugural hearing of the Sub-Committee on Delivering on Government Efficiency where he claimed that "\$697million were spent annually, plus shipments of cash to Madrasas, ISIS, Al-Qaeda, Boko Haram," etc.;

*Believes* that with Boko Haram's dominant presence in Northern Nigeria, it is safe to assume

that it (Boko Haram) had significantly benefitted from this funding as alleged by Scott Perry;

*Further notes* that the allegation, if true, raises serious national and international security concerns and questions about external influences on Nigeria's fight against insecurity, which has led to significant loss of lives, destruction of property, and displacement of over one million citizens over the years;

*Aware* that Nigeria has been battling insurgency and terrorism for over a decade, with the government committing enormous resources to counter terrorism operations while also seeking international cooperation to curb the menace;

*Concerned* that such an allegation, if not thoroughly investigated, could undermine Nigeria's sovereignty, compromise national security efforts, and diminish public confidence in the fight against terrorism;

*Worried* that failure to unearth the truth behind this weighty claim could embolden criminal and terrorist elements, further exacerbating the insecurity challenges confronting the country;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) set up a Special Committee to conduct a thorough investigation into the allegations made by Congressman Scott Perry;
- (ii) urge the Executive Arm of Government to engage with the U.S. Government through the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to obtain a formal clarification on this matter;
- (iii) also urge the media and the general public to remain vigilant and provide useful information that could assist security agencies in their efforts to combat terrorism;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Defence, Foreign Affairs, and Inter-Governmental Affairs to investigate the activities of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Nigeria, their real identities, sources of funding, and on what they expend their monies on;
- (v) also mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance, National Security and Intelligence, Foreign Affairs, Inter-Parliamentary Relations, and Defence to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Inuwa Garba — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

**Amendments Proposed:**

- (i) In Prayer (i), immediately after the words “set up” *leave out* the words “a Special Committee” and *insert* the words: “an *Ad-hoc* Committee” (*Hon. Umar Shehu Ajilo — Makarfi/Kudan Federal Constituency*).

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

- (ii) *Leave out* Prayers (iv) and (v), *an insert* a new Prayer (iv) as follows:  
“mandate the *Ad-hoc* Committee which should be derived from all the security related Committees to interface with relevant security agencies, and investigate the modus operandi of all Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) operating in the country, with a view to unravelling their real identities, sources of funding, and what they expend their monies on” (*Hon. Lawan Shetima Ali — Bursari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency*).

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

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

The House:

*Noted* with concern the recent statement made by a U.S. Congressman, Scott Perry, alleging that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has been involved in the sponsorship of Boko Haram and other terrorist activities in countries where the different groups operated;

*Also noted* that Scott Perry made this claim during the inaugural hearing of the Sub-Committee on Delivering on Government Efficiency where he claimed that "\$697million were spent annually, plus shipments of cash to Madrasas, ISIS, Al-Qaeda, Boko Haram," etc.;

*Believed* that with Boko Haram's dominant presence in Northern Nigeria, it is safe to assume that it (Boko Haram) had significantly benefitted from this funding as alleged by Scott Perry;

*Further noted* that the allegation, if true, raises serious national and international security concerns and questions about external influences on Nigeria's fight against insecurity, which has led to significant loss of lives, destruction of property, and displacement of over one million citizens over the years;

*Aware* that Nigeria has been battling insurgency and terrorism for over a decade, with the government committing enormous resources to counter terrorism operations while also seeking international cooperation to curb the menace;

*Concerned* that such an allegation, if not thoroughly investigated, could undermine Nigeria's sovereignty, compromise national security efforts, and diminish public confidence in the fight against terrorism;

*Worried* that failure to unearth the truth behind this weighty claim could embolden criminal and terrorist elements, further exacerbating the insecurity challenges confronting the country;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to conduct a thorough investigation into the allegations made by Congressman Scott Perry;
- (ii) urge the Executive Arm of Government to engage with the U.S. Government through the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to obtain a formal clarification on this matter;
- (iii) also urge the media and the general public to remain vigilant and provide useful information that could assist security agencies in their efforts to combat terrorism;
- (iv) mandate the *Ad-hoc* Committee which should be derived from all the security related Committees to interface with relevant security agencies, and investigate the modus operandi of all Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) operating in the country, with a view to unravelling their real identities, sources of funding, and what they expend their monies on (**HR. 49/02/2025**).

***Ad-hoc Committee on the Need to Investigate the Allegation by United States of America Congressman, Scott Perry, that United States Agency for International Development***

***(USAID) has Allegedly Funded Boko Haram and Other International Terrorist Organization (HR. 49/02/2025):***

Mr Speaker announced membership of the Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Victor Obuzor	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Babajimi Benson Adegoke	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Fredrick Agbedi	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Salman Idris	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Aliyu Bappa Misau	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Odudoh Uduak Alphonsus	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Shehu Mohammed Bello	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Mansur Musa Jega	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Ari Abdulmumin Mohammed	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Olajide Adedeji Stanley	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Obeta Mark Chidi	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Yusuf Shittu Galambi	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Inuwa Garba	—	<i>Member</i>
(15)	Hon. Ebikake Marie Enenimiete	—	<i>Member</i>

***(ii) Need to Reconstruct the Road Linking Maihula to Wurbo, Bokki, Baba, Juli, Garwa, Garin Jingi, Anema and Tella in Gassol Local Government Area of Taraba State:***

Hon. Jaafaru Yakubu (*Bali/Gassol Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

***Need to Reconstruct the Road Linking Maihula to Wurbo, Bokki, Baba, Juli, Garwa, Garin Jingi, Anema and Tella in Gassol Local Government Area of Taraba State:***

The House

*Notes* that the road linking Maihula to Wurbo and Tella in Gassol LGA, Taraba State, a critical infrastructure connecting the Agricultural hub of the State is dilapidated;

*Also notes* that due to the dilapidated nature of the road, criminal activities has been on the increase, resulting in insecurity in the area;

*Further notes* that the road connects two major rivers, making it an agricultural hub for farming of rice, maize, sorghum, Fishing, etc.;

*Worried* that the dilapidated nature of the road has made it a death trap resulting in loss of lives, and properties as well as becoming a den for criminal activities;

*Aware* that when rehabilitated, the road will enhance movement of farm produce in the LGAs and the entire state thereby boosting economic activities in the area and Taraba State at large;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the North East Development Commission (NEDC) to urgently reconstruct the road connecting Maihula to Wurbo and Tella in Gassol LGA, with culvert and drainage;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on North East Development Commission (NEDC) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Jaafaru Yakubu — Bali/Gassol Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**(HR. 50/02/2025).**

*Motion referred to the Committee on North East Development Commission (NEDC), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).*

**(iii) *Escalating Banditry and Kidnapping in Faskari, Kankara, Sabuwa, Bakori, and Danja Local Government Areas of Katsina State:***

Hon. Dalhatu Shehu (*Faskari/Kankara/Sabuwa 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.*

**Escalating Banditry and Kidnapping in Faskari, Kankara, Sabuwa, Bakori, and Danja Local Government Areas of Katsina State:**

The House:

*Notes* with concern the alarming increase cases of banditry and kidnapping in Faskari, Kankara, Sabuwa, Bakori, and Danja Local Government Areas of Katsina State, which has led to the displacement of many residents and created a severe humanitarian crisis;

*Also notes* that despite the presence of security camps, major roads such as the Sheme - Kankara road have become inaccessible due to frequent attacks, significantly affecting the movement of people and goods, thereby crippling economic activities in the region;

*Aware* that the most recent incident occurred in Var' Bada'u, Tsavni, Kandarawa, Gidan Sule, Shadawa, Mai Bakko and Tsigu, where many people were abducted, including Retired Brigadier General Maharazu Ismail Tsigu, a former Director-General of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), who has dedicated his life to the service of this nation;

*Concerned* that these continuous attacks have subjected residents to fear, displacement, and economic hardship, with many families losing their means of livelihood and communities being deserted due to the continued threats posed by these criminals;

*Cognizant* of the constitutional responsibility of the government to ensure the security and welfare of its citizens, as enshrined in Section 14 (2) (b) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended);

*Resolves to:*

- (i) call on security agencies to intensify surveillance, intelligence gathering, and coordinated efforts to curb the activities of bandits and kidnappers in these affected areas;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the displaced persons in Faskari, Kankara, Sabuwa, Bakori, and Danja Local Government Areas of Katsina State;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Dalhatu Shehu — Faskari/Kankara/Sabuwa Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**(HR. 51/02/2025).**

*Motion referred to the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).*

## **7. Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Association of Researchers and Inventors of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2080).
- (2) Federal University Teaching Hospital, Gusau, Zamfara State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2081).
- (3) National Child Protection and Enforcement Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2090).
- (4) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Sixth Alteration), 1999 (Direct Transfers of Statutory) Bill, 2025 (HB.2069).
- (5) Harmful Waste (Special Criminal Provisions, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2074).
- (6) Mandatory Installation of Surveillance Cameras in Public Places in the Federal Capital Territory Bill, 2025 (HB.2075).
- (7) Fiscal Responsibility Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2078).
- (8) National Eye Centre, Doma (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (SB.193).
- (9) Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences, Garaku, Nasarwa State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 3010).
- (10) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2082).
- (11) Labour Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB. 2105).
- (12) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (Exclusion of Application of Prerogative of Mercy to Corruption Cases) (HB.2083).
- (13) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (Uniformity of Annual Vacation of Courts in Nigeria) (HB.2084).

- (14) Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ikot Mboho, Akwa Ibom State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2085).
- (15) National Solid Minerals Research and Development Institute (NSMRDI) Anka, Zamfara State (Establishment) Bill, 2025.
- (16) Education Reform Bill, 2025.
- (17) Federal University of Science and Technology, Talata Mafara, Zamfara State (Establishment) Bill, 2025.

**8. Presentation of Reports**

**(i) 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, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Uluoke-Uzaire, Edo State and for Related Matters (HB. 633)” (*Hon. Oke Martins George — Igbo-Etiti/Uzo-Uwani Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**(ii) Committee on Pensions:**

Report of the Committee on Pensions to investigate the Administration of Nigeria’s Pension Fund Asset.

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

**(iii) Committee on Pensions:**

Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Plight of Retirees under the Contributory Pension Scheme.

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

**9. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Polytechnic, Kaduna and Establish Federal University of Technology, Kaduna, to Provide Training and Teaching Instruction in every aspect of Education and such other Fields of Applied Learning Relevant to the Needs of the Development of Education in Nigeria, Matters of Administration and Discipline of Students and for Related Matters (HB. 18) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Polytechnic, Kaduna and Establish Federal University of Technology, Kaduna, to Provide Training and Teaching Instruction in every aspect of Education and such other Fields of Applied Learning Relevant to the Needs of the Development of Education in Nigeria, Matters of Administration and Discipline of Students and for Related Matters (HB. 18) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Sadiq Ango Abdullahi — Sabon Gari Federal Constituency and One Other*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on University Education.*

**10. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Mining and Geosciences, Jos, Plateau State**



**to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management, Administration and for Related Matters (SB.12) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Mining and Geosciences, Jos, Plateau State to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management, Administration and for Related Matters (SB.12) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali — Deputy House Leader*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.*

**11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Isanlu, Yagba East, Kogi State and for Related Matters (HB.2024) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Isanlu, Yagba East, Kogi State and for Related Matters (HB.2024) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Leke Joseph Abejide — Yagba East/Yagba West/Mopa Muro 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.*

**12. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Vocation Training Centre in all 774 Local Government Areas in Nigeria and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB. 736) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Vocation Training Centre in all 774 Local Government Areas in Nigeria and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB. 736) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Joseph Folorunsho Adegbesan — Ijebu North/Ijebu East/Ogun Waterside 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 Alternative Education.*

**13. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Institute of Industrial Research Act, 2023 to have the Headquarters of the Institute at Oshodi, Lagos State and Provide for a Single Term of Office for the Director-General and for Related Matters (HB.1823) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Institute of Industrial Research Act, 2023 to have the Headquarters of the Institute at Oshodi, Lagos State and Provide for a Single Term of Office for the Director-General and for Related Matters (HB.1823) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Fayinka Moses Oluwatoyin — Mushin II Federal Constituency and Nineteen Others*).

*Debate.*

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

**14. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agricultural Development Fund Act, 2022 and for Related Matters (HB.2036) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agricultural Development Fund Act, 2022 and for Related Matters (HB.2036) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Bello A Ka’oje — Bagudo/Suru Federal Constituency and One other).*

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services.*

**15. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ilashe-Ipokia, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB.1218) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ilashe-Ipokia, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB.1218) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade — Egbado South/Ipokia 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.*

**16. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the National Institute for Technical and Vocational Education, Kalgo, Kebbi State and for Related Matters (HB.1622) — Second Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the National Institute for Technical and Vocational Education, Kalgo, Kebbi State and for Related Matters (HB.1622) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Ibrahim Mohammed — Bunza/Birnin Kebbi/Kalgo 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 Alternative Education.*

**17. Need to Investigate Accrued Revenue Savings and Disbursement from the Distributable Pool Account of the Federation**

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House for further legislative action.*

**18. Need to Investigate the Oil and Gas Park Construction Project in Odukpani Local Government Area, Cross River State**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010 was enacted to, among others, ensure an increase in the participation of Nigerians in the Oil and Gas Industry, ensure the use of the country's resources such as goods, services and assets in the industry, attract investment to the Oil and Gas sector, and integrate oil producing communities into the Oil and Gas value chain;

*Also notes* that Sections 4 and 5 of the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) Act mandate the Board to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the Act and ensure a measurable and continuous growth of Nigerian content in all oil and gas arrangements, projects, operations, activities or transactions in the Nigerian oil and gas industry;

*Further notes* that the Nigerian Oil and Gas Parks Scheme (NOGAPS) was conceived by NCDMB to establish facilities in strategic locations for the manufacturing of oil and gas components, as well as research and development activities;

*Aware* that NOGAPS adopted a shared-services strategy in which the NCDMB supplies infrastructure like power and utilities, including road networks, water, and waste treatment, among others, for businesses located on the site, allowing local manufacturers to concentrate on their primary business of manufacturing instead of taking on responsibilities such as power generation and road construction, thereby reducing operating costs for them;

*Also aware* that in March 2018, NCDMB commenced implementation of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Park Scheme (NOGAPS) with the construction of the first Nigerian Oil and Gas Park at Odukpani, Cross River State, to create a regional low-cost manufacturing hub that would produce equipment components and spare parts that would be utilized in the Nigerian Oil and Gas industry;

*Concerned* that the oil and gas park in Odukpani has been reportedly abandoned and remains unutilized, with previous efforts to develop the area being stalled, whereas a similar project which the Board undertook has been completed;

*Also concerned* that while specific reasons for the stagnation are not detailed, reports have alleged that the challenges are related to funding, bureaucratic bottlenecks, operational inefficiencies, and shifting focus, among other things;

*Cognizant* that the oil and gas park in Odukpani holds significant potential for local economic development, especially in terms of employment and infrastructure, thus efforts must be made to ensure completion of the project;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committee on Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring to investigate the non-completion of the Oil and Gas Park project in Odukpani Local Government Area, Cross River State, and ensure that all factors militating against the completion and smooth-running of the park are effectively addressed (*Hon. Bassey Akiba Ekpennyong — Calabar Municipal/Odukpani Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010 was enacted to, among others, ensure an increase in the participation of Nigerians in the Oil and Gas Industry, ensure the use of the country's resources such as goods, services and assets in the industry, attract investment to the Oil and Gas sector, and integrate oil producing communities into the Oil and Gas value chain;

*Also noted* that Sections 4 and 5 of the Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB) Act mandate the Board to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the Act and ensure a measurable and continuous growth of Nigerian content in all oil and gas arrangements, projects, operations, activities or transactions in the Nigerian oil and gas industry;

*Further noted* that the Nigerian Oil and Gas Parks Scheme (NOGAPS) was conceived by NCDMB to establish facilities in strategic locations for the manufacturing of oil and gas components, as well as research and development activities;

*Aware* that NOGAPS adopted a shared-services strategy in which the NCDMB supplies infrastructure like power and utilities, including road networks, water, and waste treatment, among others, for businesses located on the site, allowing local manufacturers to concentrate on their primary business of manufacturing instead of taking on responsibilities such as power generation and road construction, thereby reducing operating costs for them;

*Also aware* that in March 2018, NCDMB commenced implementation of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Park Scheme (NOGAPS) with the construction of the first Nigerian Oil and Gas Park at Odukpani, Cross River State, to create a regional low-cost manufacturing hub that would produce equipment components and spare parts that would be utilized in the Nigerian Oil and Gas industry;

*Concerned* that the oil and gas park in Odukpani has been reportedly abandoned and remains unutilized, with previous efforts to develop the area being stalled, whereas a similar project which the Board undertook has been completed;

*Also concerned* that while specific reasons for the stagnation are not detailed, reports have alleged that the challenges are related to funding, bureaucratic bottlenecks, operational inefficiencies, and shifting focus, among other things;

*Cognizant* that the oil and gas park in Odukpani holds significant potential for local economic development, especially in terms of employment and infrastructure, thus efforts must be made to ensure completion of the project;

*Resolved to:*

Mandate the Committee on Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring to investigate the non-completion of the Oil and Gas Park project in Odukpani Local Government Area, Cross River State, and ensure that all factors militating against the completion and smooth-running of the park are effectively addressed (**HR. 52/02/2025**).

**19. Need to Fund the Construction of Deplorable Ogrute-Umuida-Unadu-Akpanya Odolu Federal Road**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the deplorable Ogrute-Umuida-Unadu-Akpanya-Odolu Federal Road connects both Enugu State and Kogi State;

*Recalls* that the construction of this vital link road was awarded by the Federal Government fourteen

(14) years ago, the contractors mobilized to site with heavy machineries and did preliminary site clearing and earthwork during which the existing community-maintained road was excavated but the road construction was subsequently abandoned till date;

*Concerned* that over time, abandoned roads in Obaka Unadu and Ohom Unadu communities in Igbo-Eze South Local Government Area of Enugu State have caused flooding, thereby making the road not only impassable but posing a major threat to rural dwellers' lives and properties;

*Also concerned* that the continued abandonment of this vital road inhibits the transportation of agricultural produce from the communities in Igbo-Eze South Local Government Area to the urban centers;

*Worried* that the much-needed drive to diversify the nation's economy will be grossly affected if important roads like the Ogrute-Umuida-Unadu-Akpanya-Odolu is not constructed to facilitate free movement of farmers to easily ferry their farm produce to urban areas are not urgently constructed;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) mandate the Committees on Works, Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and Rural Development to liaise with the relevant Federal Ministries and Agencies to ascertain why construction of the road was abandoned;
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with Federal Ministry of Works to include the construction of the road in the 2026 budget estimates;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Chidi Mark Obeta — Nsukka/Ibo-Eze South Federal Constituency and One other*).

*Agreed to.*

**(HR. 53/02/2025).**

*Motion referred to the Committees on Works, Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and Rural Development, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).*

**20. Need to Address the Deplorable State of Oba-Nnewi-Okigwe Road (Nnewi Axis), Anambra State**  
*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* the tragic accident of 14 February 2025, at the "Ugwu Akpati Ozu" section of the Oba-Nnewi-Okigwe Road, where a truck loaded with cement lost control due to the poor state of the road, destroying shops and killing eight persons on the spot, leaving others injured;

*Also notes* that the Oba-Nnewi-Okigwe Road, particularly the Nnewi axis, has become a death trap due to deep potholes, poor drainage systems, and lack of adequate road maintenance, thereby exposing road users and residents to frequent accidents and untimely deaths;

*Cognizant* that the deplorable state of the road has caused severe hardship to motorists, traders, and residents, affecting economic activities and worsening the already dire security situation in the axis;

*Worried* that if urgent rehabilitation and maintenance of the road are not done, more lives and properties will continue to be lost, and the economic potential of the region will be further stifled;

*Aware* that the Ministry of Works and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) are responsible for the maintenance and rehabilitation of federal roads across the country and have a duty to ensure that highways remain safe and motorable for all users;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) observe a minute of silence in honor of the victims of the tragic accident.
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide urgent medical assistance and relief materials to the families of the victims and those injured in the accident;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works and Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure the immediate commencement of the rehabilitation and reconstruction work on the Oba-Nnewi-Okigwe Road, especially the Nnewi axis (*Hon. Peter Ifeanyi Uzokwe — Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**(HR. 54/02/2025).**

*Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).*

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

**21. Proliferation of Fake Vehicle Number Plates**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the purposes of vehicle plate numbers is for easy identification of vehicles and to enable security agencies trace and identify any vehicle suspected of involvement in the commission of crime;

*Aware* of Vanguard Newspaper report of 7 February, 2025 where the Lagos State Sector Commander of FRSC claimed that most fake number plates used for crime in the country, bear the tags of respected Institutions such as the Presidency, Nigeria Youth Council (NYC), and National Association of Nigeria Students (NANS);

*Also worried* that the "One Chance" robbery and kidnapping incident in Nigeria is linked to fake vehicle plate numbers, with some falling victim while some met their untimely death in the hands of these criminals;

*Cognizant* that with the current state of insecurity in Nigeria, there is an urgent need to crack down on the use of fake plate numbers which pose a security threat to the citizens;

*Concerned* that some number plates bearing the Presidency, Nigeria Youth Council (NYC), NANS and other government agencies are, according to the FRSC Sector Command, Lagos, not registered in the Nigeria Vehicle Registration database;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Road Safety Commission in collaboration with the Nigeria Police Force to:
  - (a) ensure that only vehicles with registered plate numbers found in the Nigeria Vehicle registration database ply roads in Nigeria,
  - (b) intensify efforts to arrest users of fake plate numbers and ensure that the producers are traced and prosecuted; and

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Matthew Nwogu — Abo Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that the purposes of vehicle plate numbers is for easy identification of vehicles and to enable security agencies trace and identify any vehicle suspected of involvement in the commission of crime;

*Aware* of Vanguard Newspaper report of 7 February, 2025 where the Lagos State Sector Commander of FRSC claimed that most fake number plates used for crime in the country, bear the tags of respected Institutions such as the Presidency, Nigeria Youth Council (NYC), and National Association of Nigeria Students (NANS);

*Also worried* that the "One Chance" robbery and kidnapping incident in Nigeria is linked to fake vehicle plate numbers, with some falling victim while some met their untimely death in the hands of these criminals;

*Cognizant* that with the current state of insecurity in Nigeria, there is an urgent need to crack down on the use of fake plate numbers which pose a security threat to the citizens;

*Concerned* that some number plates bearing the Presidency, Nigeria Youth Council (NYC), NANS and other government agencies are, according to the FRSC Sector Command, Lagos, not registered in the Nigeria Vehicle Registration database;

*Resolved to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Road Safety Commission in collaboration with the Nigeria Police Force to:
- (a) ensure that only vehicles with registered plate numbers found in the Nigeria Vehicle registration database ply roads in Nigeria,
  - (b) intensify efforts to arrest users of fake plate numbers and ensure that the producers are traced and prosecuted; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 55/o2/2025**).

**22. Rehabilitation of Idofian-Fufu-Lajiki-Oke-Oyi Link Road in Ifelodun, Ilorin South/East Local Government Areas, Kwara State**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the Idofian, Fufu, Lajiki, and Oke-Oyi communities in Ifelodun, Ilorin South, and Ilorin East Local Government Areas of Kwara State are critical to the state's agricultural production, contributing to about 26% or over 500,000 metric tons of food supply annually, including tubers, grains, vegetables, and livestock;

*Also notes* that the 27 km Idofian-Fufu-Lajiki-Oke-Oyi link road, between two federal highways, within three local government areas, is crucial for agricultural and economic activities but has not undergone major rehabilitation since 1980, despite its strategic importance in the North Central region;

*Aware* that the deplorable state of the road has led to over 200 reported accidents in 2024, resulting in loss of lives and properties;

*Also aware* that the poor condition of the road has made it extremely difficult for farmers to transport farm produce from rural areas to urban markets, leading to post-harvest losses, reduced income for farmers, and increase cost of food, discouraging farming, leading to food insecurity in the country;

*Worried* that the dilapidated state of the road has created a conducive environment for criminal activities, including kidnappings and armed robberies, endangering the lives of residents and commuters;

*Cognizant* that the rehabilitation of the road will not only reduce accidents and save lives but also boost agricultural productivity, improve rural livelihoods, and stabilize food prices by ensuring the smooth transportation of farm produce to markets;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to immediately commence the rehabilitation of the Idofian-Fufu-Lajiki-Oke-Oyi link road to ensure the safe and free movement of people, goods, and services;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to collaborate with the Federal Ministry of Works to prioritize the road as a critical infrastructure for agricultural development;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works, Agricultural Production and Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Aluko Ahmed Yinka — Ilorin East/Ilorin South Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**(HR. 56/02/2025).**

*Motion referred to the Committees on Works, Agricultural Production and Services, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).*

**23. Adjournment of First Sitting**

*That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 1.50 p.m. (Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali — Deputy House Leader).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 1.35 p.m.*

**Abbas Tajudeen**  
*Speaker*