



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 22 May, 2025

1. The House met at 11.04 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 *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 20 May, 2025.

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

4. **Message**  
Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:



**PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

**PRES/134-1/RSGSP/01**

*20th May, 2025*

***Rt Honourable Tajudeen Abbas, GCON***  
Speaker of the House of Representative,  
National Assembly Complex,  
Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.

***Rt Honourable Speaker,***

**FORWARDING OF RIVERS STATE GOVERNMENT 2025 APPROPRIATION  
BILL FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

*Further to the nullification of the 2025 Budget of Rivers State by the Supreme Court, please, find forwarded herewith, the 2025 Appropriation Bill for Rivers State for the consideration of the House of Representatives.*

*The House of Representatives may wish to recall that Rivers State is currently under Emergency rule, which was proclaimed and duly Gazetted in March 2025. Regulation 4 (2) (f) of the emergency rule, 2025, requires authorization for expenditure from the consolidated Revenue of Rivers State, for its activities.*

*In the absence of the State Assembly, It expected that the National Assembly acts on that behalf, hence the request for the approval of the House of Representatives for the Rivers State Government 2025 Appropriation Bill.*

*The Appropriation Bill for the year 2025 is in the total sum of ₦1.481 trillion, wherein, the sum of ₦324 billion is for infrastructure, both ongoing and new projects, The sum of ₦166 billion is for health sector, including ₦5 billion for free drugs for treatment of malaria and other common ailments. The sum of ₦75.6 billion is proposed for education sector, and the sum of ₦31.4 billion for Agriculture projects.*

*The spending plan priorities investment in critical sectors of the State, such as infrastructure, health, including free drugs for Malaria and other common ailments, education, and also agriculture which is projected to generate approximately 6,000 jobs.*

*Accordingly, I hereby forward the Rivers State Government 2025 Appropriation Bill and trust that it would receive the expeditious consideration of the House of Representatives. Please accept, Rt Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest regards.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*(Signed)*

**Bola Ahmed Tinubu**

**5. Admittance into the Chamber:**

*Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do admit into the Chamber, the former Speaker and Deputy Speaker, Jigawa State House of Assembly, Hon. Haruna Aliyu Danjatin, and Hon. Sani Isyaku respectively, and Chairman, Enugu State All Progressives Congress (APC), Chief Ugochukwu Agballah, pursuant to Order Six, Rule 4 (1), and (2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).*

**Agreed to.**

**6. Announcements**

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

Mr Speaker announced the presence of the following visitors:

- (i) Staff and Students of St Aloysius Secondary School, Garki, Abuja;
- (ii) Staff and Students of Crystal Brains College (British and Montessori), Kubwa, Abuja;
- (iii) Staff and Students of Greater Height International Academy, Kuje, Abuja;

(iv) Staff and Students of Aviation City International School, Airport Road, Abuja.

**(ii) Defection:**

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Sunday Cyriacus Umeha (*Ezeagu/Udi Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Labour Party (LP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC).

**7. Petitions**

- (i) A petition from Nwabueze Obineche, on behalf of Eagelter Synergy Limited on the refusal to pay the sum of Sixty-One Million, Four Hundred and Forty Thousand Naira (₦61,440,000.00) as outstanding debt by MPS Technologies Limited, was presented and laid by Hon. Esosa Iyawe (*Oredo Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Nneke Kalu Amuta on non compliance with the court judgment in Suit No: FHA/ABJ/CS/100/210 by the Nigerian Security Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), was presented and laid by Hon. Ibe Okwara Osonwa (*Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) A petition from Uchenna Iwuanyanwu, on behalf of Umueze 1 Ama Isi Town Union, on the alleged murder of Thomas Odinaka Casmir and Chimaobi Malachy Iwuanyanwu by Agunchemba Security Operatives, Anambra State, was presented and laid by Hon. Chike John Okafor (*Ehime Mbano/Ihite Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

*Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.*

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

***Gradual Rise of Insecurity in North Western Kano State, Particularly in Local Government Areas that Border Katsina State:***

Hon. Sani Umar Bala (*Tsanyawa/Kunchi 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.*

**Gradual Rise of Insecurity in North Western Kano State, Particularly in Local Government Areas that Border Katsina State:**

The House:

*Notes* that in line with Section 14 (2) (b), it is the constitutional duty of all levels of government and security agencies to ensure the protection of lives and property: and the preservation of law and order across all parts of the country;

*Also notes* the gradual rise in insecurity in Kano State through Tsanyawa and Ghari Local Government Areas which share border with Katsina State, and have recently become flashpoints for kidnapping, cattle rustling, and armed banditry;

*Further notes* the increasing reports of abductions, attacks, and economic sabotage across various wards, particularly in Daddarawa, Gururn, Yankarnaye, Yanqanau, and Kabagiwa Wards in Tsanyawa Local Government Area and Shanakawa, Kofar Fada Ward in Ghari Local Government

Area;

*Concerned* that this ugly situation may be connected with the recent discovery of gold in that zone, which has attracted mining activities, including the presence of foreign nationals and nefarious activities;

*Also concerned* that this disturbing trend, if not urgently and decisively addressed, may escalate and engulf larger parts of Kano State, posing severe threats to the safety of citizens, rural economies, and national security at large;

*Aware* that the insecurity seems to be spreading from neighboring Katsina and Zamfara States, where banditry has taken deep root, and that the porous nature of the inter-state borders has facilitated the movement of criminal elements into the aforementioned Local Governments;

*Worried* that continued insecurity will lead to Displacement of residents; Disruption of farming and local markets; Further strain on overstretched security agencies; as well as General loss of confidence in government's capacity to protect lives and property;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) call on the National Security Adviser, Inspector-General of Police, the Director-General of the Department of State Services (DSS), and other relevant security agencies to immediately deploy special security operations to the affected LGAs to contain the rising insecurity;
- (ii) urge the Government to liaise with traditional institutions, local vigilantes, and community leaders to enhance grassroots intelligence gathering and community policing;
- (iii) also call on the Executive Arm of Government to urgently increase funding, logistics, and manpower for security agencies operating in border communities between Kano and Katsina States;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, and Police Affairs, State and Local Government as well as Traditional Institutions to interface with security agencies and traditional leaders in Kano State and particularly the affected LGAs to ensure sustained and coordinated response to the security situation and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Sani Umar Bala — Tsanyawa/Kunchi Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed.*

The House:

*Noted* that in line with Section 14 (2) (b), it is the constitutional duty of all levels of government and security agencies to ensure the protection of lives and property: and the preservation of law and order across all parts of the country;

*Also noted* the gradual rise in insecurity in Kano State through Tsanyawa and Ghari Local Government Areas which share border with Katsina State, and have recently become flashpoints for kidnapping, cattle rustling, and armed banditry;

*Further noted* the increasing reports of abductions, attacks, and economic sabotage across various wards, particularly in Daddarawa, Gururn, Yankarnaye, Yanqanau, and Kabagiwa Wards in Tsanyawa Local Government Area and Shanakawa, Kofar Fada Ward in Ghari Local Government Area;

*Concerned* that this ugly situation may be connected with the recent discovery of gold in that zone, which has attracted mining activities, including the presence of foreign nationals and nefarious activities;

*Also concerned* that this disturbing trend, if not urgently and decisively addressed, may escalate and engulf larger parts of Kano State, posing severe threats to the safety of citizens, rural economies, and national security at large;

*Aware* that the insecurity seems to be spreading from neighboring Katsina and Zamfara States, where banditry has taken deep root, and that the porous nature of the inter-state borders has facilitated the movement of criminal elements into the aforementioned Local Governments;

*Worried* that continued insecurity will lead to Displacement of residents; Disruption of farming and local markets; Further strain on overstretched security agencies; as well as General loss of confidence in government's capacity to protect lives and property;

*Resolved to:*

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## **9. Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the First Time:

- (1) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2347).
- (2) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2348).
- (3) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2349).
- (4) National Estate Housing Management Commission Bill, 2025 (HB.2350).
- (5) Chartered Institute of Human Resource Management (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2351).

## **10. Presentation of Report**

***Committee on Justice:***

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice on the Need to Address the Withholding of Bar Results and Backlog of Students awaiting Call

to Bar (**HR. 105/03/2025**)” (*Hon. Olumide Babatunde Osoba — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

**11. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Identity Management Commission Act, 2007 and provide for Establishment of National Identity Database and the National Identity Management Commission and for Related Matters (HB. 1281) — Third Reading**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Identity Management Commission Act, 2007 and provide for Establishment of National Identity Database and the National Identity Management Commission and for Related Matters (HB. 1281) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

**12. Order of the Day**

*Motion made and Question proposed*, “That the House do set down items 2 - 21 on the Order Paper till another legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3)” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

**13. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 27 May, 2025 at 11.00 a.m.* (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*The House adjourned accordingly at 12.13 p.m.*

**Abbas Tajudeen**  
*Speaker*