



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 25 March, 2025

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1. The House met at 11.10 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.
 2. The House recited the National Pledge
 3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 20 March, 2025.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Deputy Speaker announced the presence of the following visitors:
 - (i) Staff and Students of New Ideas Montessori Academy, Bwari, Abuja;
 - (ii) Staff and Students of Nanno Trans-World Academy; Airport Road, Abuja;
 - (iii) Mrs Eunice Tamarapriye Anegbode, Department of Finance HSE South West, Republic of Ireland;
 - (iv) Delegation from Ahiazu Mbaise, Aboh Mbaise and Ezinihitte Local Government Areas, Imo State.

5. **Petition**
A petition from Udoafiaren Uyire & Associates (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Festus James and one other, on their demotion by the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Unyime Idem (*Ukanafun/Oruk Anam Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 5)**
 - (i) *Need to Intervene in the Devastating Natural Storm Disaster in Odo-Ori Market in Iwo*

Local Government, Osun State:

Hon. Mudashiru Lukman Alani (*Ayedire/Iwo/Olaoluwa 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 Intervene in the Devastating Natural Storm Disaster in Odo-Ori Market in Iwo Local Government, Osun State:

The House:

Notes that Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government;

Also notes that due to torrential rain experienced in the recent weeks, communities in Iwo Local Government Area of Osun State have been ravaged by flood and erosion;

Aware that on 12 March, 2025, a devastating windstorm struck the Odo-Ori Market in Iwo Local Government of Osun State, causing several traders to lost their valuable goods and means of livelihood;

Also aware that the windstorm ripped off many buildings roofing sheets from a section of the market and caused significant damage to several farmlands and farm produce. Some shops collapsed and properties worth millions of naira have been washed away;

Informed that several of the traders affected by the windstorm took loans from commercial banks in other to stock their shops and are now worried that the inability to continue their business would greatly affect the interest accruing on their respective loans;

Cognizant that there is an urgent need for the Executive Arm of Government to take necessary actions to proffer solution to avert future windstorms and provide succor to affected traders who relies heavily on the market for economic sustenance;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the affected victims ;
- (ii) also urge the Ecological Fund Office to take practical measures to forestall future occurrence;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, disaster Management and Social Development to provide urgent funds and relief assistance to affected victims (*Hon. Mudashiru Lukman Alani — Ayedire/Iwo/Olaoluwa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government;

Also noted that due to torrential rain experienced in the recent weeks, communities in Iwo Local Government Area of Osun State have been ravaged by flood and erosion;

Aware that on 12 March, 2025, a devastating windstorm struck the Odo-Ori Market in Iwo Local Government of Osun State, causing several traders to lost their valuable goods and means of livelihood;

Also aware that the windstorm ripped off many buildings roofing sheets from a section of the market and caused significant damage to several farmlands and farm produce. Some shops collapsed and properties worth millions of naira have been washed away;

Informed that several of the traders affected by the windstorm took loans from commercial banks in other to stock their shops and are now worried that the inability to continue their business would greatly affect the interest accruing on their respective loans;

Cognizant that there is an urgent need for the Executive Arm of Government to take necessary actions to proffer solution to avert future windstorms and provide succor to affected traders who relies heavily on the market for economic sustenance;

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- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, disaster Management and Social Development to provide urgent funds and relief assistance to affected victims **(HR. 98/03/2025).**

(ii) *Need to Address the Rising Incidents of Kidnapping in Idah, Ibaji, Igalamela, Odolu and Ofu Local Government Areas, Kogi State:*

Hon. David Idris Zacharias (*Idah/Ibaji/Igalamela/Odolu/Ofu Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

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

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

Need to Address the Rising Incidents of Kidnapping in Idah, Ibaji, Igalamela, Odolu and Ofu Local Government Areas, Kogi State:

The House:

Worried about the rising cases of kidnappings and violent crimes in Idah/Ibaji/Igalamela/Ofu Federal Constituency, Kogi State, which has heightened fear, disrupted economic activities, and led to the loss of lives and properties, and in particular the recent reports of kidnapping and attacks on commuters along major highways, and invasions of rural communities by armed criminals;

Concerned that the criminals have continued to operate with impunity, exploiting security lapses, and inadequate manpower and difficult terrain to perform their heinous acts;

Also worried that on Sunday, March 16, 2025, 18 passengers in an ABC Transport bus traveling from the South-East to Abuja, were kidnapped by gunmen around Alloma in Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi;

Alarmed that on 13 December, 2024, scores of passengers were kidnapped in a commando style along the Ajegwu-Idah Road in Kogi State on their way back from Itoke market and various parts of the country;

Troubled that prior to the December 13, 2024, abduction, a tricycle rider returning from the farm and other travellers returning from the Enugu market had also been kidnapped along the Nsukka-Idah road, and their whereabouts remain unknown till date;

Notes that earlier on 2 February, 2025, kidnappers targeted an 18-seater BD Express Bus transporting passengers from Otukpo, Benue State to Lagos, but this attempt was foiled at Ofeji in Ofu LGA by the Security operatives attached to the backup van in Kogi State Deputy Governor's convoy;

Disturbed that the popular Itoke-Anyigba Road has become a sanctuary for kidnappers, especially between Ochadamu and Okabo where travelers have been kidnapped on many occasions;

Bothered about the gross inadequacies of Police and Military presence in Idah/Ibaji/Igalamela/Odolu/Ofu to tackle the kidnappers who have continued to make life nasty and unbearable for innocent citizens;

Cognizant of the primary purpose of government as enshrined in Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), which is the security and welfare of its citizens, Agenda 2 (Improving National Security) of the Legislative Agenda of the 10th House of Representatives and the express need to ensure the protection and preservation of lives;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector-General of Police to —
 - (a) establish a Mobile Police Force Squadron base at Ajogidibeje junction in Ofu LGA of Kogi State, which is central and strategically located, to tackle kidnapping and other forms of criminality in Idah/Ibaji/Igalamela/Ofu Federal Constituency,
 - (b) ensure the immediate establishment of a Police Station at Ajegwu in Ofu LGA, which is a transit settlement leading to Idah, Ibaji and Odol, including Otukpa and Nsukka to Enugu;

- (ii) also urge the Chief of Army Staff to establish military checkpoint and posts at flash points along Itobe, Ochadamu, Ofejiji, Ejule, Alloma to Otukpa branch and other points around the constituency;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Army and Legislative Compliance to liaise with the Inspector-General of Police and the Chief of Army Staff to ensure that the above Police and Military observation points, bases, posts, and formations are established, and effectively manned and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. David Idris Zacharias — Idah/Ibaji/Igalamela/Odolu/Ofu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Worried about the rising cases of kidnappings and violent crimes in Idah/Ibaji/Igalamela/Ofu Federal Constituency, Kogi State, which has heightened fear, disrupted economic activities, and led to the loss of lives and properties, and in particular the recent reports of kidnapping and attacks on commuters along major highways, and invasions of rural communities by armed criminals;

Concerned that the criminals have continued to operate with impunity, exploiting security lapses, and inadequate manpower and difficult terrain to perform their heinous acts;

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Alarmed that on 13 December, 2024, scores of passengers were kidnapped in a commando style along the Ajegwu-Idah Road in Kogi State on their way back from Itobe market and various parts of the country;

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 - (iii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Army and Legislative Compliance to liaise with the Inspector-General of Police and the Chief of Army Staff to ensure that the above Police and Military observation points, bases, posts, and formations are established, and effectively manned and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 99/03/2025**).
- (iii) ***Need to Increase Security Presence in Aboh Mbaise and Ngor Okpala Local Government Areas of Imo State as a Result of the Incessant Killings, Kidnapping and Banditry Upsurge:***
Hon. Mathew Nwogu (*Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala 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 Increase Security Presence in Aboh Mbaise and Ngor Okpala Local Government Areas of Imo State as a Result of the Incessant Killings, Kidnapping and Banditry Upsurge:

The House:

Notes that the primary responsibility and purpose of Government is the security of lives, properties and welfare of the citizenry as enshrined in Section 14 (b) of the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as altered);

Worried that incessant killings, kidnapping and banditry has recently taken an upsurge in Aboh Mbaise/Ngor-Okpala LGA in Imo State and if not checked might lead to complete state of anarchy;

Also notes that on Friday, March 7, 2025, bandits mounted road blocks between Ihitte and Umuhu communities of Ngor Okpala Council situated along Abo Expressway, attacked and hijacked a sienna SUV commuter with its occupants after shooting the driver;

Aware that just recently, precisely on 5 March, 2025, there was repeated attacks by gun men in their numbers which led to loss of lives and disruption of economic activities along Aba-Owerri Expressway in Umuohii Ihitte, and Umuechem Junction, all in Ngor Okpala LGA of Imo State;

Concerned that the incessant cases of killings, kidnapping, banditry and other forms of criminality in Ngor Okpala have not been given the desired attention by security agencies causing a re-occurrence of these attacks and killings unchecked;

Also concerned that the Air Force Check point at Sam Mbakwe Cargo International Airport have proved inadequate to checkmate these killings and Kidnapping going on in Ngor Okpala and there is therefore need to increase security presence in Aboh Mbaize/Ngor Okpala;

Cognizant of the fact that one of the top priority of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration is strengthening of security through collaboration with traditional rulers, community leaders to address the root causes of insecurity and foster peaceful co-existence between security agencies and the citizenry;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the driver and passengers who lost their lives as a result of this bandit attacks;
- (ii) urge relevant security agencies to deploy additional personnel and resources to Ngor Okpala to curb these crimes;
- (iii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police to carry out a thorough investigation into the increasing case of killings, kidnapping and banditry in Ngor Okpala LGA and take immediate steps to arrest the situation;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Matthew Nwogu — Abor Mbaize/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In the Title, immediately after the words "Mbaize/Ngor Okpala", *insert* the words "Ahiazu Mbaize/Ezinihitte" (*Hon. Emeka Chinedu — Ahiazu Mbaize/Ezinihitte Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Prayers (ii) and (iii), immediately after the words "Ngor Okpala", *insert* the words "and Ahiazu Mbaize/Ezinihitte" (*Hon. Emeka Chinedu — Ahiazu Mbaize/Ezinihitte Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

Need to Increase Security Presence in Aboh Mbaize, Ngor Okpala, Ahiazu Mbaize, and Ezinihitte Local Government Areas of Imo State as a Result of the Incessant Killings, Kidnapping and Banditry Upsurge:

The House:

Noted that the primary responsibility and purpose of Government is the security of lives, properties and welfare of the citizenry as enshrined in Section 14 (b) of the Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as altered);

Worried that incessant killings, kidnapping and banditry has recently taken an upsurge in Aboh Mbaise/Ngor-Okpala LGA in Imo State and if not checked might lead to complete state of anarchy;

Also noted that on Friday, March 7, 2025, bandits mounted road blocks between Ihitte and Umuhu communities of Ngor Okpala Council situated along Abo Expressway, attacked and hijacked a sienna SUV commuter with its occupants after shooting the driver;

Aware that just recently, precisely on 5 March, 2025, there was repeated attacks by gun men in their numbers which led to loss of lives and disruption of economic activities along Aba-Owerri Expressway in Umuohii Ihitte, and Umuechem Junction, all in Ngor Okpala LGA of Imo State;

Concerned that the incessant cases of killings, kidnapping, banditry and other forms of criminality in Ngor Okpala have not been given the desired attention by security agencies causing a re-occurrence of these attacks and killings unchecked;

Also concerned that the Air Force Check point at Sam Mbakwe Cargo International Airport have proved inadequate to checkmate these killings and Kidnapping going on in Ngor Okpala and there is therefore need to increase security presence in Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala;

Cognizant of the fact that one of the top priority of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration is strengthening of security through collaboration with traditional rulers, community leaders to address the root causes of insecurity and foster peaceful co-existence between security agencies and the citizenry;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the driver and passengers who lost their lives as a result of this bandit attacks;
- (ii) urge relevant security agencies to deploy additional personnel and resources to Ngor Okpala, Ahiazu Mbaise, and Ezinihitte to curb these crimes;
- (iii) also urge the Inspector-General of Police to carry out a thorough investigation into the increasing case of killings, kidnapping and banditry in Ngor Okpala, Ahiazu Mbaise, and Ezinihitte LGA and take immediate steps to arrest the situation;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 100/03/2025**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 5 (4) to enable it take more than 3 matters of urgent public importance" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

- (iv) ***Need for the Federal Government to Intervene on the Menace of Erosion and Flood at Fagge Local Government Area, Kano State:***

Hon. Muhammed Bello Shehu (*Fagge 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 for the Federal Government to Intervene on the Menace of Erosion and Flood at Fagge Local Government Area, Kano State:

The House:

Notes that there is an impending disaster of flood and erosion in Kano as it is predicted that heavy rainfall might lead to flood and erosion within the period of prediction, and recalled that actions have not been taken on the previous Motions moved on July 25, 2023 and June 27, 2024, on the matter;

Aware that Kwarin Gogau, Yanmata Gabas (Darerawa), Kwaciri (Saban Birni, Alfa, Tudun Bojuwa, Alasawa, Jaba, Kwarin Akuya) and Kwakwaci all in Fagge Local Government Area of Kano State are facing severe and destructive environmental degradation and poverty as a result of erosion and floods occasioned in the said communities;

Worried that as a result of this erosion and flood, industrial developments have been shattered and sources of income have been wre which in effect has led to low food production, these environmental degradations need to be addressed and their effects need to be reduced on the populace;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to as a matter of urgency intervene by assessing the erosion problems with a view to ensuring the execution of erosion control and remediation projects at all the affected communities;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the affected areas;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Works to rehabilitate and reconstruct the affected roads (*Hon. Muhammed Bello Shehu — Fagge Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 101/03/2025).

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

7. Presentation of Reports

(i) Committee on Population:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Population on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Identity Management Commission Act, 2007 and to provide for the Establishment of a National Identity Database

and the National Identity Management Commission and for Related Matters (HB. 1281)” (Hon. Odimayo Okunjimi John — Irele/Okitipupa Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) Committee on Youth Development:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Youth Development on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Youths Welfare Scheme Fund to Manage and Coordinate Youth Welfare Service to reduce challenges in governance and Security in the Country and for Related matters (HB. 04)” (Hon. Martins Etim Esin — Mbo/Okobo/Oron/Udung Uko/Urue Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation on the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON):

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report on the Ad-hoc Committee on the Investigation of the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) and the FCT Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board over the Shoddy Treatment of Nigerian Pilgrims during the 2024 Hajj Exercise” (HR.23/07/2024)” (Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita. Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Science and Technology, Kabo, Kano State to make Provision for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 691) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Science and Technology, Kabo, Kano State to make Provision for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 691) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

9. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make the Recommendation of the National Judicial Council Mandatory for the Removal from Office of Heads of Nigeria Courts and for Related Matters (HB.2203) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to make the Recommendation of the National Judicial Council Mandatory for the Removal from Office of Heads of Nigeria Courts and for Related Matters (HB.2203) be read a Second Time” (Hon. Marcus Onobun — Esan Central.Esan West/Igueben Federal Constituency) and One other.

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2024 to Provide for the Establishment of the Ecclesiastical Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja and the Ecclesiastical Court of Appeal of the States; and for Related Matters (HB. 79) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2024 to Provide for the Establishment of the Ecclesiastical Court of Appeal of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja and the Ecclesiastical Court of Appeal of the States; and for Related Matters (HB. 79) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu 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 Constitution Review.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Make the Court of Appeal the Final Appeal Court in Governorship, National and State Houses of Assembly Election Petitions and for Related Matters (HB. 1212) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Make the Court of Appeal the Final Appeal Court in Governorship, National and State Houses of Assembly Election Petitions and for Related Matters (HB. 1212) 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 Constitution Review.

12. **A Bill for An Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap. C23 LFN 2004 to Confer Jurisdiction on the Federal High Court to try Offences arising from Violations of the Provisions of the Electoral Act and any other Related Act of the National Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 115) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for An Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap. C23 LFN 2004 to Confer Jurisdiction on the Federal High Court to try Offences arising from Violations of the Provisions of the Electoral Act and any other Related Act of the National Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 115) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Muktar Tolani Shagaya — Ilorin West/Asa 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 Constitution Review.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) to Provide for Transition of Substantive Heads of Courts in Nigeria and Strengthen the Procedure for Removal of Judicial Officers in Order to Guarantee the Independence of the Judiciary; and for Related Matters (HB. 1230 and HB. 1354) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) to Provide for Transition of Substantive Heads of Courts in Nigeria and Strengthen the Procedure for Removal of Judicial Officers in Order to Guarantee the Independence of the Judiciary; and for Related Matters (HB. 1230 and HB. 1354) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*) and *One other*.

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for Appointment of Chairman of the State Judiciary Service Commission among the Retired Chief Judges of the State, Grand Khadis of Sharia Court of Appeal, Presidents of the Customary Court of Appeal and Judges of the State High Court, to bring the Procedure for Such Appointment to be in Conformity with the Global Best Practices, Curb Duplication of Duties and Over-Concentration of Powers in the Office of the Chief Judges of a State and Provide for the Appointment of Chairman of the Federal Judicial Service Commission among the Retired Chief Justices of Nigeria, President of the Court of Appeal and Justices of the Supreme Court; to Bring Procedure for such Appointment to be in Conformity with the Global Best Practices; to Curb Duplication of Duties and Over-Concentration of Powers in the Office of the Chief Justice of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1729 and HB.1730) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for Appointment of Chairman of the State Judiciary Service Commission among the Retired Chief Judges of the State, Grand Khadis of Sharia Court of Appeal, Presidents of the Customary Court of Appeal and Judges of the State High Court, to bring the Procedure for Such Appointment to be in Conformity with the Global Best Practices, Curb Duplication of Duties and Over-Concentration of Powers in the Office of the Chief Judges of a State and Provide for the Appointment of Chairman of the Federal Judicial Service Commission among the Retired Chief Justices of Nigeria, President of the Court of Appeal and Justices of the Supreme Court; to Bring Procedure for such Appointment to be in Conformity with the Global Best Practices; to Curb Duplication of Duties and Over-Concentration of Powers in the Office of the Chief Justice of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1729 and HB.1730) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa 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 Constitution Review.

15. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Expand the Number of Justices of the Supreme Court, enhance Service efficiency and timely dispensation of Justices, Improve Citizens' Access to Justice and Conform with Federal Character Principles and for Related Matters (HB.1569, HB.1345, HB.1346 and HB.1877) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Expand the Number of Justices of the Supreme Court, enhance Service efficiency and timely dispensation of Justices, Improve Citizens' Access to Justice and Conform with Federal Character Principles and for Related Matters (HB.1569, HB.1345, HB.1346 and HB.1877) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara 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 Constitution Review.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Provide for the Presumed Resignation from Office of the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justices and Judges of Certain Courts in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1886) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Provide for the Presumed Resignation from Office of the Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justices and Judges of Certain Courts in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1886) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Afam Ogene — Ogbaru 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 Constitution Review.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Confer Original Jurisdiction on the Court of Appeal on Matters Relating to the Office of a Governor or Deputy Governor of a State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1341) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Confer Original Jurisdiction on the Court of Appeal on Matters Relating to the Office of a Governor or Deputy Governor of a State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1341) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Raise the Composition of the Code of Conduct Tribunal From Three to Seven; to Provide for**

Representation from Each Geopolitical Zones Of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1924) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Raise the Composition of the Code of Conduct Tribunal From Three to Seven; to Provide for Representation From Each Geopolitical Zones Of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1924) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Shehu Dalhatu — Faskari/Kankara/Sabuwa 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 Constitution Review.

19. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1999 (Power of proclamation of New Assembly by Clerk or NASS/Clerk of House Assembly) and to make provision for the Chief Justice of Nigeria to make Proclamation on the Inauguration of National Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 33, HB. 69 and HB. 1309) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 1999 (Power of proclamation of New Assembly by Clerk or NASS/Clerk of House Assembly) and to make provision for the Chief Justice of Nigeria to make Proclamation on the Inauguration of National Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 33, HB. 69 and HB. 1309) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*), and *One other.*

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

20. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Specify the Time Within Which the Executive Shall Present to the National Assembly any Treaty Between the Federation and any Other Country for Enactment; and for Related Matters (HB. 619) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Specify the Time Within Which the Executive Shall Present to the National Assembly any Treaty Between the Federation and any Other Country for Enactment; and for Related Matters (HB. 619) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende 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 Constitution Review.

21. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Alter the Oath Taking of the Members of the National Assembly and Members of

Assembly in Sections 52, and 94 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1320) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Alter the Oath Taking of the Members of the National Assembly and Members of Assembly in Sections 52, and 94 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1320) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita 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 Constitution Review.

22. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Remove Transitional Law-Making Powers from the Executive Arm of Government; and for Related Matters (HB. 2175) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Remove Transitional Law-Making Powers from the Executive Arm of Government; and for Related Matters (HB. 2175) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase 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 Constitution Review.

23. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Establish the FCT House of Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 1783) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Establish the FCT House of Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 1783) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Sesoo Ikpagher — Konshisha/Vandeikya 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 Constitution Review.

24. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Regulate the Application of Regional and International Human Rights Treaties Ratified by Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1197) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Regulate the Application of Regional and International Human Rights Treaties Ratified by Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1197) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Daniel Asama Ago — Bassa/Jos 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 Constitution Review.

25. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 91 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide for Uniform Standards and remove ambiguity, and for Related Matters (HB. 2170) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter Section 91 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, to Provide for Uniform Standards and remove ambiguity, and for Related Matters (HB. 2170) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Adebayo Olusegun Balogun — Ibeju Lekki Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

26. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as altered) to Provide for Special Seats for the Physically Challenged Persons in Nigeria's Federal, State and Local Government Areas, and Legislative Houses and for Related Matters (HB.1931) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as altered) to Provide for Special Seats for the Physically Challenged Persons in Nigeria's Federal, State and Local Government Areas, and Legislative Houses and for Related Matters (HB.1931) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Marcus Onobun — Esan Central. Esan West/Igueben Federal Constituency*), and *One other*.

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

27. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as (amended) to provide for Six Special Seats for Special Interest Groups in the House of Representatives and for Related Matters (HB1811) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as (amended) to provide for Six Special Seats for Special Interest Groups in the House of Representatives and for Related Matters (HB1811) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Akintunde Rotimi Oluwaseun — Ikole/Oye 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 Constitution Review.

28. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Ensure Gender Equality in the Composition of the Federal Character Commission and for Related Matters (HB. 1419) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Ensure Gender Equality in the Composition of the Federal Character Commission and for Related Matters (HB. 1419) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Kafilat Ogbara — Kosofe 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 Constitution Review.

29. **A Bill for An Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic Of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Establishment of State Police and Local Government Police and For Related Matters (HB. 1305 and HB. 1807) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for An Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic Of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Establishment of State Police and Local Government Police and For Related Matters (HB. 1305 and HB. 1807) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*), and *One other*.

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

30. **A Bill an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Permit Public Servants to engage in Healthcare Education, Production and Services beyond Farming and for Related Matters (HB. 2176) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Permit Public Servants to engage in Healthcare Education, Production and Services beyond Farming and for Related Matters (HB. 2176) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ahmed Idris — Wase 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 Constitution Review.

31. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap. C23 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Recognition and Development of the Geo-Political Zones in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1850) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Cap. C23 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Recognition and Development of the Geo-Political Zones in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.

1850) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Marcus Onobun — Esan Central/Esan West/Igueben Federal Constituency*), and *One other*.

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

32. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Change the Name of the Auditor-General of the Federation to Auditor-General of the Federal Government; and for Related Matters (HB. 1700) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Change the Name of the Auditor-General of the Federation to Auditor-General of the Federal Government; and for Related Matters (HB. 1700) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa 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 Constitution Review.

33. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Remove the Restriction Placed on Power and Duties of the Auditor-General of the Federation and States by Sections 85 (2) and 125 (2) Respectively and to Insert New Sections in the Constitution that Shall Provide for the Financial Autonomy of the Offices of the Auditor-General of the Federation and of the States and for Related Matters (HB. 1404) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Remove the Restriction Placed on Power and Duties of the Auditor-General of the Federation and States by Sections 85 (2) and 125 (2) Respectively and to Insert New Sections in the Constitution that Shall Provide for the Financial Autonomy of the Offices of the Auditor-General of the Federation and of the States and for Related Matters (HB. 1404) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Babajimi Benson — Ikorodu 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 Constitution Review.

34. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to strengthen the Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation and the Auditor-General of a State, and for Related Matters (HB.260) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to strengthen the Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation and the Auditor-General of a State, and for Related Matters (HB.260) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Mutu Nicholas Ebomo — Bomadi/Patani 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 Constitution Review.

35. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 143 (2) (a) and 188(2) (a) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Related Matters (HB.994) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter Section 143 (2) (a) and 188(2) (a) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Related Matters (HB.994) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita 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 Constitution Review.

36. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 Cap. C23 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish and Empower the Political Parties Registration and Regulatory Commission to Register, Regulate, and Monitor the Organization and Operation of Political Parties; and for Related Matters (HB. 1217) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 Cap. C23 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish and Empower the Political Parties Registration and Regulatory Commission to Register, Regulate, and Monitor the Organization and Operation of Political Parties; and for Related Matters (HB. 1217) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Aminu Jamo Daura — Daura/Sandamu/Maiádua 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 Constitution Review.

37. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide that General Elections to the Office of the President, State Governors, National Assembly, State Houses of Assembly and Local Government Area Councils shall be conducted simultaneously on the same date to be determined by the Independent National Electoral Commission in consultation with the National Assembly and for Related Matters (HB 1306 and HB 1514) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide that General Elections to the Office of the President, State Governors, National Assembly, State Houses of Assembly and Local Government Area Councils shall be conducted simultaneously on the same date to be determined by the Independent National Electoral Commission in consultation with the National Assembly and for Related Matters (HB 1306 and HB 1514) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*), and *Thirty-Five 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 Constitution Review.

38. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended) to Provide for Compulsory Resignation of National and State Executive Members of Political Parties Seeking Elective Government Positions (HB. 1381) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended) to Provide for Compulsory Resignation of National and State Executive Members of Political Parties Seeking Elective Government Positions (HB. 1381) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu Federal Constituency*), and *Thirty-Five 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 Constitution Review.

39. **A Bill for an Act to Further Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Determination of All Appeals Arising from Election Petition Tribunals Prior to Swearing-in of President-Elect, Vice-President-Elect, Governor-Elect, Deputy Governor-Elect, Members-Elect of the National and State Assemblies and for Related Matters (HB. 1154) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Further Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Determination of All Appeals Arising from Election Petition Tribunals Prior to Swearing-in of President-Elect, Vice-President-Elect, Governor-Elect, Deputy Governor-Elect, Members-Elect of the National and State Assemblies and for Related Matters (HB. 1154) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency*), and *Five 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 Constitution Review.

40. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Vest the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) with the Power to Conduct Local Government Area Council Elections and for Related Matters (HB. 1649) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Vest the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) with the Power to Conduct Local Government Area Council Elections and for Related Matters (HB. 1649) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*), and *Twenty-Four 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 Constitution Review.

41. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), to Provide for Regulation of Election Timelines by the Electoral Act and for Related Matters (HB. 2166) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), to Provide for Regulation of Election Timelines by the Electoral Act and for Related Matters (HB. 2166) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Adebayo Olusegun Balogun — Ibeju Lekki Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

42. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 68 (1) (g) and 109 (1) (g) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Require the Official Resignation from Political Party before Defection by Members of the National Assembly and State House of Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 2167 and HB. 2183) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter Sections 68 (1) (g) and 109 (1) (g) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Require the Official Resignation from Political Party before Defection by Members of the National Assembly and State House of Assembly and for Related Matters (HB. 2167 and HB. 2183) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Adebayo Olusegun Balogun — Ibeju Lekki Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

43. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 239 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), to Extend the Original Jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal to include Election Petitions arising from Governorship and Deputy Governorship Elections, Tenure of Governors and Deputy Governors of States and for Related Matters (HB. 2168) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter Section 239 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), to Extend the Original Jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal to include Election Petitions arising from Governorship and Deputy Governorship Elections, Tenure of Governors and Deputy Governors of States and for Related Matters (HB. 2168) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Adebayo Olusegun Balogun — Ibeju Lekki Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

44. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to grant the National Assembly Power to Alter Timelines for Election Tribunals and for Related Matters(HB. 2169) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to grant the National Assembly Power to Alter Timelines for Election Tribunals and for Related Matters(HB. 2169) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Adebayo Olusegun Balogun — Ibeju Lekki Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

45. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 285 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), by deleting Subsection (2) and amending Subsection (3) to remove references to the Governorship Election Tribunal, and for Related Matters (HB. 2173) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter Section 285 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), by deleting Subsection (2) and amending Subsection (3) to remove references to the Governorship Election Tribunal, and for Related Matters (HB. 2173) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Adebayo Olusegun Balogun — Ibeju Lekki Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

46. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish the National Local Government Electoral Commission as an Independent Body Responsible for Organising, Conducting, and Supervising Elections into the Offices of Chairmen and Councilors of all the Local Governments Across the Federation, Including the Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory, ensure the Credibility, Transparency, and Fairness of Local Government Elections and Promote Democratic Governance at the Grassroots Level; and for Related Matters (HB. 2122) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish the National Local Government Electoral Commission as an Independent Body Responsible for Organising, Conducting, and Supervising Elections into the Offices of Chairmen and Councilors of all the Local Governments Across the Federation, Including the Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory, ensure the Credibility, Transparency, and Fairness of Local Government Elections and Promote Democratic Governance at the Grassroots Level; and for Related Matters (HB. 2122) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende Federal Constituency*), and Six Others.

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Constitution Review.

47. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to relieve the State Independent Electoral Commissions of the powers to conduct Local Government Council elections and bestow same on the Independent National Electoral Commission and for Related Matters (HB.1761) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to relieve the State Independent Electoral Commissions of the powers to conduct Local Government Council elections and bestow same on the Independent National Electoral Commission and for Related Matters (HB.1761) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Akinola Alabi — Egbeda/Ona-Ara 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 Constitution Review.

48. **Consideration of Reports**

- (i) **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for the Establishment of Federal University of Agriculture, Obio Akpa, Oruk Anam, Akwa Ibom State; and for Related Matters (SB. 675) (Committee of the Whole):**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for the Establishment of Federal University of Agriculture, Obio Akpa, Oruk Anam, Akwa Ibom State; and for Related Matters (SB. 675)” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita 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)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF
AGRICULTURE ACT, CAP. F22 LFN 2004 AND ESTABLISH FEDERAL
UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, OBIO AKPA, ORUK ANAM,
AKWA IBOM STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

- Clause 1: Amendment of the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, LFN, 2004.**

The Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, LFN, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as the “Principal Act”) is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Question that Clause 1 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

- Clause 2: Amendment of Section 2.**

Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the existing subsection “(1) (c)”, new paragraph “(d)” —

"(d) the Federal University of Agriculture, Obioakpa, Oruk Anam, Akwa Ibom State" (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Question that Clause 2 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Question that Clause 3 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Federal University of Agricultural Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for the establishment of Federal University of Agriculture, Obio Akpa, Oruk Anam, Akwa Ibom State (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, LFN, 2004 and Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Obio Akpa, Oruk Anam, Akwa Ibom State; and for Related Matters (SB.675) (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for the Establishment of Federal University of Agriculture, Obio Akpa, Oruk Anam, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (SB.675) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(ii) Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act, 2007 to Empower the Federal Road Safety Commission with the Responsibility for Road Traffic Administration and Safety Management, Preventing and Minimizing Road Traffic Crashes on Public Roads, the Supervision of Users of such Public Roads, the Regulation of Traffic thereon and clearing of obstruction on any part of the Public Roads and for Educating Drivers, Motorists and other Members of the Public generally on the proper use of Public Roads and Matters Related to Safety on the Public Roads and for Related Matters (HB. 1604 and HB. 1401)" (*Hon. Abiodun Derin Adesida — Akure North/Akure South 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)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NIGERIA ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION ACT, 2007 TO EMPOWER THE NIGERIAN ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROAD TRAFFIC ADMINISTRATION AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT, PREVENTING AND MINIMIZING ROAD TRAFFIC CRASHES ON PUBLIC ROADS, THE SUPERVISION OF USERS OF SUCH PUBLIC ROADS, THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC THEREON AND CLEARING OF OBSTRUCTION ON ANY PART OF THE PUBLIC ROADS AND FOR EDUCATING DRIVERS, MOTORISTS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC GENERALLY ON THE PROPER USE OF PUBLIC ROADS AND MATTERS RELATED TO SAFETY ON THE PUBLIC ROADS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB 1604 & HB.1401)

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NIGERIAN ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION, ETC.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 1: Nigerian Roads Safety Commission (Establishment) Act, 2024.

- (1) The Nigerian Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act, 2007 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is hereby amended as set out in this Bill.

Section 1(2) of the principal act is amended as follows:

- (2) The Commission shall consist of —
- (a) (i) a Chairman and three other persons appointed by the President;
 - (ii) one representative of Federal Ministry of Transport not below the rank of a Director;
 - (iii) one representative of Federal Ministry of Works not below the rank of a Director;
 - (iv) one representative of Federal Ministry of Health not below the rank of a Director;
 - (b) the Corps Marshal of the Corps;
 - (c) members mentioned in paragraph (a) above shall serve on part time basis (*Hon. Abiodun Derin Adesida — Akure North/Akure South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 2: Tenure of Office of Members of the Commission.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a member of the Commission other than the Corps Marshal shall hold office for a term of four years and no more provided that a member representing any of the ministries shall cease to hold office when he ceases to hold the office that qualified him to be a member of the Commission.
- (2) Any member of the Commission not being a public officer may resign his appointment by a letter addressed to the President.

- (3) Members of the Commission shall be paid such remuneration and allowances, as the President may determine.
- (4) The President may at any time remove any member from office if in his opinion it is in the interest of the Commission or of the public for such member to be removed from the Commission (*Hon. Abiodun Derin Adesida — Akure North/Akure South Federal Constituency*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Subclause (1), immediately after the words “period of”, *leave out* the word “four”, and *insert* the word “five and no more” (*Hon. Oluwale Tahir Raji — Epe Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Leave out* all the words in Subclause (3), and *insert* as follows:
“Members of the Commission shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as provided by Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation and Fiscal Commission” (*Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 2 as amended, stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee’s Recommendation:

Clause 3: Amendment of Section 5: Power to make Regulations.

The Commission may make regulations generally for the carrying out of its functions under this Bill and, in particular, may make regulations relating to —

- (a) ranks, payment of salaries and allowances of members of the Corps;
- (b) hours of duty and leave periods of members of the Corps;
- (c) the procedure and terms of appointment of members of the Corps;
- (d) subject to the provisions of this Bill, the qualification for appointments of members of the Corps to any rank and the procedure for promotion to any such rank;
- (e) the maintenance of discipline among members of the Corps;
- (f) the Conditions and Schemes of Service of members of the Corps;
- (g) the design and production of drivers' licences and vehicle number plates to be used by various categories of vehicle operators;
- (h) registration and licensing of vehicles, drivers' licences, use of expressways, use and construction of vehicles, road codes and in general on human, vehicular and environmental factors to make the roads safe;
- (i) the penalty point based system to be awarded against road traffic offenders;
- (j) establishment of a central database for registered vehicles and licenced drivers with the Corps Marshal as the Chief Registrar and custodian of the data;
- (k) establishment of road side clinics for the treatment of road crash victims;

- (l) establishment and regulation of ambulance services engaged in road traffic crash rescue and emergency duties;
- (m) the establishment, investigation and certification of driving schools;
- (n) the certification of convoy drivers;
- (o) the certification of commercial drivers
- (p) the certification and registration of Fleet Operators
- (q) speed limiting devices to be used by motor vehicles of any class or description
- (r) the speed at which motor vehicles of any class or description may be driven either generally on any public road or within any defined area;
- (s) the emission of smoke, and visible vapour, sparks, ashes and grits,
- (t) excessive noise of vehicles;
- (u) the maximum laden weight of motor vehicles and trailers, and the maximum weight to be transmitted to the road or any specified area thereof by a motor vehicle or trailer of any class or description or by any part or parts of such a vehicle or trailer in contact with the road and the conditions under which the weights may be required to be tested;
- (v) the placing on or near a public road of traffic signs;
- (w) the prohibition or control of advertising on public roads;
- (x) the particulars to be marked on motor vehicles and trailers;
- (y) the towing or drawing of vehicles by motor vehicles;
- (z) the appliances to be fitted for signalling the approach of a motor vehicle or enabling the driver of a motor vehicle to become aware of the approach of another vehicle from the rear;
- (aa) regulating the use of sirens by motor vehicles on public roads;
- (bb) the use of seat belts;
- (cc) use of mobile phones, eating, smoking or any act capable of distracting the driver of a motor vehicle while driving;
- (dd) the supervision of the use and users of public roads;
- (ee) the restriction or exclusion of type or class of vehicles, roadworthiness of vehicles and vehicle inspection;
- (ff) the restriction of the use of public roads by any vehicle or breed of animals;
- (gg) the use of public roads;

- (hh) offences and penalties payable by offenders provided that the penalties shall not be more than the highest penalty provided by the Act;
- (ii) the construction and use of motorcycles, tricycles and the regulation of operations of motorcycles and tricycles generally;
- (jj) the education of motorists and other road users;
- (kk) standards for road traffic administration and safety in Nigeria;
- (ll) psychological/medical evaluation of persons arrested for violating the provisions of this Bill or any regulation made pursuant to it;
- (mm) road safety matters (*Hon. Abiodun Derin Adesida — Akure North/Akure South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

Clause 4: Amendment of section 7: Corps Marshal of the Nigeria Road Safety Corps.

Section 7 (1) of the Principal Act is hereby amended by inserting a new phrase immediately after the President, to read as follows:

- “(1) From amongst the officers of the Corps from the rank of the Assistant Corps Marshal (ACM) and above who shall be a person possessing sound knowledge or ability in the organization and administration of road safety matters and traffic management”.
- (2) The Corps Marshal shall be the Chief Executive of the Corps and shall, without prejudice to his powers to delegate in appropriate circumstances, be exclusively responsible for the execution of the policies and decisions of the Commission and for carrying into effect the day to day activities of the Corps.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Corps Marshal shall hold office for a period of four years.
- (4) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, the Corps Marshal shall —
 - (a) exercise general supervision and control over members of the Corps and volunteers;
 - (b) direct the activities of members of the Corps, volunteers and servant or agent of the Commission;
 - (c) manage the Commission's financial affairs;
 - (d) deploy the human and material resources of the Commission in such manner as will best ensure the attainment of the aims and objectives of this Bill; and.
 - (e) appoint marshals, volunteers and other servants or agents of the Commission (*Hon. Abiodun Derin Adesida — Akure North/Akure South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(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 Federal Road Safety Commission on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act, 2007 to Empower the Federal Road Safety Commission with the Responsibility for Road Traffic Administration and Safety Management, Preventing and Minimizing Road Traffic Crashes on Public Roads, the Supervision of Users of such Public Roads, the Regulation of Traffic thereon and clearing of obstruction on any part of the Public Roads and for Educating Drivers, Motorists and other Members of the Public generally on the proper use of Public Roads and Matters Related to Safety on the Public Roads and for Related Matters (HB. 1604 and HB. 1401) and approved Clause 1, approved Clause 2 as amended, approved Clauses 3 - 4, and deferred further consideration of the Report.

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

49. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 26 March, 2025 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Sada Soli — Jibia/Kaita Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.00 p.m.

Benjamin Okezie Kalu
Deputy Speaker