



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 15 October, 2024

1. The House met at 11.08 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 Thursday, 10 October, 2024.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership**
A Member-elect, Dennis Nnamdi Agbo (*Igbo-Eze North/Udenu Federal Constituency*), took and subscribed to the Oaths of Allegiance and Membership as prescribed by law.
5. **Admittance into the Chamber**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do admit into the Chamber, the Delegation from the Parliament of Uganda: Rt. Hon. Lumu Richard Kizito, Hon. Abed Bwannika, Hon. Simbwa Fred, and, Hon. Solomon Maren (a former Member), pursuant to Order Six, Rule 4 (1) (ix), and (2)” (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

6. **Petitions**
 - (i) A petition from A. O. Otori & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of ASP Bameyi Nicholas, on his arrest and continuous detention by the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Dabai (*Bakori/Danya Federal Constituency*);
 - (ii) The following petitions were presented and laid by Hon. Uchenna Okonkwo (*Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) A. S. Nnok-Nduu Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Portman Freight Services Limited on alleged refusal to sign the lease agreement for the development of the Lagos International Trade Fair Complex by the Trade Fair Management Board;

- (b) Tochukwu Enweluzor, on alleged unauthorised sale of his property by Mark Ifezue and 2 others;
- (iii) A petition from Dauda J. Faniyi, on alleged mismanagement of the Nigerian Primary Healthcare System by the Management of the Nigerian Primary Healthcare Development Agency, was presented and laid by Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali (*Ankpa/Omala/Olamaboro Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(i) *Need to Condemn the Inhumane Treatment Meted out to Super Eagles Contingent at Libya Airport:*

Hon. Kabiru Amadu Mai-Palace (*Gusau/Tsafe 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 Condemn the Inhumane Treatment Meted out to Super Eagles Contingent at Libya Airport:

The House:

Notes that the Super Eagles of Nigeria was expected to play a return match for the Africa Cup of Nation qualifier against the Mediterranean Knights of Libya on Tuesday, 15 October, 2024;

Also notes that the Super Eagles of Nigeria flew to Libya on Sunday, 13 October 2024 for the return match of the qualifiers at the Martyrs of February Stadium, Benghazi, Libya at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 October, 2024;

Further notes that among the Super Eagles contingent are House of Representatives members led by the Deputy Chairman, Committee on Sports and also the Deputy Governor-elect of Edo State, members of Nigerian Football Federation (NFF) Board and the entire crew of NFF;

Concerned that the super Eagles of Nigeria were left stranded at Al-Abraq International Airport in Libya;

Also concerned that the team and the delegation were en-route to Benghazi in Libya, before their aircraft was unexpectedly diverted mid-flight to Al-Abraq, a small Airport typically reserved for hajj operations;

Disturbed that despite diverting the flight to a small Airport with little or no amenities, the Libyan authorities did not allow the team to go out of the Airport, move to their hotel, denied access to internet, and no food, as the Airport was cordoned off and consequently held hostage for 18 hours;

Worried that the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF), in a statement on Monday, 14 October,

2024, decried the chaotic situation and inhuman treatment meted out to the super Eagles and the entire contingent;

Cognizant that the fatigued and frustrated players resolved not to play the match due to the hostilities of the Libyan Football Federation and the Libyan Government;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn in totality the inhumane treatment, meted out to the Super Eagles and the delegation by the Libyan Football Federation and the Libyan Government;
- (ii) sympathize with the Super Eagles and appreciate their patriotism;
- (iii) urge the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) to make an official complaint to Confederation of African Football (CAF) and Federation of International Football Association (FIFA) for the dehumanization of the Super Eagles players and NFF contingent by the Libyan Authorities on the 13-14 of October in Libya;
- (iv) call on the Federal Government of Nigeria to immediately summon the Libyan Ambassador to Nigeria on the matter;
- (v) mandate the Committees on Sports, and Foreign Affairs to investigate the incident (*Hon. Kabiru Amadu Mai-Palace — Gusau/Tsafe Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Super Eagles of Nigeria was expected to play a return match for the Africa Cup of Nation qualifier against the Mediterranean Knights of Libya on Tuesday, 15 October, 2024;

Also noted that the Super Eagles of Nigeria flew to Libya on Sunday, 13 October 2024 for the return match of the qualifiers at the Martyrs of February Stadium, Benghazi, Libya at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 October, 2024;

Further noted that among the Super Eagles contingent are House of Representatives members led by the Deputy Chairman, Committee on Sports and also the Deputy Governor-elect of Edo State, members of Nigerian Football Federation (NFF) Board and the entire crew of NFF;

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Also concerned that the team and the delegation were en-route to Benghazi in Libya, before their aircraft was unexpectedly diverted mid-flight to Al-Abraq, a small Airport typically reserved for hajj operations;

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 - (iv) call on the Federal Government of Nigeria to immediately summon the Libyan Ambassador to Nigeria on the matter;
 - (v) mandate the Committees on Sports, and Foreign Affairs to investigate the incident **(HR. 103/10/2024)**.
- (ii) ***Flood Devastation in Sokoto - Goronyo - Sabon Birni - Niger Republic Border Road in Sokoto State:***
Hon. Muhammadu Saidu Baragaja (*Isa/Sabon/Birni 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.

Flood Devastation in Sokoto-Goronyo-Sabon Birni-Niger Republic Border Road in Sokoto State:

The House:

Noted that flooding negatively impacts socio-economic and community development especially in low-income areas, which are more vulnerable to this devastating phenomenon;

Also noted the recent flooding in Sokoto State, which resulted in the destruction of the Sokoto-Goronyo-Sabon Birni-Niger Republic border road;

Aware that the aforementioned road is a major link to several communities in Zalla Bango, Yarbulutu and Makuwa towns in Isa/Saban Birni Federal Constituency of Sokoto State as well as the neighbouring Niger Republic, and allows for the movement of goods and services around the axis;

Worried that the impassable state of the road has resulted in the disruption of free flow of traffic and put commuters at serious risks, including fatal accidents, destruction of properties and waste of valuable man hours among others;

Also worried that the road devastation has exacerbated the security challenges in the area and caused untold hardship to the residents;

Cognizant that quick interventions to fix the affected road would prevent further deterioration and ameliorate the sufferings of the people;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to immediately commence remedial works on the damaged Sokoto-Goronyo-Sabon Birni-Niger Republic border road in Sokoto State to make it passable;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mohammed Saidu Bargaja — Isa/Sabon/Birni Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 104/10/2024).

Motion referred to the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).

- (iii) ***Need to Investigate the Recurrent Flooding Due to the Opening of the Lagdo Dam:***
Hon. Kingsley Chinda (*Obio/Akpor 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 Recurrent Flooding Due to the Opening of the Lagdo Dam:

The House:

Concerned that the Lagdo Dam, located on the Benue River in Northern Cameroon, was built in 1982 primarily for irrigation and electricity generation. Every year, during the rainy season, the dam operators in Cameroon release excess water to prevent overflow, which inevitably flows downstream into Nigeria, causing significant flooding in States along the river, including Borno, Adamawa, Benue, Taraba, Kogi, and beyond;

Disturbed by the recurrent loss of lives, displacement of communities, destruction of farmlands, livestock, and homes, and damage to critical infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, schools, and healthcare facilities, as a result of this flooding;

Concerned that despite early warnings by the Nigerian authorities about the release of water from the Lagdo Dam, many communities remain unprepared and are left vulnerable to the devastating impacts of the floods;

Aware that while the construction of a buffer dam, the proposed Dasin Hausa Dam in Adamawa State, was agreed upon in principle between Nigeria and Cameroon to help contain

the excess water from the Lagdo Dam, this project has remained stalled for years due to funding and bureaucratic delays;

Cognizant of the urgent need for the Federal Government to develop long-term solutions to mitigate the impact of the annual flooding and to protect vulnerable communities along the River Benue and Niger basins;

Worried that unless swift actions are taken to engage relevant stakeholders, both within and outside Nigeria, to mitigate these annual disasters and to provide lasting solutions for affected communities, the situation will persist annually with each year worse than the former, thus diminishing the confidence of the people in the leaders;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and the Federal Ministry of Works to expedite the completion of the Dasin Hausa Dam in Adamawa State, which will act as a buffer and help to absorb excess water released from the Lagdo Dam and the rehabilitation of critical infrastructure in flood-prone areas.
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), in collaboration with State Emergency Management Agencies (SEMAs), to henceforth enhance early warning systems and improve evacuation and relief efforts for communities in flood prone areas prior to the event;
- (iii) mandate the Nigerian/Cameroon Friendship Group to investigate the Nigerian/Cameroon agreement on the Lagdo Dam and mitigation measures therein and report within two (2) weeks (*Hon. Kingsley Ogundu Chinda — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Leave out* all the words in Prayer (iii), and *insert* as follows:
“Mandate the Committees on Nigerian/Cameroon Friendship Group, and National Planning and Economic Development, to investigate the Nigerian/Cameroon agreement on the Lagdo Dam and mitigation measures therein and report within two weeks” (*Hon. Clement Jimbo — Abak/Etim Ekpo/Ika Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (iv) as follows:
“mandate the Committee on Appropriations to make adequate budgetary provision for the Dasin Hausa Dam in the 2025 Appropriation Bill” (*Hon. Kabiru Amadu Mai-Palace — Gusau/Tsafe Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Concerned that the Lagdo Dam, located on the Benue River in Northern Cameroon, was built in 1982 primarily for irrigation and electricity generation. Every year, during the rainy season, the dam operators in Cameroon release excess water to prevent overflow, which inevitably flows downstream into Nigeria, causing significant flooding in States along the river, including Borno, Adamawa, Benue, Taraba, Kogi, and beyond;

Disturbed by the recurrent loss of lives, displacement of communities, destruction of farmlands, livestock, and homes, and damage to critical infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, schools, and healthcare facilities, as a result of this flooding;

Concerned that despite early warnings by the Nigerian authorities about the release of water from the Lagdo Dam, many communities remain unprepared and are left vulnerable to the devastating impacts of the floods;

Aware that while the construction of a buffer dam, the proposed Dasin Hausa Dam in Adamawa State, was agreed upon in principle between Nigeria and Cameroon to help contain the excess water from the Lagdo Dam, this project has remained stalled for years due to funding and bureaucratic delays;

Cognizant of the urgent need for the Federal Government to develop long-term solutions to mitigate the impact of the annual flooding and to protect vulnerable communities along the River Benue and Niger basins;

Worried that unless swift actions are taken to engage relevant stakeholders, both within and outside Nigeria, to mitigate these annual disasters and to provide lasting solutions for affected communities, the situation will persist annually with each year worse than the former, thus diminishing the confidence of the people in the leaders;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and the Federal Ministry of Works to expedite the completion of the Dasin Hausa Dam in Adamawa State, which will act as a buffer and help to absorb excess water released from the Lagdo Dam and the rehabilitation of critical infrastructure in flood-prone areas.
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), in collaboration with State Emergency Management Agencies (SEMAs), to henceforth enhance early warning systems and improve evacuation and relief efforts for communities in flood prone areas prior to the event;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Nigerian/Cameroon Friendship Group, and National Planning and Economic Development, to investigate the Nigerian/Cameroon agreement on the Lagdo Dam and mitigation measures therein and report within two (2) weeks;
- (iv) also mandate the Committee on Appropriations to make adequate budgetary provision for the Dasin Hausa Dam in the 2025 Appropriation Bill (**HR. 105/10/2024**).

8. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal University of Technology, Ilaro, Ogun State (Establishment) (SB.345).
- (2) Federal University of Health Sciences, Tsafe Zamfara (Establishment) (SB. 161).
- (3) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB.56).
- (4) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB.212).
- (5) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB.477).

- (6) Terrorism (Prevention and Prohibition) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB.379).
- (7) Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (SB.376).
- (8) National Commission for Amnesty Rehabilitation and Reintegration Bill, 2024(HB.1537).
- (9) Nigeria Human Fertilizer and Embryology Regulatory Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1538).
- (10) Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1558).
- (11) Industrial Arbitration Tribunal (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1572).
- (12) Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1574).
- (13) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1446).
- (14) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1458).
- (15) Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1636).
- (16) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1637).
- (17) Orthopaedic Hospital Management Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1644).
- (18) Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Mangun, Plateau State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1748).
- (19) Nigerian Army College of Education, Ilorin, Kwara State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1602).
- (20) National Commission for Skill Acquisition Evaluation Assessment and Certification (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1609).

9. Presentation of Reports

(i) **Committee on Justice:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Code Act, Cap. C38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide Stiffer Penalties to Selected Sections of the Act and for Related Matters (HB.151)” (*Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) **Committees on Public Procurement, Financial Crimes and Public Service Matters:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Preliminary Report of the Committees on Public Procurement, Financial Crimes and Public Service Matters on the Investigation of Suspicious Practices of the Federal Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies (MDAs), Parastatals and Institution on the Execution of Capital Projects in Appropriation Act (HR.125/03/2024)” (*Hon. Unyime Idem Josiah — Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Fufu, Kwara State and for Related Matters (HB. 834) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centers Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Fufu, Kwara State and for Related Matters (HB. 834) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Kafanchan, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB.507) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centers Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Kafanchan, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB.507) 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 Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act to Establish Federal College of Education (Special), Dukku, Gombe State and for Related Matters (HB. 1371) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act to Establish Federal College of Education (Special), Dukku, Gombe State and for Related Matters (HB. 1371) be now read the Third Time” (*Hon. Ihonvbere Julius — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

13. 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, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, a 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 a Bill for an Act to Amend the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 and for Related Matters (HB. 1478, HB. 71, HB. 873 and HB. 1097) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “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, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, a 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 a Bill for an Act to Amend the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 and for Related Matters (HB. 1478, HB. 71, HB. 873 and HB. 1097) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Marcus Onobun — Esan Central/Esan West/Igueben Federal Constituency and 6 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 Finance.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the 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) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the 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 read a Second Time” (Hon. Zakariya Tijjani Zannah — Machina/Nguru/Yusufari/Karusuwa 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 Science and Technology.

15. **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**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That 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) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Mohammed Bello El-Rufai — Kaduna North 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 Banking Regulations.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal Technology Business Incubation Foundation (Takeover) Act, to Provide for the Establishment of the National Agency for Technology Incubation and for Related Matters (HB.1055) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal Technology Business Incubation Foundation (Takeover) Act, to Provide for the Establishment of the National Agency for Technology Incubation and for Related Matters (HB.1055) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Ukodhiko Ajiroghene Jonathan — Isoko North/Isoko South 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 Science and Technology.

17. Need to Investigate the Compliance with Regulations on Accessibility of Persons with Disability to Public Buildings

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that a Public Building is a building made available for the use of members of the public whether owned by government or private entities as provided in Section 57 of the Discrimination Against Persons with Disability (Prohibition) Act, 2018;

Also notes that sections 3 and 4 of the Disability Act provides that a person with disability has the right to access the physical environment and public buildings on an equal basis with others, including road-sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, elevators, crutches, and toilet facilities to make them accessible to and usable by persons with disability;

Aware that with the expiration of the transitory period within which to make modifications, persons living with disability still cannot access Public Building;

Worried that the failure to make public buildings accessible to Persons with disability prevents their inclusion and full integration into the Nigerian society;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Disability to investigate:

- (a) compliance level of Public building to accessibility regulations; and
- (b) Regulatory Authorities approval of building plans without provisions of accessibility facilities and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Dawudu Bashiru Ayinla — Oshodi/Isolo I Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, immediately after the word “Disability”, insert the words “and Safety Standards and Regulations” (*Hon. Kabiru Amadu Mai-Palace — Gusau/Tsafe Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that a Public Building is a building made available for the use of members of the public whether owned by government or private entities as provided in Section 57 of the Discrimination Against Persons with Disability (Prohibition) Act, 2018;

Also noted that sections 3 and 4 of the Disability Act provides that a person with disability has the right to access the physical environment and public buildings on an equal basis with others, including road-sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, elevators, crutches, and toilet facilities to make them accessible to and usable by persons with disability;

Aware that with the expiration of the transitory period within which to make modifications, persons living with disability still cannot access Public Building;

Worried that the failure to make public buildings accessible to Persons with disability prevents their inclusion and full integration into the Nigerian society;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Disability, and Safety Standards and Regulations to investigate:

- (a) compliance level of Public building to accessibility regulations; and
- (b) Regulatory Authorities approval of building plans without provisions of accessibility facilities and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 106/10/2024**).

18. Need for the Security Operatives to immediately forestall Imminent Calamity in Igbogiri Community, Uhumwode Local Government Area, Edo State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the primary responsibility of Government as provided in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) is the provision of security and welfare of the people;

Also notes that much as the security agencies are struggling to provide security across the nation, security incidents, such as senseless killings and abductions, have raised concerns about national security, leaving citizens and others feeling unsafe and hopeless;

Disturbed that the people of Igbogiri Community in Uhumwode Local Government Area of Edo State are under kidnapper's siege on daily basis with stories of willful attacks, killings and sacking of villagers abound;

Worried that on 2 October, 2024, Igbogiri Community was attacked, leaving more than 5 persons murdered, over 15 persons were kidnapped, this calls for a sweeping approach from the combined task force of Nigerian Police and Army to restore confidence in the people and ensure safety of lives within the community;

Aware that Igbogiri Community in Uhumwode Local Government Area of Edo State used to be a peaceful area;

Cognizant of the need for a concise and proactive approach to counter insecurity in the Igbogiri Community in Uhumwode Local Government Area of Edo State;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe one minute silence in honour of those who lost their lives in the attack in Igbogiri Community, Uhumwode Local Government Area of Edo State;
- (ii) urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to contain the new wave of insecurity in Igbogiri Community in Uhumwode Local Government Area of Edo State and prevent further escalation;
- (iii) also urge the General Officer Commanding (GOC) 2 Division, Nigerian Army and the Commander, 4 Mechanized Brigade Nigerian Army in Edo State, to deploy Personnel to complement the effort of the Nigeria Police and ensure safety of lives and properties in the community;

- (iv) further urge the Heads of Security Agencies in Nigeria to step up the security surveillance of the Community;
- (v) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Army and, National Security and Intelligence to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Billy Osawaru — Orhionmwon/Uhunmwode Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the primary responsibility of Government as provided in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) is the provision of security and welfare of the people;

Also noted that much as the security agencies are struggling to provide security across the nation, security incidents, such as senseless killings and abductions, have raised concerns about national security, leaving citizens and others feeling unsafe and hopeless;

Disturbed that the people of Igbogiri Community in Uhunmwode Local Government Area of Edo State are under kidnapper's siege on daily basis with stories of willful attacks, killings and sacking of villagers abound;

Worried that on 2 October, 2024, Igbogiri Community was attacked, leaving more than 5 persons murdered, over 15 persons were kidnapped, this calls for a sweeping approach from the combined task force of Nigerian Police and Army to restore confidence in the people and ensure safety of lives within the community;

Aware that Igbogiri Community in Uhunmwode Local Government Area of Edo State used to be a peaceful area;

Cognizant of the need for a concise and proactive approach to counter insecurity in the Igbogiri Community in Uhunmwode Local Government Area of Edo State;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe one minute silence in honour of those who lost their lives in the attack in Igbogiri Community, Uhunmwode Local Government Area of Edo State;
- (ii) urge the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) to contain the new wave of insecurity in Igbogiri Community in Uhunmwode Local Government Area of Edo State and prevent further escalation;
- (iii) also urge the General Officer Commanding (GOC) 2 Division, Nigerian Army and the Commander, 4 Mechanized Brigade Nigerian Army in Edo State, to deploy Personnel to complement the effort of the Nigeria Police and ensure safety of lives and properties in the community;
- (iv) further urge the Heads of Security Agencies in Nigeria to step up the security surveillance of the Community;
- (v) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Army and, National Security and Intelligence to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 107/10/2024**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

19. Need to Address the Challenges faced by Students writing JAMB, WAEC/SSCE in Mussa, Dille and Lassa Communities in Askira/Uba Local Government Area of Borno State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria guarantees the right to education for all Nigerian citizens;

Also notes the current security situation in Mussa, Dille, Multhlafu, and Lassa Wards of Askira Uba Local Government Area of Borno State has impacted negatively on students writing JAMB, WAEC, and SSCE examinations in the communities;

Worried that students from Mussa, Dille, and Lassa are forced to travel long distance to Maiduguri and Uba town with the high cost of transportation, which most parents cannot afford, thereby denying students the right to education and, in most cases, arriving at the examination venue late;

Further notes that communities like Chibok, Damboa, Izge, Askira, Wamdio, and Uvu are able to write examinations within their localities, highlighting a disparity in access to educational facilities and opportunities;

Worried that the relocation of the examination centre from Lassa town has caused students untold hardship, thus denying Students from participating in JAMB and WAEC/ SSCE examinations;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education, the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) to urgently relocate the Examination centre in Lassa and establish a new centre in Mussa and Dille to alleviate the challenges faced by the students;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education to collaborate with security agencies to ensure the safety and security of Students, Teachers and Examination materials in the newly restored examination centres;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Universal Basic Education and Services to ensure compliance (*Hon. Midala Usman Balami — Askira-Uba/Kala-Balge Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (iii), immediately after the word “Services”, *insert* the words “and Basic Examination Bodies” (*Hon. Ahmed Adam Saba — Edu/Patigi/Moro 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 guarantees the right to education for all Nigerian citizens;

Also noted the current security situation in Mussa, Dille, Multhlafu, and Lassa Wards of Askira Uba Local Government Area of Borno State has impacted negatively on students writing JAMB, WAEC, and SSCE examinations in the communities;

Worried that students from Mussa, Dille, and Lassa are forced to travel long distance to Maiduguri and Uba town with the high cost of transportation, which most parents cannot afford, thereby denying students the right to education and, in most cases, arriving at the examination venue late;

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- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education, the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) to urgently relocate the Examination centre in Lassa and establish a new centre in Mussa and Dille to alleviate the challenges faced by the students;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education to collaborate with security agencies to ensure the safety and security of Students, Teachers and Examination materials in the newly restored examination centres;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Universal Basic Education and Services, and Basic Examination Bodies to ensure compliance **(HR. 108/10/2024)**.

20. Need to Increase the Budgetary Allocation of Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) for Effective Road Maintenance and Repairs of Federal Roads Across the Country

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government is committed to enhancing economic activities and productivity by ensuring the effective maintenance and repair of Federal Roads throughout the year;

Worried that majority of the Federal Roads are in disrepair, dilapidated, and unpassable, causing economic loss to governments and citizens due to continuous neglect;

Aware that the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) is the agency with the mandate to maintain and rehabilitate all Federal roads across the country, and has been doing its best with the paltry budgetary allocation it receives annually which cannot make any significant impact due to the large number of roads across the country that are in need of urgent repairs and rehabilitation;

Alarmed that the inadequate funding of FERMA translates to outright neglect in the maintenance of the roads, as an average of 300 billion Naira to 500 billion Naira is required annually to maintain the federal roads. Sadly, the annual budget of FERMA is a meager sum of about 25 billion Naira to 50 billion Naira within the last two years, which is about 10% of the required amount;

Aware that the Federal Ministry of Works in the 2024 budget has about one trillion Naira, thus the need to allocate 20% (percent) of the Ministry of Works budget to FERMA in the 2025 budget estimates, to enable FERMA fulfill the purpose of its establishment of maintenance of existing roads;

Cognizant that of the need to increase the budgetary allocation of FERMA in 2025 budget estimates to enable it discharge its responsibility effectively and engender economic growth in the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministries of Budget and Economic Planning, Finance and Budget Office

of the Federation, to allocate 20% of the Ministry of Works budget for the 2025 budget estimate to enable Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to function effectively; and

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Appropriations, Finance, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Oseni Abasi Aderemi — Ibarapa East/Ido Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 109/10/2024).

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

21. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 16 October, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonybere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.12 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker