



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 3 October, 2024

1. The House met at 11.04 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, 3 October, 2024.

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**

30th September, 2024

Rt Honorable Tajudeen Abbas
Speaker of the House of Representatives;
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Rt Hon. Speaker,

**TRANSMISSION OF FISCAL POLICY AND TAX
REFORM BILLS TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

I write to forward herewith the Fiscal and Tax Reform Bills by the Federal Inland Revenue Service for consideration and passage by the House of Representatives:

- (i) ***the Nigeria Tax Bill:*** provides a consolidated fiscal framework for taxation in Nigeria;
- (ii) ***the Nigeria Tax Administration Bill:*** provides a clear and concise legal framework for the fair, consistent and efficient administration of all the tax laws to facilitate ease of tax compliance, reduce tax disputes and optimize revenue;
- (iii) ***the Nigeria Revenue Service (Establishment) Bill:*** repeals the Federal Inland Revenue Service (Establishment) Act, No. 13, 2007 and establishes the Nigeria Revenue Service to assess, collect and account for revenue accruable to the government of the federation;
- (iv) ***the Joint Revenue Board (Establishment) Bill:*** establishes the Joint Revenue Board, the Tax Appeal Tribunal and the Office of The Tax Ombudsman for the harmonization, coordination and settlement of disputes arising from revenue administration in Nigeria.

2. *The Proposed Tax Bills present substantial benefits that align with my Government's objectives and Fiscal reform and Economic growth by enhancing taxpayer compliance, strengthening out fiscal institutions and fostering a more effective and transparent fiscal regime. In this way, I am confident that these Bills, once passed into law, will encourage investment, boost consumer spending and stimulate the economy.*

3. *While I trust that the House of Representatives will in their usual expeditious manner consider and enact these Bills into law, please accept, Rt Hon. Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration and regards.*

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Bola Ahmed Tinubu

5. Announcement

Conference Committee on the North Central Development Commission, Bill, 2024:

Mr Speaker announced the membership of the Conference Committee on the North Central Development Commission:

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| (1) | Hon. Ahmed Idris | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Isa Bello Ambarura | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Adeyemi Akeem Adeniyi | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Zakaria Nyampa | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Martins Esin | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Mathew Nwogu | — | <i>Member</i> |

6. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Umaru Shuaibu Aruku, on alleged stagnation of his career progression by the Management of the Central Bank of Nigeria, was presented and laid by Hon. Daniel Asama Ago (*Jos North/Bassa Federal Constituency*);

- (ii) A petition from Osifo Theophilus Osagie, on the non-compliance with court order in Suit No: B/3CA/2019 by Federal Ministry of Health, and the Board and Management of Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital, Uselu, Benin City, was presented and laid by Hon. Mudashiru Lukman Alani (*Ayedire/Iwo/Ola-Oluwa Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) A petition from Adewuyi Victor, on behalf of Deranio Properties, on alleged exploitation and over estimated electricity billing on their property by Ikeja Distribution Company, was presented and laid by Hon. Nnamdi Ezechi (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*);
- (iv) A petition from C. L. Nnubia Esq (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Raphael Nnubia, on suspension and refusal to pay his outstanding salaries by Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Obinna Aguocha (*Ikwuano/Umuahia North/Umuahia South Federal Constituency*);
- (v) The following petitions were presented and laid by Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (*Oshodi/Isolo II Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Abdulmunaf Yunusa Sarina and 1 other, on behalf of Airline Operators of Nigeria, on alleged unfair engagement of Foreign Airlines to airlift Nigerian Christian Pilgrims to the detriment of Nigerian Airlines by Nigeria Christian Pilgrims Commission,
 - (b) Henry O. Chichi (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Kelechi C. Ogbonna, on alleged Corporate fraud and breach of contract by Dana Airlines Limited;
- (vi) A petition from United Farmers Association, on alleged incessant attacks and invasion of farm lands in Keana, Awe, Doma, Lafia, Guma-Gwer East, Logo, by Buzzaye bandits hired by Chief Sankari Giza and 16 others, was presented and laid by Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Dabai (*Bakori/Danja Federal Constituency*).
- (vii) A petition from Francis Chukuma Nwufoh, on behalf of White Plains British School, on alleged breach of Caveat Order in Suit No: FHC/ABJ/CS/1025/2015 by First Bank of Nigeria, was presented and laid by Hon. Jajere Muhammed Buba (*Fika/Fune Federal Constituency*);

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

7. Privilege (Order Six, Rule 2)

Hon. Julius Ihonvbere (*Owan East/Owan West Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to media reports of Wednesday, 2 October, 2024, regarding a matter of urgent public importance on “***Unwarranted Discrimination Against the House of Representatives and Demarcation of Its Chamber as Inferior to the Senate (HR.74/10/2024)***” which was considered on the Floor of the House. He noted that the media reports which claimed that the House rejected the National Honours Award of Commander of the Order of the Federal Republic (CFR) conferred on the Rt. Hon. Speaker was misleading and a misrepresentation of the facts. He further noted that the House only sought to amend the prayer of the motion to reflect the equality of both Chambers of the National Assembly, and as such, both Presiding Officers should be awarded the same National Honour of Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON). He viewed the misleading media reports as a breach of his privilege and that of the House. He called for a retraction of the misleading media reports in order not to misinform the public.

Mr Speaker noted the matter and urged media houses to retract the misleading reports and ensure that proceedings in the House are factually reported.

8. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 5)**(i) *Massive Killings and Kidnapping of Innocent Nigerians in Kusada and Kankia Local Government Areas, Katsina State:***

Hon. Abubakar Yahaya Kusada (*Ingawa/Kankia/Kusada 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.

Massive Killings, Kidnapping of Innocent Nigerians in Kusada and Kankia Local Government Areas of Katsina State:

The House:

Notes that Sections 33 and 41 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provide that every person has the right to life and no one shall be deprived intentionally of his or her life;

Also notes that Section 41 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that every citizen of Nigeria is entitled to move freely throughout Nigeria, and to reside in any part therein;

Concerned about the fact that from 18 September, 2024 till date, there has been a high rate of kidnappings and incessant attacks on some villages precisely Sunkuntuni, Maidanko, Walawa, Gyaza, Tashar Gamji, and Magam in Kankia Local Government Area, as well as Jeri and Duza Communities in Kusada Local Government Area of Katsina State, resulting in kidnap of 31 persons kidnapped, killing of 9 people, over 70 cattle rustled, and countless numbers of shops destroyed;

Also concerned that in the course of the incident, so many people were injured;

Worried that the bandits are demanding millions of Naira and motorcycles as ransom;

Aware that the primary duty and obligation of the government is to ensure the protection of the lives and properties of every Nigerian;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute of silence in honor of the deceased victims;
- (ii) urge the Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Army, and the Department of State Services to collaborate to ensure that the culprits are brought to book and ensure the release of those held captive;
- (iii) also urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide support and relief materials to the thousands of victims in order to save them from starvation and severe hardship;

- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Army, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (*Hon. Abubakar Yahaya Kusada — Ingawa/Kankia/Kusada Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Sections 33 and 41 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provide that every person has the right to life and no one shall be deprived intentionally of his or her life;

Also noted that Section 41 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that every citizen of Nigeria is entitled to move freely throughout Nigeria, and to reside in any part therein;

Concerned about the fact that from 18 September, 2024 till date, there has been a high rate of kidnappings and incessant attacks on some villages precisely Sunkuntuni, Maidanko, Walawa, Gyaza, Tashar Gamji, and Magam in Kankia Local Government Area, as well as Jeri and Duza Communities in Kusada Local Government Area of Katsina State, resulting in kidnap of 31 persons kidnapped, killing of 9 people, over 70 cattle rustled, and countless numbers of shops destroyed;

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Aware that the primary duty and obligation of the government is to ensure the protection of the lives and properties of every Nigerian;

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- (ii) urge the Nigeria Police Force, Nigeria Army, and the Department of State Services to collaborate to ensure that the culprits are brought to book and ensure the release of those held captive;
- (iii) also urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide support and relief materials to the thousands of victims in order to save them from starvation and severe hardship;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Army, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (**HR. 77/10/2024**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

- (ii) ***Need to Review the Price List of Medications by the National Health Insurance Scheme:*** Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi (*Enugu East/Isi-Uzo 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 Review the Price List of Medications by the National Health Insurance Scheme:

The House:

Notes that the safety and well-being of Nigerians is of paramount concern to the legislature;

Also notes that National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) under the National Health Insurance Authority as established by Act No. 35, 2022, which serves as a critical lifeline for millions of citizens is envisioned to providing access to affordable, essential and quality healthcare services;

Aware that the nation is grappling with economic hardship, inflation pressures, and rising costs of living, which have had a profound impact on the affordability and accessibility of healthcare services and medications for many citizens, particularly the vulnerable and marginalized segments of the society;

Perturbed that the existing price list of medication under the NHIS framework no longer aligns with current market dynamics and cost structures of pharmaceutical products as the last NHIS price list review was in 2021 when the exchange rate was between 400- 420 Naira to 1 USD as against the current official rate of 1,594.34 Naira to 1USD;

Disturbed that many vulnerable patients are finding it increasingly difficult to get essential and quality medications in the health management organizations (HMOs), leading to adverse health outcomes and exacerbating the burden of illness on the healthcare system;

Regrets that if no urgent action is taken, loss of lives will continue to deepen, while the economic devastation to the nation continue to increase;

Appreciates that it is imperative to address this pressing issue without delay and take proactive steps to ensure that the NHIS remains effective in fulfilling its mandate of providing quality healthcare services to Nigerians;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committees on Finance, Health Institutions, Healthcare Services, and Specialist Health Services to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Health, National Health Insurance Authority, and other relevant authorities to take necessary and urgent measures to ensure a comprehensive review of the medicines price list under the National Health Insurance Scheme and report within two (2) weeks;
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi — Enugu East/Isi-Uzo Federal Constituency and Another*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the safety and well-being of Nigerians is of paramount concern to the legislature;

Also noted that National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) under the National Health Insurance Authority as established by Act No. 35, 2022, which serves as a critical lifeline for millions of citizens is envisioned to providing access to affordable, essential and quality healthcare services;

Aware that the nation is grappling with economic hardship, inflation pressures, and rising costs of living, which have had a profound impact on the affordability and accessibility of healthcare services and medications for many citizens, particularly the vulnerable and marginalized segments of the society;

Perturbed that the existing price list of medication under the NHIS framework no longer aligns with current market dynamics and cost structures of pharmaceutical products as the last NHIS price list review was in 2021 when the exchange rate was between 400- 420 Naira to 1 USD as against the current official rate of 1,594.34 Naira to 1USD;

Disturbed that many vulnerable patients are finding it increasingly difficult to get essential and quality medications in the health management organizations (HMOs), leading to adverse health outcomes and exacerbating the burden of illness on the healthcare system;

Regretted that if no urgent action is taken, loss of lives will continue to deepen, while the economic devastation to the nation continue to increase;

Appreciated that it is imperative to address this pressing issue without delay and take proactive steps to ensure that the NHIS remains effective in fulfilling its mandate of providing quality healthcare services to Nigerians;

Resolved to:

- (i) mandate the Committees on Finance, Health Institutions, Healthcare Services, and Specialist Health Services to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Health, National Health Insurance Authority, and other relevant authorities to take necessary and urgent measures to ensure a comprehensive review of the medicines price list under the National Health Insurance Scheme and report within two (2) weeks;
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation **(HR. 78/10/2024)**.
- (iii) ***Abysmal Performance of Team Nigeria at the Paris 2024 Olympics and the Need to Overhaul the Sports Sector to Avert Future occurrence:***
Hon. Adesola Samuel Adedayo (*Apapa 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.

Abysmal Performance of the Team Nigeria at the Paris 2024 Olympics and the Need to Overhaul of Our Sports Sector to Avert Future Reoccurrence:

The House:

Notes the enthusiasm and high expectations that surrounded the assemblage of Team Nigeria and the general preparation by the nation for the Paris 2024 Olympics, an event that lasted between July 26 and 11 August, 2024;

Also notes that the Olympics is a four-year sporting event where nations across the globe present the best of their athletes to compete in various sporting activities and win medals for their countries;

Aware that the Nigeria Olympic Contingent for the 2024 Paris Olympics was composed of a team of 82 athletes who secured their Olympic tickets in their respective categories and competed across 11 different games;

Also aware that the Minister of Sports Development, John Enoh, said on 8 July, 2024 at the Moshood Abiola Stadium while handing over the Team Nigeria athletes to the Nigeria Olympic Committee (NOC) and the Paralympic Committee of Nigeria (PCN) that President Bola Tinubu approved the entire budget estimate submitted for Nigeria's participation in the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics, which according to him, was a sign of President Bola Tinubu's commitment to the development of sports in the country and his resolve to showcase Nigeria's talents at international events;

Recalls that over ₦12 billion budget was presented as the requirement for a successful outing at the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics, and it was approved by President Bola Tinubu;

Also recalls that before the Olympics, the Minister of Sports Development, Senator John Enoh, revealed in a statement signed by his SA Media, Diana-Mary Nsan the extensive efforts being made to ensure that Team Nigeria was well prepared to compete for honours at the prestigious global event;

Worried that the 2024 Paris Olympic Games came to a close on Sunday, 11 August, 2024, with Team Nigeria returning disgracefully without a single medal, a mimicry of the woeful outing 12 years ago in the London 2012 Olympics, in spite of the enormous investment into preparation and the actual event;

Also worried that again in Paris 2024 Olympics, like Helsinki 1952, Melbourne 1956, Rome 1960, Mexico 1968, Seoul 1988, and London 2012, Nigeria failed to win a medal. At the Paris Olympics, 10,714 athletes from 216 countries competed, with 1,436 medals awarded. Eighty-four countries won at least a bronze, and every country with a population of over 200 million won at least one medal, except Nigeria;

Disturbed that over the years, the Ministry of Sports and the various Sports Federations focused on miraculous outcomes rather than meticulous and scientific preparation, there has always been a reliance on hope and prayers, reminiscent of Chioma Ajunwa's leap or Kanu Nwankwo's golden goal, unfortunately, such miracles did not materialize this time;

Also disturbed that the focus in Nigerian sports administration has often been on participation in events and tournaments rather than on long-term sports growth, and that officials seem to be more concerned about the embarrassment of missing tournaments than tournament outcomes and overall grassroots sports development;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge President Bola Tinubu to also establish a Commission of Enquiry into the way forward for Sports Development in Nigeria;
- (ii) probe into the judicious application of the funds approved for preparation and the actual event;
- (iii) appraise the extent of implementation of previous recommendations of similar Committees in the past;
- (iv) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to holistically investigate the various reasons behind the abysmal performance of Team Nigeria in the 2024 Paris Olympics and recommend reforms, both short and long term, to avert future reoccurrence of such a woeful outing (*Hon. Adedayo Samuel Adesola — Apapa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (iv), *leave out* the words “Set up an *Ad-hoc*” and *insert* the words “mandate the Committee on Sports” (*Hon. Kabiru Amadu — Gusau/Tsafe Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the enthusiasm and high expectations that surrounded the assemblage of Team Nigeria and the general preparation by the nation for the Paris 2024 Olympics, an event that lasted between July 26 and 11 August, 2024;

Also noted that the Olympics is a four-year sporting event where nations across the globe present the best of their athletes to compete in various sporting activities and win medals for their countries;

Aware that the Nigeria Olympic Contingent for the 2024 Paris Olympics was composed of a team of 82 athletes who secured their Olympic tickets in their respective categories and competed across 11 different games;

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Recalled that over ₦12 billion budget was presented as the requirement for a successful outing at the 2024 Olympics and Paralympics, and it was approved by President Bola Tinubu;

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Disturbed that over the years, the Ministry of Sports and the various Sports Federations focused on miraculous outcomes rather than meticulous and scientific preparation, there has always been a reliance on hope and prayers, reminiscent of Chioma Ajunwa's leap or Kanu Nwankwo's golden goal, unfortunately, such miracles did not materialize this time;

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- (iii) appraise the extent of implementation of previous recommendations of similar Committees in the past;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Sports to holistically investigate the various reasons behind the abysmal performance of Team Nigeria in the 2024 Paris Olympics and recommend reforms, both short and long term, to avert future reoccurrence of such a woeful outing (**HR. 79/10/2024**).

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. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

(iv) ***Need to Rehabilitate Caretaker-Seminary Road in Ogbomoso, Oyo State:***

Hon. Olamijuwonlo Alao Akala (*Ogbomosho North/Ogbomosho South/Orire 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 Rehabilitate Caretaker-Seminary Road in Ogbomoso, Oyo State:

The House:

Aware that the Caretaker - Seminary Road in Ogbomoso highway has been in urgent need of reconstruction and rehabilitation for over a decade with the deteriorating condition of the old road, which has been made unusable especially by articulated vehicles;

Also aware that the Ogbomoso Caretaker - Seminary highway is a federal highway that connects Ilorin-Ogbomosho expressway, which is the link between the North and the South, serving trucks and other vehicles originating from Southern parts of Nigeria to the Northern parts of Nigeria such as Kwara, Niger, Kaduna, Katsina, Kano, Zamfara, Kebbi down to the North-Eastern States;

Further aware that this highway serves as a major artery of the economy by effectively linking producers to a massive and lucrative market that has contributed immensely to the economy of the country;

Cognizant that the expenses, hardship and difficulties experienced by producers and suppliers are naturally passed onto end users/customers resulting in high cost of commodities;

Saddened that for months, trucks, trailers and heavy duty vehicles have been stuck on this road with produce that can go bad, leading to more economic hardship for the people and a lot of losses for farmers and producers;

Observes that trucks have now taken over Ogbomosho town roads in order to navigate their journey more effectively;

Also observes that the bottleneck resulted from the ineffectiveness of the Caretaker - Seminary road in Ogbomoso has not only created major infrastructure deficit in Oyo State, but also exacerbated the current economic hardship of the nation;

Convinced that practical steps need to be taken towards ensuring value for the country's resources, holding people accountable and actualizing the rehabilitation of the Oyo - Ogbomoso road to alleviate the pains of the people;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to, as a matter of public urgency, provide a project work plan on the rehabilitation of the Caretaker - Seminary road in Ogbomoso;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to, as a matter of urgency, provide infrastructural and maintenance development plan that will improve the value and serviceability of the Caretaker - Seminary road in Ogbomoso;
- (iii) further urge the Ministry of Works and the FERMA to corroborate and supervise the execution of the road contract;
- (iv) further urge the Ministry of Works to prioritize the rehabilitation of the road to alleviate the suffering of commuters (*Hon. Olamijuwonlo Alao Akala — Ogbomosho North/Ogbomosho South/Orire Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 80/10/2024).

Motion referred to the Committee on Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA), pursuant to

Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).

9. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1686).
- (2) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1696).
- (3) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1697).
- (4) Nigeria Police Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1713).
- (5) Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Bill, 2024 (HB.1714).
- (6) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1716).
- (7) Nigeria Police Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1720).
- (8) Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Identification (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1750).
- (9) Free Internet Access in Public Places Bill, 2024 (HB.1751).
- (10) National Institute of Film and Media Technology (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1755).

10. Consolidation of Bills

Motion made and Question propose, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Fiscal Responsibility Act, No.31 of 2007 and to Enact the Fiscal Responsibility Bill, 2024 to Provide for Prudent Management of the Nation's Resources; ensure long Term Macro-Economic Stability of the National Economy; Secure Greater Accountability and Transparency in Fiscal Operations within the Medium Term Fiscal Policy Framework; and the Establishment of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission to ensure the Promotion and Enforcement of the Nation's Economic Objectives and for Related Matters (HB. 1478); Bill for an Act to Amend the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 and for Related Matters (HB. 71); Bill for an Act to Amend the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 to Review the operating surplus and general Reserve Fund of Statutory Corporations and Government owned body Corporates and for Related Matters (HB. 873); Bill for an Act to Amend the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 and for Related Matters (HB. 1097) Bill for an Act to Amend the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 to Provide for Prudent Management of Nation's Resources, increased Accountability and Transparency in Fiscal Operations of the Federal Government and for Related Matters (HB. 1150); and a Bill for an Act to Provide Prudent Management of the Nation's Resources, ensure Long Term Macro - Economic Stability of the National Economy, secure greater Accountability and Transparency in Fiscal Operations within the Medium Term Fiscal Policy Framework and Establishment of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission to ensure Promotion and Enforcement of the nation's Economic Objectives and for Related Matters (HB. 1304) be now consolidated” (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

11. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education Dengi-Kanam, Plateau State, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Sciences, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and for Related Matters (HB. 35) — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of

Education Dengi-Kanam, Plateau State, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Sciences, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and for Related Matters (HB. 35) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Regulate Factoring, Purchase of Receivables, as well as Establishment, Operation and Control of Operation of Business Organisations engaged in Factoring and Receivables Financing and for Related Matters (HB.516) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria Surrogacy Regulatory Commission for Monitoring and Supervision of Surrogacy arrangements in Nigeria and to provide for the Registration, Regulation and Monitoring of Surrogacy Agencies in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1137) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigeria Surrogacy Regulatory Commission for Monitoring and Supervision of Surrogacy arrangements in Nigeria and to provide for the Registration, Regulation and Monitoring of Surrogacy Agencies in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1137) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Olamijuwonlo Alao Akala — Ogbomosho North/Ogbomosho South/Orire 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 Healthcare Services.

14. **Need to Expedite Trial of Persons in Prolonged Detention**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and the International Human Rights Standards underscore the fundamental right to a fair and speedy trial;

Observes that numerous individuals are languishing in prolonged pre-trial detention, often exceeding legal limits by years, thereby violating their rights, and contributing to prison overcrowding;

Also observes that a significant number of these individuals are detained for minor offences requiring minimal or no extensive investigation;

Concerned that the delay in adjudicating legal matters results in prison congestion, violates the rights of the accused, and erodes public confidence in the judicial system;

Alarmed that trial delays dissuade witness appearances and compromise the integrity of the judicial process;

Cognizant of the need to address this systemic injustice and uphold the fundamental right to a fair trial for all;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Attorney General and Minister of Justice to review cases where individuals have been held in pre-trial detention for an extended period and take necessary steps to expedite their trials;
- (ii) also urge the Judiciary to adopt innovative case management strategies ensuring timely hearings, with special consideration for individuals who have endured an undue amount of time in pre-trial detention; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Judiciary to investigate the causes of pre-trial delays, propose necessary reform and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Ahmed Sani Muhammad — Bakura/Maradun Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Prayer (iii), immediately after the word “Judiciary”, *insert* the words “and Human Rights” (*Hon. Mudashiru Lukman Alani — Ayedire/Iwo/Ola-Oluwa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (iii) as amended, and *insert* as follows:
“mandate the Committees on Judiciary, Reformatory Institutions, and Human Rights to investigate the causes of pre-trial delays, propose necessary reform and report within four (4) weeks ” (*Hon. Lawan Shettima — Bursari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and the International Human Rights Standards underscore the fundamental right to a fair and speedy trial;

Observed that numerous individuals are languishing in prolonged pre-trial detention, often exceeding legal limits by years, thereby violating their rights, and contributing to prison overcrowding;

Also observed that a significant number of these individuals are detained for minor offences requiring minimal or no extensive investigation;

Concerned that the delay in adjudicating legal matters results in prison congestion, violates the rights of the accused, and erodes public confidence in the judicial system;

Alarmed that trial delays dissuade witness appearances and compromise the integrity of the judicial process;

Cognizant of the need to address this systemic injustice and uphold the fundamental right to a fair trial for all;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice to review cases where individuals have been held in pre-trial detention for an extended period and take necessary steps to expedite their trials;

- (ii) also urge the Judiciary to adopt innovative case management strategies ensuring timely hearings, with special consideration for individuals who have endured an undue amount of time in pre-trial detention; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Judiciary, Reformatory Institutions, and Human Rights to investigate the causes of pre-trial delays, propose necessary reform and report within four (4) (HR. 81/10/2024).

15. Order of the Day

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do set down items 6 - 8, on the Order Paper till another legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3)” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

16. Consideration of Reports

(i) *Committee on Aids Loans and Debts Management:*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on Establishment of Promissory Note Programme as Reimbursement to Nasarawa and Kebbi State for Takeover of Airports by the Federal Government in the sum of Nine Billion, Five Hundred and Forty-Two Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six Naira, Eleven Kobo (₦9,542,651,786.11) only and Fifteen Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand, Ninety-Five Naira and Eighty-Eight Kobo (₦15,137,336,095.88) only, based on the claims by the State as approved by the Federal Executive Council” (Hon. Okunola Lanre — Surulere II Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

“Approve a Promissory Note Programme as reimbursement to Nasarawa and Kebbi State Governments, for the takeover of newly constructed Cargo Airports and development of Sir Ahmadu Bello International Airport by the Federal Government in the sum of Nine Billion, Five Hundred and Forty-Two Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six Naira, Eleven Kobo (₦9,542,651,786.11) only and Fifteen Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand, Ninety-Five Naira and Eighty-Eight Kobo (₦15,137,336,095.88) only, based on the claims by the State:

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| (1) | Nasarawa State | ₦9,542,651,786.11 |
| (2) | Kebbi State | ₦15,137,336,095.88” (Hon. Okunola Lanre — Surulere II Federal Constituency). |

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on Establishment of Promissory Note

Programme as Reimbursement to Nasarawa and Kebbi States for Takeover of Airports by the Federal Government in the sum of Nine Billion, Five Hundred and Forty-Two Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six Naira, Eleven Kobo (₦9,542,651,786.11) only and Fifteen Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand, Ninety-Five Naira and Eighty-Eight Kobo (₦15,137,336,095.88) only, based on the claims by the State as approved by the Federal Executive Council and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

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

17. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 8 October, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.13 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 2 October, 2024, page 582, **item 4** (4), *leave out* all the words and *insert* as follows:

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| (4) | Hon. Chris Nkwonta | — | <i>Chairman, Committee on South East Development Commission.</i> |
| | Hon. Paul S. Nnamchi | — | <i>Deputy Chairman, Committee on South East Development Commission.</i> |

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker