



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 8 May, 2025

1. The House met at 11.05 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, 7 May, 2025.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Admittance into the Chamber**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do admit into the Chamber, The Executive Governor of Katsina State, His Excellency, Dikko Umar Radda and his entourage, to observe the proceedings of the House, pursuant to Order Six, Rule 4 (1) (x)” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

5. **Announcements**
 - (i) **Visitors in the Gallery:**
Mr Speaker announced the presence of Staff and Students of Capital Science Academy, Kado, Abuja.
 - (ii) **Defection:**
Mr Speaker read the following communications from:
 - (i) Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Dabai (*Bakori/Danja Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC);
 - (ii) Hon. Aliyu Iliyasu Abubakar (*Batsari/Safana/Danmusa Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC);

- (iii) Hon. Salisu Yusuf Majigiri (*Mashi/Dutsi Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC).

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

(i) *Non-Payment of Contractors Working with Federal Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) Since 2024:*

Hon. Nnamdi Ezechi (*Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*), and *One other* 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.

Non-Payment of Contractors Working with Federal Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) Since 2024:

The House:

Notes with grave concern that contractors across all Federal Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) have not received payment for certified work completed since October 2024, despite budgetary provisions for capital projects in the 2024 Appropriation Act;

Also notes that budget releases under the 2024 financial year to MDAs remain below 50%, resulting in widespread project abandonment, financial distress among contractors, and overall negative impact on the economy;

Aware that the non-payment has severely hindered the implementation of critical constituency projects, undermined public confidence in government delivery, and weakened investor trust in the nation's infrastructure sector;

Concerned that the delay in payment to contractors has resulted in job losses, stalling of infrastructure development, and disruptions to community-based projects across the Federation;

Also concerned that the situation, if left unchecked, could lead to mass protests, legal disputes, and complete paralysis of public projects;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to:
- (a) take immediate administrative measures to clear all outstanding debts owed to contractors,
- (b) institute a transparent payment mechanism for contractor claims to prevent recurrence of delays,
- (c) ensure prompt releases of the fund for capital projects to safeguard jobs and

restore confidence in government project delivery;

- (ii) invite the following officials to appear before the House of Representatives on Tuesday, 13 May, 2025, to explain the reasons for the non-payment of contractors and provide a clear timeline for settling all outstanding verified payments:
 - (a) the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy,
 - (b) the Minister of Budget and Economic Planning,
 - (c) the Accountant-General of the Federation,
 - (d) the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria,
 - (e) the Auditor-General of the Federation, and any other relevant officials;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Public Accounts, Appropriations, and National Planning and Economic Development to:
 - (a) conduct a joint inquiry into the systemic failure to disburse funds for contractor payments,
 - (b) investigate accountability lapses at MDAs responsible for processing payments, and to report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Nnamdi Ezechi — Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Prayer (iii), immediately after the words “Economic Development”, *insert* the words “Finance, and Public Procurement” (*Hon. Unyime Idem — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed.

- (ii) In Prayer (iii), immediately after the words “Committee on”, *insert* the words “Appropriations” (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed.

The House:

Noted with grave concern that contractors across all Federal Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) have not received payment for certified work completed since October 2024, despite budgetary provisions for capital projects in the 2024 Appropriation Act;

Also noted that budget releases under the 2024 financial year to MDAs remain below 50%, resulting in widespread project abandonment, financial distress among contractors, and overall negative impact on the economy;

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 - (e) the Auditor-General of the Federation, and any other relevant officials;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Appropriations, Public Accounts, and National Planning and Economic Development, Finance, and Public Procurement to:
 - (a) conduct a joint inquiry into the systemic failure to disburse funds for contractor payments,
 - (b) investigate accountability lapses at MDAs responsible for processing payments, and to report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 120/05/2025**).
- (ii) ***Devastating Windstorm in Itobe, Adumu, Ajengo, Oladebu Tagidi and Umomi Communities in Ofu Local Government Area, Kogi State:***
Hon. David Idris Zacharias (*Idah/Igalamela Odulu/Ibaji/Ofu Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:
 - (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
 - (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

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

Devastating Windstorm in Itobe, Adumu, Ajengo, Oladebu Tagidi and Umomi Communities in Ofu Local Government Area, Kogi State:

The House:

Notes that on Friday, 28 March, 2025, a devastating windstorm occurred in Itobe, Adumu, Ajengo, Oladebu, Tagidi and Umomi communities, all in Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State, which destroyed properties worth over Nine Hundred Million Naira (₦900,000,000.00), claimed two lives and left several persons including women and children with injuries of varying degrees;

Also notes that in the wake of the incident, rendered over 500 households homeless, with many schools, health centres and religious centres destroyed;

Informed that one Mr Amanda Oguche, lost his life while trying to render assistance to the victims of the devastating windstorm;

Concerned with the magnitude of the windstorm as described by Salihu Ocholi, the District Head of Itobe, in an interview granted to Arise News "The wind was acting like a dynamite — blowing concrete and solid materials that ordinarily wouldn't have been blown up; and all the iron and pieces of wood in the air were turned into missiles";

Aware that although Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) had predicted early and heavy rainfall across the nation for the year 2025, the current havoc was occasioned by not only rainfall but by accompanying windstorm;

Worried that since the unfortunate incident, the affected persons in the communities have been left stranded without shelter, food, or access to basic necessities as they are now prone to starvation, sicknesses with devastating healthcare condition which calls for swift humanitarian assistance;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for those who lost their precious lives to the incident;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to quickly ensure the supply of relief materials to the affected persons in the communities to ameliorate the sufferings of the people, as well enable them return to their normal lives (*Hon. David Idris Zacharias — Idah/Igalamela Odulu/Ibaji/Ofu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 121/05/2025).

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

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

- (iii) ***Incessant Attacks and Killings in Jos, with Particular Focus on Recent Violence in Bokkos and Bassa Local Government Areas, Plateau State:***

Hon. Daniel Asama Ago (*Bassa/Jos North 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.

Incessant Attacks and Killings in Jos, with Particular Focus on Recent Violence in Bokkos and Bassa Local Government Areas, Plateau State:

The House:

Notes the continuing cycle of violence and brutal attacks against innocent citizens in Jos and surrounding communities in Plateau State, particularly the recent devastating attacks in Bokkos and Bassa Local Government Areas;

Aware that these attacks have resulted in the tragic loss of numerous lives, displacement of thousands of residents, destruction of property and severe disruption of economic and agricultural activities in the affected communities;

Worried that these incidents represent a troubling pattern of violence that has persisted in Plateau State over several years, with insufficient resolution despite previous interventions;

Also worried that the frequency and brutality of these attacks indicate serious security challenges that require urgent, comprehensive and sustainable solutions;

Disturbed that the humanitarian crisis resulting from these attacks continues to worsen, with inadequate relief materials and support for survivors and internally displaced persons;

Cognizant that the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria places the security and welfare of citizens as the primary purpose of government; that lasting peace in the communities is essential for National cohesion, economic development and the overall stability of the North Central region and Nigeria as a whole;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the lives lost;
- (ii) urge the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces to direct the immediate deployment of additional security personnel to Jos, Plateau State, with specific focus on Bokkos and Bassa Local Government Areas and other vulnerable communities to prevent further attacks and restore peace;
- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI) to immediately provide comprehensive relief materials and medical supplies to the affected communities and establish well-equipped camps for the displaced persons;
- (iv) further urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to Develop and Implement a Comprehensive rehabilitation plan for the affected communities, including rebuilding of destroyed homes, schools and

healthcare facilities;

- (v) mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Defence, and Police Affairs to investigate the root causes of these persistent attacks and submit a report within four weeks, recommending sustainable solutions;
- (vi) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation of these resolutions and provide monthly progress reports (*Hon. Daniel Asama Ago — Bassa/Jos North Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out* all the words in Prayers (v) - (vi), and *insert* as follows:
“Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to convocate a special discussion/security conference on the security challenges in Plateau State and beyond ” (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (v), as follows:
“Urge the Executive Arm of Government to construct infrastructure in the areas most hit by the attacks such as Bokkos, Bassa, Wase, Kanam, Qua-Anpan etc” (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed.

The House:

Noted the continuing cycle of violence and brutal attacks against innocent citizens in Jos and surrounding communities in Plateau State, particularly the recent devastating attacks in Bokkos and Bassa Local Government Areas;

Aware that these attacks have resulted in the tragic loss of numerous lives, displacement of thousands of residents, destruction of property and severe disruption of economic and agricultural activities in the affected communities;

Worried that these incidents represent a troubling pattern of violence that has persisted in Plateau State over several years, with insufficient resolution despite previous interventions;

Also worried that the frequency and brutality of these attacks indicate serious security challenges that require urgent, comprehensive and sustainable solutions;

Disturbed that the humanitarian crisis resulting from these attacks continues to worsen, with inadequate relief materials and support for survivors and internally displaced persons;

Cognizant that the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria places the security and welfare of citizens as the primary purpose of government; that lasting peace in the communities is essential for National cohesion, economic development and the overall stability of the North Central region and Nigeria as a whole;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the lives lost;

- (ii) urge the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces to direct the immediate deployment of additional security personnel to Jos, Plateau State, with specific focus on Bokkos and Bassa Local Government Areas and other vulnerable communities to prevent further attacks and restore peace;
- (iii) also urge the Executive Arm of Government to construct infrastructure in the areas most hit by the attacks such as Bokkos, Bassa, Wase, Kanam, Qua-Anpan, etc.;
- (iv) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to convocate a special discussion/security conference on the security challenges in Plateau State and beyond;
- (v) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and provide monthly progress reports (**HR. 122/05/2025**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

7. 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.2283).
- (2) North East Youth Skills Development and Digital Jobs (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2284).
- (3) National Youth Agripreneurship Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2285).
- (4) National Farmers Inputs and Credit Guarantee Scheme (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2286).
- (5) Federal University of Entrepreneurship and Skills Acquisition, Ikom, Cross River State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2289).
- (6) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2290).
- (7) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2291).
- (8) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2292).
- (9) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2293).
- (10) Office of the Legislative Counsel of the National Assembly (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2295).
- (11) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2296).
- (12) Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2297).
- (13) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2025 (HB.2294).
- (14) Tuberculosis (Anti-Discrimination) Bill, 2025 (HB.2298).

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Dadin-Kowa, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 644) —

Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Dadin-Kowa, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 644) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for the Establishment of Federal College of Education, Tudun Wada Dankadai, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 645) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for the Establishment of Federal College of Education, Tudun Wada Dankadai, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 645) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

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

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Education, Numan, Adamawa State and for Related Matters (HB. 936) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish National Science, Technology, Innovation and Research Council to Set National Priorities on Research, Innovation and Development, to Improve Economic Growth and Competitiveness that can Lead to the Development of New Products, Processes, and Services, to Address Social and Environmental Challenges, to Improve the Quality of Life of People, to Create New Jobs and Opportunities and to Advance Knowledge and Understanding of Innovations; and for Related Matters (HB. 727) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish National Science, Technology, Innovation and Research Council to Set National Priorities on Research, Innovation and Development, to Improve Economic Growth and Competitiveness that can Lead to the Development of New Products, Processes, and Services, to Address Social and Environmental Challenges, to Improve the Quality of Life of People, to Create New Jobs and Opportunities and to Advance Knowledge and Understanding of Innovations; and for Related Matters (HB. 727) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria Act, 2007 to be in tandem with what obtains in the Procurement Professional Practice across the Globe and for Related Matters (HB.346) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria Act, 2007 to be in tandem with what obtains in the Procurement Professional Practice across the Globe and for Related Matters (HB.346) be now read

the Third Time” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Primary Education Commission, etc. Act. No. 68, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters (HB.1078) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Primary Education Commission, etc. Act. No. 68, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters (HB.1078) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Bello Isah Ambarura — Illela/Gwadabawa 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 Basic Education and Services.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Service Pension Board Act, No. 62, 2023, to among other things, Reconstitute the Membership of the Board, Provide the Template for Payment of Gratuity and Establish a Fund for the Scheme and for Related Matters (HB.2240) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Service Pension Board Act, No. 62, 2023, to among other things, Reconstitute the Membership of the Board, Provide the Template for Payment of Gratuity and Establish a Fund for the Scheme and for Related Matters (HB.2240) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Bello Isah Ambarura — Illela/Gwadabawa 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 Public Service Matters.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act No. 43, 2023 to Establish Federal College of Education Zaria, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB.2118) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act No. 43, 2023 to Establish Federal College of Education Zaria, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB.2118) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Bello Isah Ambarura — Illela/Gwadabawa 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 Federal Colleges of Education.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act, No.16, 2011 to Provide for**

the Inclusion of Inter-University Centres among beneficiaries of the Tax Imposed Under the Act; and for Related Matters (HB.1754) — Second Reading

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- 17. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Emergency Management Agency Act, Cap. N34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Emergency Management Agency Bill and for Related Matters (HB.2123) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Emergency Management Agency Act, Cap. N34, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Emergency Management Agency Bill and for Related Matters (HB.2123) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ogah Amobi Godwin — Isuikwato/Umuniochi Federal Constituency*), and Six others.

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness.

- 18. A Bill for an Act to an Act to Amend the National Sugar Development Council Act, Cap. N78 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Functions, Powers of the Council and the Payment of all Monies received by the Council into the Federation Account in accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and for Related Matters (HB.2022 and HB.2030) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to an Act to Amend the National Sugar Development Council Act, Cap. N78 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Functions, Powers of the Council and the Payment of all Monies received by the Council into the Federation Account in accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and for Related Matters (HB.2022 and HB.2030) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Enitan Dolapo Badiru — Lagos Island I 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 Industry.

- 19. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ido, Oyo State to Provide Legal Framework for its due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB. 1706) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ido, Oyo State to Provide Legal Framework for its due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB. 1706) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Aderemi A. Oseni — Ibarapa East/Ido 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.

20. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery (Special), Ora Igbomina, Osun State and for Related Matters (HB. 2112) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery (Special), Ora Igbomina, Osun State and for Related Matters (HB. 2112) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Clement Ademola Akanni — Boluwaduro/Ifelodun/Ila 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.

21. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ikot Mboho, Akwa Ibom State to provide Training and Research in General Nursing, Midwifery and other Specialties of Nursing and for Related Matters (HB. 2085) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ikot Mboho, Akwa Ibom State to provide Training and Research in General Nursing, Midwifery and other Specialties of Nursing and for Related Matters (HB. 2085) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara 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.

22. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Technology, Ipokia, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB. 1224) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Technology, Ipokia, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB. 1224) 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 University Education.

23. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Electoral Offences Commission and for Related Matters (HB. 2172) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Electoral Offences Commission and for Related Matters (HB. 2172) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Adebayo Olusegun Balogun — Ibeju Lekki 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 Electoral Matters.

24. Call to Establish More Compressed Natural Gas Conversion Centers Across Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that in the implementation of the Presidential Compressed Natural Gas Initiative (Pi-CNG), the federal government distributed CNG conversion kits across the country;

Also notes that the advantages of the conversion to CNG are enormous, as it will bring down the cost of living in Nigeria and reduce air and noise pollution, which makes it environmentally friendly;

Aware that its benefits are numerous, as CNG burns more cleanly than PMS, which means less carbon buildup in the engine, thus reducing the need for frequent engine repairs and prolonging the life of engine components;

Also aware that vehicles powered by CNG experience less wear and tear on critical components such as spark plugs and exhaust systems;

Further aware that for the take-off of the Presidential Compressed Natural Gas Initiative, the Federal Government proposed to establish CNG conversion Centers in some States, including Abia, Bayelsa, Cross River, and Ebonyi, with one Center each, while Akwa Ibom has 5 Centers, Delta, 9 Centers, Edo with 11 Centers, Ekiti 7 Centers, Enugu and Kogi with 3 Centers, FCT-Abuja 3 Centers, Kaduna 10 Centers, Kwara 8 Centers, Lagos 70 Centers, Nasarawa 2 Centers, Ogun 7 Centers, Oyo 17 Centers and Rivers 8 Centers;

Concerned that from the above-listed Centers, only Kaduna in the North West States is benefiting from the presidential initiative, while no State in the North East is listed as a beneficiary;

Worried at the exemption of other States from the initiative as commuters of those States are not put into consideration;

Acknowledges that States like Kano, Borno, Katsina, and Sokoto, which are commercially viable, are exempted;

Cognizant of the need to establish more Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) conversion centers in the Northwest and Northeast to facilitate legitimate business operations for all citizens;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to establish Compressed Natural Gas Conversion Centers equitably across the country to give Nigerians a sense of belonging; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Gas Resources to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Sani Aliyu Madaki — Dala Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert* a new Prayer (iii), as follows:
“Urge the Executive Arm of Government to establish Compressed Natural Gas Conversion Centers in all the 774 Local Government Areas in the Country within the period of one year”
(*Hon. Alex Ogbonna — Abi/Yakurr Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

- (ii) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (ii), and *insert* as follows:
“Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee with Membership from the Six Geopolitical zones to investigate the implementation of the CNG policy” (*Hon. Kafilat Ogbara — Kosofe Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed.

The House:

Noted that in the implementation of the Presidential Compressed Natural Gas Initiative (Pi-CNG), the federal government distributed CNG conversion kits across the country;

Also noted that the advantages of the conversion to CNG are enormous, as it will bring down the cost of living in Nigeria and reduce air and noise pollution, which makes it environmentally friendly;

Aware that its benefits are numerous, as CNG burns more cleanly than PMS, which means less carbon buildup in the engine, thus reducing the need for frequent engine repairs and prolonging the life of engine components;

Also aware that vehicles powered by CNG experience less wear and tear on critical components such as spark plugs and exhaust systems;

Further aware that for the take-off of the Presidential Compressed Natural Gas Initiative, the Federal Government proposed to establish CNG conversion Centers in some States, including Abia, Bayelsa, Cross River, and Ebonyi, with one Center each, while Akwa Ibom has 5 Centers, Delta, 9 Centers, Edo with 11 Centers, Ekiti 7 Centers, Enugu and Kogi with 3 Centers, FCT-Abuja 3 Centers, Kaduna 10 Centers, Kwara 8 Centers, Lagos 70 Centers, Nasarawa 2 Centers, Ogun 7 Centers, Oyo 17 Centers and Rivers 8 Centers;

Concerned that from the above-listed Centers, only Kaduna in the North West States is benefiting from the presidential initiative, while no State in the North East is listed as a beneficiary;

Worried at the exemption of other States from the initiative as commuters of those States are not put into consideration;

Acknowledged that States like Kano, Borno, Katsina, and Sokoto, which are commercially viable, are exempted;

Cognizant of the need to establish more Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) conversion centers in the Northwest and Northeast to facilitate legitimate business operations for all citizens;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to establish Compressed Natural Gas Conversion Centers equitably across the country to give Nigerians a sense of belonging; and
- (ii) Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee with membership from the Six Geopolitical zones to investigate the implementation of the CNG policy (**HR. 123/05/2025**).

25. Need to Establish Additional Permanent National Youth Service Corps Orientation Camps, Renovate and Expand the Existing Camps

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Youth Service Corps is a one-year mandatory program scheme established 22 May, 1973 with the objectives of fostering national unity, integration, patriotism and promoting peaceful coexistence among the citizens from different socio-cultural backgrounds;

Also notes that the National Youth Service Corps Orientation Program Scheme annually trains thousands of youths across various learning institutions for three week, equipping them with necessary skills and knowledge for the service year;

Aware that the management of NYSC had once decried the state of the orientation camps across Nigeria;

Alarmed that some States lack orientation camps to accommodate and meet the increasing number of Corps members deployed, while other States temporarily utilize secondary school buildings to accommodate prospective Corps members;

Disturbed by the current dilapidated state of permanent orientation camps in the country, which is causing dissatisfaction due to inadequate facilities overstressing the existing facilities, leaving Corps Members with no options other than to be redeployed to neighbouring states for camping activities;

Concerned that due to space limitations, Corps Members frequently have to travel for longer periods of time after being deployed;

Cognizant of the need for spacious, habitable orientation camps, with each camp accommodating at least 5,000 participants at a time across the states of the Federation;

Also cognizant of the need to ensure the provisions of the state-of-the-art facilities, build additional camps, to empower Nigerian Corps Members with life survival skills and strategies, ensuring sustainable development and evolutionary trends;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to collaborate with States Government to construct additional camps and expand existing ones to accommodate at least 5,000 participants in each States of the Federation;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Youth, in collaboration with other stakeholders, to work out modalities to achieve the construction and expansion of NYSC orientation camps; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Youth Development, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Garba Ibrahim Muhammad — Gwale Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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Also noted that the National Youth Service Corps Orientation Program Scheme annually trains thousands of youths across various learning institutions for three week, equipping them with necessary skills and knowledge for the service year;

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26. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 13 May, 2025 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.33 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker