



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 21 May, 2024

1. The House met at 10.58 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 Thursday, 16 May, 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**

20th May, 2024

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

Rt Hon. Speaker,

**SUBMISSION OF 2024 STATUTORY BUDGET PROPOSAL OF
THE NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NDDC)**

In line with the provisions of Section 121 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I forward herewith the 2024 Statutory Budget Proposal of the NDDC for consideration and passage by the House of Representatives.

2. *The Budget Proposal has been prepared on the basis of the NDDC's revenue and expenditure forecasts and is aligned with the fiscal and developmental policies of the Federal Government and the Renewed Hope Agenda. In addition, the Budget Proposal takes into consideration the 2024 - 2026 Economic Recovery Growth Plan as well as key assumptions of the 2024 Appropriation Act of the Federal Government.*

3. *The NDDC is prioritizing improvement in security, job creation, youth and women empowerment, social welfare, education infrastructure and increased productivity in agriculture in order to contribute to the economic growth of Niger Delta region and the development of the nation at large.*

4. *While I trust that the House of Representatives will in their usual expeditious manner consider and approve the 2024 Statutory Budget Proposal of the NDDC, please accept, Rt Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration and regards,*

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Bola Ahmed Tinubu

Matter referred to the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission.

5. Announcement

(a) Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker announced the following visitors in the Gallery:

- (i) The Nigerian Economics Students' Association, Department of Economics, Veritas University, Abuja;
- (ii) The family of Hon. Isiaka Ayokunle Ibrahim (*Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

(b) Appointment of Deputy Chairmen:

Mr Speaker announced the names of the following Deputy Chairmen and their Committees:

- (1) Hon. Abubakar Babazango — *Deputy Chairman, Committee on HIV, AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Control.*
- (2) Hon. Ayuba Zaku Dampar — *Deputy Chairman, Committee on Science Engineering.*
- (3) Hon. Obordor Mitema — *Deputy Chairman, Special Committee on Oil Theft.*

(c) Request for Approval for the Establishment of Promissory Note Programme for Reimbursement to Kebbi State and Nasarawa State Governments for the Take Over of Newly Constructed Airports by the Federal Government:

Mr Speaker referred the matter to the *Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management.*

6. Petition

A petition from Sayeed Mohammed Shuaibu, on alleged trespass by the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, was presented and laid by Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Dabai (*Bakori/Danja Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

7. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 5)**(i) Need to Waive Tollgate Fees in all Nigerian Airports for Members of the Armed Forces of Nigeria:**

Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki (*Kebbe/Tambuwal 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 Waive Tollgate Fees in All Nigerian Airports for Members of the Armed Forces of Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that it was reported on May 14, 2024 by online and print media that the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development announced that the Federal Executive Council (FEC) has approved the cancellation of all exemptions on airport access payments for VIPs in Nigeria due to the huge revenue losses they cause to the Federal Government;

Also notes that the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development will implement the decision of the Federal Executive Council (FEC) by sending out circulars to relevant authorities in a matter of days;

Further notes that men and women of the Armed Forces honour the nation with the highest form of service and without reservation by keeping us safe from harm, protecting our wealth and territorial integrity, ensuring safe navigation on Nigerian territorial waters, protecting borders including the Gulf of Guinea, Creeks, Sahara Desert and forests, and fighting armed bandits who invaded the communities;

Aware that it is important to show gratitude by honouring our brothers and sisters who are voluntarily serving under our flag, putting in their active years to keep our nation safe with some losing their lives, and some becoming disabled from the battlefield amidst other effects;

Also aware that honouring these men and women in uniform, and also encouraging fellow citizens to acknowledge their service to the nation is the right step to take as a way to appreciate the immeasurable sacrifices they make;

Further aware that honoring those who fight for the nation's survival, will also inspire the youths to enroll in the military not as a means of escaping the web of unemployment, but as a valuable call to higher service to the nation;

Concerned that members of the Armed Forces are subjected to paying for access to our airports where they are also expected to protect citizens and foreigners alike whether or not

they are on duty and even while they are passengers themselves;

Also concerned that their services, though remunerated, cannot be quantified especially when the risks to them and their dependents are considered. Therefore there is the need to acknowledge their sacrifices;

Worried that unless the country shows appreciation to them by extending privileges like the proposed exemption, the nation would appear to underrate their services and lack knowledge of the value that they bring;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development to direct the relevant authorities to exempt Members of the Armed Forces from tollgate fees and parking payments in Airports across Nigeria;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Aviation to ensure compliance (*Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki — Kebbe/Tambuwal Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (i), immediately after the word “Airports”, *insert* the words “Railway Stations, Seaports, and motor parks” (*Hon. Jallo Hussaini Mohammed — Igabi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that it was reported on May 14, 2024 by online and print media that the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development announced that the Federal Executive Council (FEC) has approved the cancellation of all exemptions on airport access payments for VIPs in Nigeria due to the huge revenue losses they cause to the Federal Government;

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Also aware that honouring these men and women in uniform, and also encouraging fellow citizens to acknowledge their service to the nation is the right step to take as a way to appreciate the immeasurable sacrifices they make;

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Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development to direct the relevant authorities to exempt Members of the Armed Forces from tollgate fees and parking payments in Airports, Railway Stations, Seaports, and motor parks across Nigeria;
 - (ii) mandate the Committee on Aviation to ensure compliance (**HR. 215/05/2024**).
- (ii) ***Prevalent Insecurity and Incessant Attacks Against the People of Yagba Land Perpetrated by Herdsmen and their New Settlements:***
Hon. Leke Joseph Abejide (*Yagba East/Yagba West/Mopa Muro 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.

Prevalent Insecurity and Incessant Attacks Against the People of Yagba Land Perpetrated by Herdsmen and their New Settlements:

The House:

Notes the shocking incident that occurred on May 7, 2024, in Ejiba community, Yagba West Local Government Area of Kogi State, where a group of armed kidnappers numbering about 10, all dressed in black, stormed the central market area and abducted a prominent businesswoman, Bukky, and a male customer after shooting sporadically, causing panic and fear among the residents;

Also notes that on 11 May, 2024, security personnel were not spared by those herdsmen and their communities as a Policeman was matcheted along Okutadudu in Yagba West Local Government Area underscoring the grim security situation and the regrettable failure of the current security architecture, which appears to be overwhelmed by the audacity of these herdsmen and their community;

Troubled by the fact that comparable violent attacks and kidnappings have been occurring on a weekly basis, including a prior incident approximately 2 (two) weeks before the Ejiba event where two individuals were abducted from the residence of a prominent businessman and political figure named Mr David Joseph, an abduction that tragically resulted in the death of one of the victims;

Also troubled by another recent development on Friday, May 17, 2024, where two persons were ambushed and brutally killed at Ogbe Community in Yagba West Local Government Area of the State by herdsmen armed with sophisticated weapons, who slaughtered their victims without being apprehended by local security services;

Recalls that more than 6 (six) persons were kidnapped within the space of 48 hours around Isanlu, in Yagba East LGA, and 3 (three) people were again murdered between Idofin and Isanlu in an attempt to escape from the kidnappers;

Worried with grave concern that these attacks are perpetrated under the pretext of migration by cattle herders, lots of whom are non-Nigerians;

Also worried that these armed groups infiltrate farms and forests in the area, populate the regions from within the forests, the outskirts and fringes of existing communities, and engage in kidnapping, killing, raping, and maiming of indigenes, causing severe insecurity and fear among the local populace;

Further worried that these armed groups are not known to the indigenous people of the land, do not live civilized lives, and have adopted a hostile existence completely at variance with the local culture and way of life, creating a divide within the community;

Disturbed that the indigenous people, who do not own weapons, now live in fear of the heavily armed non-indigenes who have forcibly seized farmlands, causing serious famine due to the inability of indigenes to farm and access their agricultural lands;

Also disturbed about the inability of the security apparatus to address the systematic takeover of lands belonging to the good people of Yagba Federal Constituency, as they allow private individuals to carry arms in broad daylight, watch as non-natives take over farms, eat crops of indigenous farmers, and sack indigenes from their farmlands, with many killed for trying to access their lands or objecting to the eating of their crops;

Saddened that the herders and their newly established communities are known to openly carry arms, cutlasses, and machetes openly, in contrast to the indigenous people of Yagba Land, who have traditionally relied on the Nigeria Police for protection and do not engage in such practices;

Also saddened by the trend of violence and hopelessness that has befallen the once peaceful Yagba axis of Kogi West Senatorial District, which has now turned into an epicentre of banditry and kidnapping, with criminals operating on a daily basis, leaving the local populace in a state of constant fear and despair;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to direct urgent attention and concentrated efforts towards the Yagba axis of Kogi West Senatorial District, an area formerly renowned for its peaceful nature but which has tragically devolved into a hotbed of banditry, kidnapping, and other criminal activities occurring on a daily basis;
- (ii) also urge the Chief of Defence Staff and the Inspector General of Police to identify and profile each individual living in obscurity within the forests of the Yagba Federal Constituency, lots of whom are non-Nigerians for security purposes;
- (iii) further urge the Inspector General of Police to carry out a comprehensive mop-up of all arms, ammunition, AK-47, cutlasses, and other weapons in the possession of herders and individuals within the constituency, and to prohibit the public carrying of such arms and weapons;

- (iv) still urge the Security Architecture, including the Inspector General of Police, the Director General of State Security Service, the Commandant General of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps to comb Yagba forests and secure immediate release of victims and arrest the kidnappers;
- (v) again urge the Executive Arm of Government to set a comprehensive security strategy, in collaboration with local stakeholders to address the root causes of the insecurity and ensure the safety and well-being of all residents in Yagba Federal Constituency in Kogi State (*Hon. Leke Joseph Abejide — Yagba East/Yagba West/Mope Muro Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (vi), as follows:

“observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased” (Hon. Osoba Olumide Babatunde — Abeokuta North/Obafemi Owode/Odeda Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the shocking incident that occurred on May 7, 2024, in Ejiba community, Yagba West Local Government Area of Kogi State, where a group of armed kidnappers numbering about 10, all dressed in black, stormed the central market area and abducted a prominent businesswoman, Bukky, and a male customer after shooting sporadically, causing panic and fear among the residents;

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Troubled by the fact that comparable violent attacks and kidnappings have been occurring on a weekly basis, including a prior incident approximately 2 (two) weeks before the Ejiba event where two individuals were abducted from the residence of a prominent businessman and political figure named Mr David Joseph, an abduction that tragically resulted in the death of one of the victims;

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Recalled that more than 6 (six) persons were kidnapped within the space of 48 hours around Isanlu, in Yagba East LGA, and 3 (three) people were again murdered between Idofin and Isanlu in an attempt to escape from the kidnappers;

Worried with grave concern that these attacks are perpetrated under the pretext of migration by cattle herders, lots of whom are non-Nigerians;

Also worried that these armed groups infiltrate farms and forests in the area, populate the regions from within the forests, the outskirts and fringes of existing communities, and engage

in kidnapping, killing, raping, and maiming of indigenes, causing severe insecurity and fear among the local populace;

Further worried that these armed groups are not known to the indigenous people of the land, do not live civilized lives, and have adopted a hostile existence completely at variance with the local culture and way of life, creating a divide within the community;

Disturbed that the indigenous people, who do not own weapons, now live in fear of the heavily armed non-indigenes who have forcibly seized farmlands, causing serious famine due to the inability of indigenes to farm and access their agricultural lands;

Also disturbed about the inability of the security apparatus to address the systematic takeover of lands belonging to the good people of Yagba Federal Constituency, as they allow private individuals to carry arms in broad daylight, watch as non-natives take over farms, eat crops of indigenous farmers, and sack indigenes from their farmlands, with many killed for trying to access their lands or objecting to the eating of their crops;

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Resolved to:

- (vi) observe a minute silence in honour of the deceased;
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- (vi) again urge the Executive Arm of Government to set a comprehensive security strategy, in collaboration with local stakeholders to address the root causes of the insecurity and ensure the safety and well-being of all residents in Yagba Federal Constituency in Kogi State (**HR. 216/05/2024**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

(iii) ***Enhancing the Accountability and Competency in Nigerian Airports:***

Hon. Jesse- Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (*Oshodi/Isolo II 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.

Enhancing the Accountability and Competency in Nigerian Airports:

The House:

Notes the dire need to maintain high standards of safety, security, and efficiency at our nation's airports by ensuring that all personnel and contractors are properly qualified and competent for the smooth operation of the airports and the safety of all passengers and stakeholders;

Also notes that the efficient functioning of Nigerian airports is crucial for national security, safety, and economic development;

Further notes that recent incidents have raised concerns about the competence and accountability of personnel and contractors working at airports;

Aware of the potential risks to safety, security, and efficiency posed by the appointment of incompetent officers to sensitive positions and the employment of political appointees who may lack the necessary knowledge and competence to manage critical airport functions;

Worried about the abysmal state of the RADAR systems, which present a disaster waiting to happen as RADAR labels often fail at critical times, risking mid-air collisions;

Also worried about the state of the communication radios, with previous attempts to resolve these challenges yielding no positive improvements, leading pilots and controllers to rely on relays from others for necessary instructions, risking national embarrassment;

Disturbed that the stalled Safe Tower project, despite significant investment, needs urgent attention to improve the efficiency of our towers;

Also disturbed that the Aeronautical Information Service (AIS) Automation project has been ongoing for over fifteen (15) years without completion, which could solve communication challenges in the Airspace when completed;

Concerned that recent reports and observations indicate potential irregularities in the employment and appointment of personnel and contractors at major Nigerian airports, specifically in Lagos, Abuja, Port Harcourt, Kano, and Enugu;

Also concerned that the recruitment into technical areas must be regulated to prevent the manifestation of incompetence due to skewed recruitment processes through appropriate sanctions for erring offenders related to Airspace management should be enforced;

Acknowledges that Nigerian airports play a critical role in the nation's transportation infrastructure and overall economic development, and recognizing that all personnel and contractors working at these airports are qualified and competent;

Also acknowledges that political appointees play a role in personnel management with all relevant authorities to prioritize merit based appointments;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Aviation and relevant agencies to conduct a comprehensive audit of airport personnel through assessment of required skills, qualifications, and adherence to professional standards;
- (ii) also urge the Ministry of Aviation to conduct an Audit of Technical systems and projects to thoroughly review the current state of RADAR systems, radio communications, the Safe Tower project, and the Aeronautical Information Service (AIS) Automation project;
- (iii) invite the Minister of Aviation, along with the heads of relevant agencies and departments, to appear before the Committee on Aviation within the next seven (7) days to address these concerns;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Aviation to audit of all Contractors engaged in specialized areas at Nigerian airports in the last one year, assessing their knowledge, competency, and ability to perform their duties effectively and ensure contractors who have been engaged in the last one year to present their company profiles, detailing their expertise and previous work experience and report within fourteen (14) days;
- (v) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi — Oshodi/Isolo II Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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- (v) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (**HR. 217/05/2024**).

8. Personal Explanation (Order Eight, Rule 6)

Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis (*Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*), referred to the Resolution of the House on Thursday, 9 May, 2024, on a motion on the ***Tracking of the Activities of Private Sector (Foreign and Local) Trade Malpractice (HR. 187/05/2024)*** and the constitution of an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the matter. He noted that the mandate of the *Ad-hoc* Committee was too broad, and infringes on the jurisdictions of most Standing Committees of the House, as well as statutory duties and responsibilities of the Executive Arm of Government. He therefore prayed the House to rescind its decision on the motion.

Ordered: Committee on Rules and Business to come up with a substantive motion on the matter.

9. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal Capital Territory Statutory Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2024 (HB. 1440).
- (2) National Anti-Doping Bill, 2024 (HB. 1441).
- (3) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1442).
- (4) Federal Vocational Training Centre Riyom, Plateau State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1288).
- (5) Medical Physics Regulatory Council of Nigeria, 1999 (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1321).
- (6) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1381).
- (7) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1402).
- (8) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1385).
- (9) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1403).
- (10) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1386).
- (11) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1404).
- (12) Federal University Kisi, Oyo State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1387).
- (13) Fiscal Responsibility Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1388).
- (14) Labour Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1389).
- (15) Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1390).
- (16) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1414).
- (17) Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy, Kusada, Katsina State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1417).
- (18) Federal Technical and Vocational Training Centre, Aba (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1328).
- (19) Local Industry Patronage Bill, 2024 (HB.1330).
- (20) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1443).
- (21) Federal Housing Authority Bill, 2024 (HB. 1459).
- (22) Nigeria Police Act, (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB. 1461).

10. Presentation of Reports**(i) Committee on Public Petitions:****Report on the petition by Olubamiji & Co. against the Nigeria Army and the Nigeria Police:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Olubamiji & Co. against the Nigeria Army and the Nigeria Police Force on the gruesome murder of Babajide Owolabi on the 6 August, 2019 by Soldiers attached to 93 Battalion, Takum, Taraba State, while on national assignment with the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Intelligence Response Team (IRT)” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the petition by P.P Alajo & Associates against National Examinations Council (NECO):**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by P.P Alajo & Associates against National Examinations Council (NECO) for unlawful dismissal from office” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the petition by Alfa Onum against the Nigeria Customs Service:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Alfa Onum against the Nigeria Customs Service on the non-compliance of the House Resolutions on his case” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the petition by Kennedy C. Amos and Associates against Airtel Networks Ltd:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Kennedy C. Amos and Associates against Airtel Networks Ltd over Fraudulent Transaction involving the land of Mrs. Juliana Nwikanne of Bianu Town Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(v) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the petition by Civil Society for Ethics and Values Development Initiatives:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Civil Society for Ethics and Values Development Initiatives on the denial of Promotion for Professors working at the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development (NIPRD)” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12 Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provisions for Establishment of Agricultural and Energy Technical Institute, Aboh, Delta State and for Related Matters (HB.955) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12 Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provisions for Establishment of Agricultural and Energy Technical Institute, Aboh, Delta State and for Related Matters (HB.955) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Nnamdi Ezechi — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani 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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

12. **A Bill for an Act to make Provision for the Retirement Age for Officers of the Nigeria Police Force and for Related Matters (HB.1083) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend National Teachers' Institute Act, Cap. N79, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Constitute Membership of the Council and Provide Nigeria Certificate in Education, Undergraduate, Post-Graduate and Research Programmes in Teachers Education and for Related Matters (HB. 879) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend National Teachers' Institute Act, Cap. N79, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Constitute Membership of the Council and Provide Nigeria Certificate in Education, Undergraduate, Post-Graduate and Research Programmes in Teachers Education and for Related Matters (HB. 879) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Abdulmalik Zubairu — Bungudu/Maru 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 Colleges of Education.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre Atan -Ota, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB. 349) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre Atan -Ota, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB. 349) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Olatunji Akinosi — Ado-Odo Ota Federal Constituency and three 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 Health Institutions.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Health Insurance Authority Act, 2021 to Establish National Social Registrar (NSR) as the Primary Identification Tool for the Disbursement of the Vulnerable Group Fund and For Related Matters (HB.803) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

16. **A Bill for an Act Amend the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act to remove Spouse from the List of Persons required to declare their Assets and for Related Matters (HB. 769) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act Amend the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act to remove Spouse from the List of Persons required to declare their Assets and for Related Matters (HB. 769) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Tasir Olawale Raji — Epe 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 Anti-Corruption.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Ajaokuta Special Trust Fund and for Related Matters (HB. 1160) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do suspend Order Twelve, Rule 4 to enable the it take the Second Reading on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Police Act, 2020 to Review the Service Years of Police Personnel in order to improve the Experience and Expertise of the Police Workforce, to retain Experienced Personnel and reduce the Cost of Training and Recruiting new Officers, improve the Morale Performance and Job satisfaction, and to Address the shortage of Experience Police Personnel and Related Matters (HB. 1461)” (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*) — **Agreed to.**

18. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Police Act, 2020 to Review the Service Years of Police Personnel in order to improve the Experience and Expertise of the Police Workforce, to retain Experienced Personnel and reduce the Cost of Training and Recruiting new Officers, improve the Morale Performance and Job satisfaction, and to Address the shortage of Experience Police Personnel and Related Matters (HB. 1461) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Police Act, 2020 to Review the Service Years of Police Personnel in order to improve the Experience and Expertise of the Police Workforce, to retain Experienced Personnel and reduce the Cost of Training and Recruiting new Officers, improve the Morale Performance and Job satisfaction, and to Address the shortage of Experience Police Personnel and Related Matters (HB. 1461) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama. Federal Constituency and 1 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 Police Affairs.

19. Outstanding Bills from Preceding Assembly

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 17 of the Standing Orders, the House may, upon being re-gazetted and circulated, reconsider in the Committee of the Whole, without commencing de-novo, the Bill(s):

- (a) whose report was presented by the Committee before consideration,
- (b) passed by the House and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negative,
- (c) passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negative, or
- (d) passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding therefore was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the preceding Assembly;

Also notes that the under-listed Bills were passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly:

- (i) Federal University of Dental Technology and Therapy, Enugu (HB.249),
- (ii) South West Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.283),
- (iii) Court of Appeal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.319),
- (iv) Federal University of Medical and Health Sciences, Ondo, Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.548),
- (v) Nigerian Content Programmes, Contracts, Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation (NOPCESTI) Bill, 2024 (HB.1167),
- (vi) African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons (Domestication and Enforcement) Bill (HB.1350), and
- (vii) National Agency for Technology Management (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1193);

Aware that the Bills were read for the first time as HB. 249, HB. 283, HB. 319, HB. 548, HB. 1350, HB. 1167 and HB. 1193 respectively;

Resolves to:

Re-commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

20. Need to ensure International Oil Companies involved in the Divestment of Assets in Niger Delta Region of Nigeria Comply with the Decommissioning, Abandonment Regulations and Guidelines of the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC) as Enshrined in the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA)

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

21. Call on Nigeria Police to Halt Collection of Five Thousand Naira for Issuance of Motor Vehicle Information Certificate

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

22. Non-compliance with Corporate Social Responsibility obligations towards Oil-producing communities by ExxonMobil Company Limited in Akwa Ibom State

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

23. Rehabilitation of Ubiaja - Ebu - Asaba Federal Road in Aniocha/Oshimili Federal Constituency
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Ubiaja - Ebu - Asaba road in Aniocha/Oshimili Federal Constituency is a high commuter road within and across the State which facilitates commercial activities both within the state and outside the state;

Also notes that the road is of immense benefit to the movement of goods, services and individuals to and from the Nation's Capital which is of overall benefit to the nation's economy;

Aware that this very important road has been left in a deplorable state which hinders free flow of movement of goods and services;

Worried that with the present state of the road, commercial activities of the residents would be immensely affected, and paralyzed economic activity within that region ultimately leading to the loss of millions of Naira worth of goods;

Cognizant that the rehabilitation of the road would boost economic activities in the region and facilitate quick movement of people from the region to the nation's capital in a record time.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to immediately Commence repairs on the Ubiaja - Ebu - Asaba road in Edo state, Oshimli North and Oshimili South of Delta State; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Ngozi Okolie — Aniocha North/Aniocha South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 218/05/2024).

Motion referred to the Committee on Legislative Compliance , pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).

24. Deteriorating State of Electricity Supply in Minna and Environs
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Niger State is home to crucial power generation infrastructure, including three hydroelectric power dams like Kainji, Jebba, and Shiroro Dams;

Aware of the recent 240% hike in electricity tariffs, which saw rates increase from N68/Kwh to N225/Kwh across bandwidths;

Alarmed that without incidences of grid collapses, residents and businesses in Minna metropolis and its environs have continued to experience prolonged power outages despite being consumers under different tariff bands;

Concerned that the recent banding of customers into A, B, C by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) based on expected hours of supply has not translated to actual supply realities on the ground;

Also concerned that the citizens of Minna are presently getting a grossly inadequate electricity supply regardless of the tariff paid, in stark contrast to expectations.

Further concerned that the citizens of Minna are currently receiving inadequate electricity supply, despite the paid tariff, which is in stark contrast to their expectations;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Power to interface with Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission, Transmission Company of Nigeria and Abuja Electricity Distribution Company to identify and address the issue of poor supply; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Power to Monitor the restoration of stable electricity in Minna as soon as possible and investigate the poor electricity supply situation in Minna and its environs and report in two weeks (*Hon. Yusuf Kure Baraje — Booso/Paikoro Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 219/05/2024).

Motion referred to the Committee on Power, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 10 (5).

25. Need to Complete the Okaki - Yenegwe - Okolo - Nembe Road Project

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Okaki -Yenegwe -Kolo -Nembe Road project connects over 30 communities across four (4) local government areas of Rivers and Bayelsa States;

Also notes that this road project was first conceived and awarded in 1943, during the pre-colonial era, for a paltry sum of three (3) million pounds;

Aware that the contract for the reconstruction of the said road was awarded during the administration of late President Shehu Shagari in 1981, but it was not executed;

Also aware that during the administration of Late President Umaru Musa Yar-Adua, the contract for the reconstruction of the road was rewarded to Messrs Enerco Company Limited at a contract sum of ₦9,983,340,780.00 with a completion term of 24 months;

Further aware that only 6 kilometres of the road was constructed by the contractor, thus abandoning the project;

Worried that the non-completion of this road project has negatively affected travel time and access to local markets, workplaces, educational institutions, and farms;

Also worried that several commuters and residents, especially farmers, have lost their lives and farm produce worth millions of naira as a result of the deplorable state of the road and robbery incidences;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Work to prompt Messrs, Enerco Company Limited, back to site and expedite the construction of the road project; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mitema Obodor — Ogbia Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 220/05/2024).

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

26. Rehabilitation of Biu -Garkida- Adamawa Road in Askira - Uba/Hawul Federal constituency

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Biu-Garkida-Adamawa Road, a critical transportation link serving several communities in the Askira-Uba/Hawul Federal Constituency, has fallen into severe disrepair, posing significant risks to commuters and hindering economic activities in the region;

Also notes that the road's deplorable condition has caused numerous accidents, leading to the loss of lives, injuries, and substantial damage to vehicles. This deteriorated infrastructure not only endangers the safety of road users but also impedes the socio-economic development of the area;

Concerned that the current state of the Biu-Garkida-Adamawa Road is likely to worsen with the onset of the rainy season, further increasing the risk of accidents and hampering the transportation of goods and services. It is critical to address this issue promptly to avoid further loss of life and economic stagnation;

Worried that despite being awarded for construction and rehabilitation in 2020, the road project has not received the necessary attention and resources, leading to continued degradation and significant challenges for commuters and businesses in the region;

Aware that the rehabilitation of this road is vital not only for the safety and well-being of the residents of Borno and Adamawa States, but also for the overall connectivity and economic stability of the region. The Biu-Garkida-Gombi road is a key route for transportation, trade, and access to essential services;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to prioritize rehabilitation of Biu -Garkida- Adamawa Road without delay to safeguard lives, support economic growth, and enhance transportation infrastructure in the Askira-Uba/Hawul Federal Constituency and the Northeast subregion;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to allocate funds for the rehabilitation of Biu -Garkida- Adamawa Road in the 2025 budget estimates; and
- (iii) also mandate Committees on Works and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Midala Usman Balami — Askira-Uba/Kala-Balge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 221/05/2024).

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

27. Installation of Appropriate and Adequate Metering System by the Department of Petroleum Resources of Nigeria (DPR)

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

28. Consideration of Reports

(i) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the petition by A. E. Adole & Co. against Julius Berger Nigeria Plc Ijora-Lagos:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by A. E. Adole & Co. against Julius Berger Nigeria Plc, Ijora-Lagos: A Case of Conspiracy to Vendetta, Criminal Defamation and Conduct likely to cause Breach of Peace" (Hon. Irom Etaba Micheal — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"Urge the management of Julius Berger Nigeria Plc to reinstate the Petitioner, Mr Umoh Edet Okon back to the service of Julius Berger Nigeria Plc" (Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"Pay him all the arrears of his benefits and entitlements" (Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"Or in the alternative, pay him off with all his entitlement and benefits if his services are no longer required in the company" (Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

"Caution the management of Julius Berger Plc to always abide by the extant employment laws and regulations as regard to the management of the staff of the company" (Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Recommendation (v) as follows:

“Urge the Leadership of the House to summon the Management of Julius Berger Nigeria Plc for failure to honour the invitations of the House” (*Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek Dagomie — Andoni/Opobo Nkoro Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that New Recommendation (v) stands part of the Report — Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by A. E. Adole & Co. against Julius Berger Nigeria Plc, Ijora-Lagos: A Case of Conspiracy to Vendetta, Criminal Defamation and Conduct likely to cause Breach of Peace and approved Recommendations (i) - (iv), and approved a new Recommendation (v) of the Report.

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

(ii) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the petition by Dr Hilary Ibe against the Veterinary Council of Nigeria:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Dr Hilary Ibe against the Veterinary Council of Nigeria for reinstatement and payment of full benefits” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

“Urge the Registrar, Veterinary Council of Nigeria to reinstate and officially retire the Petitioner, Dr Hillary Ibe as and when he was due for retirement in 2022” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

“Pay him all the arrears of his salaries, benefits and entitlements from 2009 to 2022 when he was officially supposed to retire from the service” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

“Also pay him other compensation for collateral damage he suffered as a result of the Council actions over him” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Micheal — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

“That the Petitioner should provide all the necessary documents needed by the Veterinary Council of Nigeria to process his entitlements and benefits” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Dr Hilary Ibe against the Veterinary Council of Nigeria for reinstatement and payment of full benefits and approved Recommendations (i) - (iv) of the Report.

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

(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the petition by Dr Moemeke George Onyekanjinke against Benin-Owena River Basin Development Authority:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Dr Moemeke George Onyekanjinke against the Benin-Owena River Basin Development Authority on a Complaint of Unfair Treatment and Handling of Service conditions, an appeal for Investigation and consideration of his petition brought before the 9th Assembly but was not concluded before the end of the 9th Assembly” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Micheal — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

“Urge the management of Benin Owena River Basin Development Authority to restore the salary of petitioner, Dr George Moemeke Onyekanijike back to IPPIS” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

“Pay him the arrears of his salaries and benefits from April 2023 to date, to enable him settle his loan and pay his medical Bill” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Micheal — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

“Assist the petitioner in ensuring that his insurance company replaces his car” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

“Also urge the petitioner to desist from embarking any official project of the Authority without the approval of the management” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):

“Retire and pay him all his retirement benefits, due for retirement” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Dr. Moemeke George Onyekanjinke against the Benin-Owena River Basin Development Authority on a Complaint of Unfair Treatment and Handling of Service conditions, an appeal for Investigation and consideration of his petition brought before the 9th Assembly but was not concluded before the end of the 9th Assembly and approved Recommendations (i) - (v) of the Report.

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

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the petition by Joseph Andrew A. Against Nigeria National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL):

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Joseph Andrew A. Against the Nigeria National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL): An Appeal for reinstatement back to Service”(Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

“Urge the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of NNPC Ltd to reinstate the Petitioner, Mr Joseph Andrew A. back to the Service of the NNPC Ltd” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

“Pay him off all the arrears of the salaries and benefits from January 2000 to date” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

“Pay him off with all his entitlements and benefits if his services are no longer required by the NNPC Ltd” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Recommendation (iv) as follows:

“urge the Leadership of the House to summon the Management of NNPC Ltd to offer explanation for their failure to honour the invitations of the House” (*Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek Dagomie — Andoni/Opobo Nkoro Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that new Recommendation (iv) stands part of the Report — Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):

“That the Petitioner should make his records of service available to the management of NNPC Ltd to enable them process his entitlements and benefits and also bring to the House evidence of such payment” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Michael — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Joseph Andrew A. Against the Nigeria National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL): An Appeal for reinstatement back to Service and approved Recommendations (i) - (iii), approved new Recommendation (iv), and approved Recommendation (v) of the Report.

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

(v) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the petition by M.C Chambers against Multi-Choice Nigeria Limited, the National Broadcasting Commission and the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by M. C. Chambers against Multi-Choice Nigeria Limited, the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) and the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC) over the persistent and unjustified increase in the Tariffs; a request to stop same and implement the Pay -As -You View -Scheme” (*Hon. Irom Etaba Micheal — Obubra/Etung Federal Constituency Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Consideration deferred for further legislative action.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by M. C. Chambers against Multi-Choice Nigeria Limited, the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) and the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (FCCPC) over the persistent and unjustified increase in the Tariffs; a request to stop same and implement the Pay -As -You View -Scheme.

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

29. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 22 May, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.59 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker