



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 26 November, 2024

1. The House met at 11.27 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 *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 21 November, 2024.

The Second 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**

22nd November, 2024

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

Rt Hon. Speaker,

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF
LT. GEN. O. O OLUYEDE AS CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF**

In accordance with the provision of Section 218 (2) of Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and section 18 (1) of the Armed Forces Act, I am pleased to forward for confirmation by the House of Representatives, the appointment of Lieutenant General O. O. Oluyede as the Chief of Army Staff of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Lt. Gen. O. O Oluyede has been serving diligently in an acting capacity since his appointment. He has displayed exceptional leadership, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to the security and continued stability of our nation and the progress of our armed forces. His qualifications, experience, and contributions to the Nigerian Army and the nation at large make him well-suited for this important role.

While I am confident that the House of Representatives will consider and confirm the nominee expeditiously, Please accept, Rt Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signing)

Bola Ahmed Tinubu

5. Announcement

Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker announced the presence of the following:

- (i) Staff and Students of the Al-Ilmu International Academy Limited, Loko-Karshi, Nasarawa State;
- (ii) Members of National Association of Akwa Ibom State Students (NAAKISS), Federal University of Lafia Chapter, Nasarawa State.

6. Petition

A petition from Akinola Felix, on alleged fraudulent auction of his vehicle by the Nigerian Custom Service, was presented and laid by Hon. Rotimi Akintunde Oluwaseun (*Ikole/Oye Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) ***Massive Oil Spill from NNPC's Aged and Corroded Crude Oil Pipeline in Bonny Local Government Area, Rivers State:***

Hon. Hart Cyril Godwin (*Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

Massive Oil Spill from NNPC's Aged and Corroded Crude Oil Pipeline in Bonny Local Government Area, Rivers State:

The House:

Notes that Bonny Local Government Area is the oil and gas hub of Nigeria; a community criss-crossed with crude oil and gas pipelines constructed since 1958 to transport crude oil from various oil locations in the Niger Delta, to the SPDC crude oil export terminal in Bonny Local Government Area;

Also notes that the NNPC are owners of the crude oil pipelines. These aged and corroded pipelines are not only environmental hazards but time bombs waiting to explode as a result of lack of maintenance, repairs, and replacement;

Aware that at the early hours of November 23, 2024. The indigenes of Iloma Community in Bonny LGA in Rivers State were woken up by the thunderous sound from the explosion of one of the aged and corroded crude oil pipelines belonging to the NNPC. The aftermath of that explosion left the whole community - the roof of their buildings, the creeks, rivers, boats, nets and their farmlands all drenched in crude oil;

Also aware that the absence of immediate containment of the spill has exacerbated the situation as the river current has spread the oil to the neighbouring communities of Epelema, Orupiri, Ayaminima, Minima, Oloma, and Oguede among several others;

Concerned that the impact of the spill has sacked residents of Iloma Community who are now taking refuge in the mangroves and forests; and some of them living in their boats due to the fear of a possible fire outbreak;

Worried that aquatic lives, farmlands and indeed the means of livelihood of the people of Iloma is diminished;

Also worried that the NNPC is yet to give relief to the affected communities and contain this mother of all spills after the Ogoni experience;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the NNPC to immediately give relief to the people of Iloma and rebuild their homes;
- (ii) also urge the NNPC to immediately clean up the environment of the affected communities and replace all aged and corroded pipelines in Bonny LGA;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Host Communities to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Hart Cyril Godwin — Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 184/11/2024)

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

- (ii) ***Adequate Security for Transmission Towers in Rivers, Bayelsa States and the Country in General:***

Hon. Oboku Abonsizibe Oforji (*Yenogoa/Kolokuma/Opokuma 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.

Adequate Security for Transmission Towers in Rivers, Bayelsa States and the Country in General:

The House:

Notes that on July 29, 2024, residents of Yenagoa and Bayelsa State in general woke up to a total blackout occasioned by the collapse of a Transmission Station between Emezhi and Mbaima in Ahoada East Local Government Area of Rivers State and three others between Igbogene and Nedugo Agbia in Yenagoa Local Government Area of Bayelsa State;

Also notes that the Bayelsa State Government in collaboration with the Transmission Company of Nigeria, swiftly swung into action to address this challenges that has culminated in dwindling of socio-economic activities in the State;

Saddened that on Tuesday, 19 November, 2024, just as the work was nearing completion, at Ula-Akpata, in Ahoada East Local Government Area of Rivers State, some hoodlums went and vandalised a section of the lines;

Disturbed that by this development, the woes of the residents of Bayelsa State still subsist for one or two days, because as we speak the people of the State are in total blackout, this has been the situation for over four (4) months;

Cognizant that the efforts of the Bayelsa State Government in mobilizing financial and material resources to support the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) is highly commended and proactive measures must be taken to forestall future occurrences of vandalism of these Transmission Towers;

Recalls that the provisions of Chapter II of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) which talks about economic and social rights of citizens, should not be taken for granted by the government;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government through the Ministry of Interior, to urgently provide adequate security for these Transmission Towers across the country to avoid future occurrences of vandalism;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Interior, and Power to ensure compliance (*Hon. Oboku Abonsizibe Oforji — Yenagoa/Kolokuma Opokuma Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on July 29, 2024, residents of Yenagoa and Bayelsa State in general woke up to a total blackout occasioned by the collapse of a Transmission Station between Emezhi and Mbaima in Ahoada East Local Government Area of Rivers State and three others between Igbogene and Nedugo Agbia in Yenagoa Local Government Area of Bayelsa State;

Also noted that the Bayelsa State Government in collaboration with the Transmission Company of Nigeria, swiftly swung into action to address this challenges that has culminated in dwindling of socio-economic activities in the State;

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Recalled that the provisions of Chapter II of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) which talks about economic and social rights of citizens, should not be taken for granted by the government;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government through the Ministry of Interior, to urgently provide adequate security for these Transmission Towers across the country to avoid future occurrences of vandalism;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Interior, and Power to ensure compliance (**HR. 185/11/2024**).

8. Personal Explanation (Order Eight, Rule 6)

- (i) Hon. Rotimi Akintunde Oluwaseun (*Ikole/Oye Federal Constituency*), drew the attention of the House to the wearing of the orange sashes by Members which commenced the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. He expressed his appreciation to all Members for joining this noble act of solidarity on the fight against Gender Based Violence. He thanked Mr Speaker for leading over 3,000 people on a walk to the Police Headquarters to submit a petition to underscore the commitment to this struggle, and commended the House for the passage of the Bill for an Act to Prevent, Prohibition, and Redress Sexual Harassment in Tertiary Institutions in the country.
- (ii) Hon. Babajimi Benson Adegoke (*Ikorodu Federal Constituency*), expressed his commendation on the administration of the Niger State Governor, Rt Hon. Umar Muhammed Bago. He stressed that the Governor has demonstrated that he is a worthy Ambassador of the House and commended him for the Agricultural revolution, Infrastructural renewal and manpower development programmes he is carrying out in the State. He stressed the need for the Governor to be commended for his efforts.

9. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Foreign Exchange (Monitoring and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1853).

- (2) National Council for Arts and Culture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1851).
- (3) Health Development Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1879).
- (4) Town Planners (Registration, etc) Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1868).
- (5) Nigerian Urban and Regional Planning Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1869).
- (6) Accountability and Transparency Bill, 2024 (HB.1906).
- (7) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Creation of Obolo State) Bill, 2024 (HB.1915).
- (8) Institute of Agriculture, Agric Business and Technology, Agassa, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1887).
- (9) Federal Tourist Centre, Lokoja (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1888).
- (10) Federal College of Technical, Entrepreneurship and Vocational Training, Karara, Bauchi State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1889).
- (11) National Research Institute of Cassava Bio-Ethanol Value Chain Plant, Jamata, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1890).
- (12) National Institute for Rice Mill Industry, Gegu Beki, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1891).
- (13) Nigeria Customs Service Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1880).
- (14) Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1881).
- (15) Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1882).
- (16) Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1883).
- (17) Institute of Geology Science and Mining, Agbaja, Kogi State (HB.1892).
- (18) Research Institute of Maritime Industrial Fisheries Resources, Kantonkarfe, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1893).
- (19) Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1930).
- (20) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Special Seats for the Physically Challenged Persons) Bill, 2024 (HB.1931).

10. Presentation of Reports

- (i) ***Committees on Finance, and National Planning, and Economic Development:***
Report of Committees on Finance and National Planning, and Economic Development on the 2025-2027 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP).

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- (ii) ***Committee on National Planning and Economic Development:***
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on National Planning and Economic Development on a Bill for an Act to Repeal

National Planning Commission Act, Cap. N66, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; Establish Budget and National Planning Offices Ensure greater Accountability and Transparency in National Planning and Budget Implementation and for Related Matters (HB.1302)” (*Hon. Isiaka Ibrahim Ayokunle — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(iii) Committee on National Planning and Economic Development:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on National Planning and Economic Development on a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Planning, Preparation, Passage and Execution of the Budget of the Government of Federation, and for Related Matters (HB.23)” (*Hon. Isiaka Ibrahim Ayokunle — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act No. 63 of 2023 to make the Corporation more effective, ensure its Independence and Autonomy in line with section 1(3) of the Principal Act, to bring it in line with current Realities and Best Practice and for Related Matters (SB. 277) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act No. 63 of 2023 to make the Corporation more effective, ensure its Independence and Autonomy in line with section 1(3) of the Principal Act, to bring it in line with current Realities and Best Practice and for Related Matters (SB. 277) 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.

12. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Ministry of Finance Incorporated Act, Cap. M229, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and any amendments thereto and Enact the Ministry of Finance Incorporated (Establishment etc.) and for Related Matters (HB. 986) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Ministry of Finance Incorporated Act, Cap. M229, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and any amendments thereto and Enact the Ministry of Finance Incorporated (Establishment etc.) and for Related Matters (HB. 986) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ademorin Aliu Kuye — Shomolu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Finance, and Public Assets.

13. A Bill for an Act to Establish Special Security Trust Fund to Provide Funding for Security Related Issues, apart from usual Budgetary Provisions from the Federation, Intervene in Combating Security Issues in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1584) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Special Security Trust Fund to Provide Funding for Security Related Issues, apart from usual Budgetary Provisions from the Federation, Intervene in Combating Security Issues in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1584) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ahmed Satomi — Jere 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 National Security and Intelligence.

- 14. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Institute of Technology, Ikpoba-Okha, Edo State charged with the Responsibility, amongst other things, for the Conduct of Research into any branch of Technological and Management Sciences Courses and for Related Matters (HB. 636) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Institute of Technology, Ikpoba-Okha, Edo State charged with the Responsibility, amongst other things, for the Conduct of Research into any branch of Technological and Management Sciences Courses and for Related Matters (HB. 636) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Murphy Osaro Omoruyi — Egor/Ikpoba Okha Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Science and Technology.

- 15. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Health Act, 2014 to Prohibit and Penalize Organ Trafficking in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1284) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Health Act, 2014 to Prohibit and Penalize Organ Trafficking in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1284) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Healthcare Services.

- 16. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Park Service Act, 2004 to make Provision for the Inclusion of Okwangwo National Park, Cross River State, as part of the existing National Parks in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 575) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Park Service Act, 2004 to make Provision for the Inclusion of Okwangwo National Park, Cross River State, as part of the existing National Parks in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 575) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Victor Abang Bisong — Ikom/Boki 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 Environment.

17. Need to Invoke the Provision of Paragraph 17 (3), Part 1, Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as Amended) for the Removal from Office of the Chairman of the Code of Conduct Tribunal

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Code of Conduct Tribunal is one of the key components of Federal Institutions in the country, saddled with the statutory responsibilities of maintaining high standards of morality in the conduct of government business and ensuring the actions and behaviours of public officers conform with the highest standards of public morality and accountability;

Also notes that a Statutory Institution of such magnitude is expected to be an epitome of moral rectitude and virtues of integrity, probity, and accountability, however, the official conduct of Mr. Yakubu Danladi Umar, chairman of the tribunal, has fallen short of the requisite standard of a public officer to conduct the affairs of such a tribunal;

Aware of the conduct of the Chairman, Code of Conduct Tribunal, who recently engaged in a public brawl with a security guard at the Banex Plaza Shopping Complex, which necessitated an invitation from the Senate Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct, and Public Petitions, and after his first appearance, where he admitted to having been involved in the brawl, he refused to attend subsequent sittings, thereby frustrating the efforts of the Committee to investigate the allegations against him;

Also recalls that by virtue of the provisions of section paragraph 17 (3), PT 1, Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) and section 22(3) of the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act Cap C15 LFN 2004, Mr. President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces is mandated to act on an address supported by a two-thirds majority of the Senate and House of Representatives and praying that the Chairman be so removed for misconduct;

Affirms that the invocation of the aforementioned constitutional provision in this circumstance seems to be the only way out to safeguard the sacred image of the Code of Conduct Tribunal, in line with the resolution of the 10th National Assembly to uphold the rule of law and sustain the ideals of corporate governance structure in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

- (i) invoke and activate the constitutional provision as enshrined in paragraph 17 (3), PT 1, Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) and section 22 (3) of the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act Cap C15 LFN 2004 by forwarding an address, supported by a two-thirds majority of the Senate and House of Representatives, which shall be acted upon by Mr. President for the removal of Mr. Yakubu Danladi Umar as the Chairman of the Code of Conduct Tribunal for misconduct; and
- (ii) concur with the resolution of the Senate on the matter (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — Owan East/Owan West. Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Code of Conduct Tribunal is one of the key components of Federal Institutions in the country, saddled with the statutory responsibilities of maintaining high standards of morality in the conduct of government business and ensuring the actions and behaviours of public officers conform with the highest standards of public morality and accountability;

Also noted that a Statutory Institution of such magnitude is expected to be an epitome of moral rectitude and virtues of integrity, probity, and accountability, however, the official conduct of Mr. Yakubu Danladi Umar, chairman of the tribunal, has fallen short of the requisite standard of a public officer to conduct the affairs of such a tribunal;

Aware of the conduct of the Chairman, Code of Conduct Tribunal, who recently engaged in a public brawl with a security guard at the Banex Plaza Shopping Complex, which necessitated an invitation from the Senate Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct, and Public Petitions, and after his first appearance, where he admitted to having been involved in the brawl, he refused to attend subsequent sittings, thereby frustrating the efforts of the Committee to investigate the allegations against him;

Also recalled that by virtue of the provisions of section paragraph 17 (3), PT 1, Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) and section 22(3) of the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act Cap C15 LFN 2004, Mr. President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces is mandated to act on an address supported by a two-thirds majority of the Senate and House of Representatives and praying that the Chairman be so removed for misconduct;

Affirmed that the invocation of the aforementioned constitutional provision in this circumstance seems to be the only way out to safeguard the sacred image of the Code of Conduct Tribunal, in line with the resolution of the 10th National Assembly to uphold the rule of law and sustain the ideals of corporate governance structure in Nigeria;

Resolved to:

- (i) invoke and activate the constitutional provision as enshrined in paragraph 17 (3), PT 1, Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) and section 22 (3) of the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act Cap C15 LFN 2004 by forwarding an address, supported by a two-thirds majority of the Senate and House of Representatives, which shall be acted upon by Mr. President for the removal of Mr. Yakubu Danladi Umar as the Chairman of the Code of Conduct Tribunal for misconduct; and
- (ii) concur with the resolution of the Senate on the matter **(HR. 186/11/2024)**.

18. Need to Investigate the Abandoned Fishing and Hydro Electric Power HEP Optimization Regional Water Resource Project Owiwi, Ogun State:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the Owiwi Multipurpose Regional Water Resource Project, was abandoned in 2011 with all the derivatives and deliverables that ought to have been implemented, the earth/concrete dam is a purposely designed facility for irrigation, fishing, water supply, and 6 MW hydroelectric power (HEP);

Worried that a 17 m high, 900 m length soil gravity dam, with a reservoir capacity of 22.5 m, a water treatment plant, and an irrigation system with a surface area of about 10 km, water storage capacity of 22.5 million per cubic meter, HEP generation capacity of 6 MW, and capacity to irrigate 1500 hectare of land (based on the then wasteful available irrigation methods), huge tonnage of freshwater fish harvestable could be abandoned;

Concerned that years down the lane of the project, partial delivery, the end users have not benefited

from the usage, and as such the huge investment is wasting, thereby requiring a quick intervention that would make for the value chain benefits of the project through mitigation of health and other associated risk issues;

Also worried that the partial delivery of the project has led to wasted investment and requires immediate intervention to mitigate health and associated risk issues, ensuring the project's value chain benefits;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation to complete the first phase of the regional water resource project at Owiwi in Ewekoro Local Government of Ogun State;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to utilize the 98 kms of land in Ewekoro Local Government Area for agricultural and agro-processing opportunities;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Power to harvest the potentials of the regional water resource project in the in-built 6 Mw Hydro Electric Power HEP generation;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Water Resources, Agricultural Production and Services, and Power, to investigate the abandoned fishing and hydroelectric power HEP optimization regional water resource project at Owiwi, Ogun State.
- (v) also mandate the Committees on Water Resources, Agricultural Production and Services, and Appropriations to ensure that each segment of the project is captured in the 2025 Budget estimate (*Hon. Ibrahim Isiaka Ayokunle — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the Owiwi Multipurpose Regional Water Resource Project, was abandoned in 2011 with all the derivatives and deliverables that ought to have been implemented, the earth/concrete dam is a purposely designed facility for irrigation, fishing, water supply, and 6 MW hydroelectric power (HEP);

Worried that a 17 m high, 900 m length soil gravity dam, with a reservoir capacity of 22.5 m, a water treatment plant, and an irrigation system with a surface area of about 10 km, water storage capacity of 22.5 million per cubic meter, HEP generation capacity of 6 MW, and capacity to irrigate 1500 hectare of land (based on the then wasteful available irrigation methods), huge tonnage of freshwater fish harvestable could be abandoned;

Concerned that years down the lane of the project, partial delivery, the end users have not benefitted from the usage, and as such the huge investment is wasting, thereby requiring a quick intervention that would make for the value chain benefits of the project through mitigation of health and other associated risk issues;

Also worried that the partial delivery of the project has led to wasted investment and requires immediate intervention to mitigate health and associated risk issues, ensuring the project's value chain benefits;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation to complete the first phase of the regional water resource project at Owiwi in Ewekoro Local Government of Ogun State;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to utilize the 98 kms of land in Ewekoro Local Government Area for agricultural and agro-processing opportunities;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Power to harvest the potentials of the regional water resource project in the in-built 6 Mw Hydro Electric Power HEP generation;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Water Resources, Agricultural Production and Services, and Power, to investigate the abandoned fishing and hydroelectric power HEP optimization regional water resource project at Owiwi, Ogun State.
- (v) also mandate the Committees on Water Resources, Agricultural Production and Services, and Appropriations to ensure that each segment of the project is captured in the 2025 Budget estimate (**HR. 187/11/2024**).

19. Provision of Affordable Housing in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that data is one of the crucial factors considered in the planning and execution of projects, whether at federal or sub-national levels;

Also notes that the housing sector in Nigeria, with a huge deficit, lacks veritable data for planning and execution of housing policies and strategies;

Aware that according the world population review, over 24 million people in Nigeria are homeless, with no appropriate access to proper dwelling with some basic social amenities;

Worried that Nigeria is among the top 10 countries with homeless populations, leading with 24 million, followed by Pakistan, Egypt, Syria, and Congo;

Also worried that Nigeria relies on the World Bank report for housing data as well as a market that works efficiently and provides decent shelter for its citizens;

Cognizant that for a nation to grow, achieve peace, and enjoy stability, there is a need to have its housing data as well as a market that works efficiently and provides decent shelter for its citizens;

Also cognizant that in December 2023, the Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Development awarded 3,500 units to Renewed Hope Cities in selected States in the Country;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Housing and Habitat to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to fix the lack of credible, scientific, and verifiable data on the state of housing in the country and ensure access to decent and affordable housing; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Emmanuel Ukpong -Udo — Ikono/Ini Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that data is one of the crucial factors considered in the planning and execution of projects,

whether at federal or sub-national levels;

Also noted that the housing sector in Nigeria, with a huge deficit, lacks veritable data for planning and execution of housing policies and strategies;

Aware that according the world population review, over 24 million people in Nigeria are homeless, with no appropriate access to proper dwelling with some basic social amenities;

Worried that Nigeria is among the top 10 countries with homeless populations, leading with 24 million, followed by Pakistan, Egypt, Syria, and Congo;

Also worried that Nigeria relies on the World Bank report for housing data as well as a market that works efficiently and provides decent shelter for its citizens;

Cognizant that for a nation to grow, achieve peace, and enjoy stability, there is a need to have its housing data as well as a market that works efficiently and provides decent shelter for its citizens;

Also cognizant that in December 2023, the Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Development awarded 3,500 units to Renewed Hope Cities in selected States in the Country;

Resolved to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Housing and Habitat to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to fix the lack of credible, scientific, and verifiable data on the state of housing in the country and ensure access to decent and affordable housing; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 188/11/2024**).

20. Promoting Local Languages as Medium of Instruction in Primary and Junior Secondary Schools in Nigeria

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria boasts of an extraordinary linguistic diversity, reflecting the rich cultural tapestry of the nation, while the current education system primarily employs English as the medium of instruction which has rendered the local languages like Hausa, Igbo, and Yoruba, ineffective and almost extinct;

Aware that teaching in the mother tongue often leads to stronger teacher-student connections, creating a conducive learning environment and positive classroom dynamics;

Also aware that engaging local communities in the education process is more effective when language aligns with the culture and fosters active participation and support for children's education;

Observes that encouraging indigenous languages in Nigerian primary and junior secondary schools is a crucial step in promoting inclusive and culturally sensitive education, improving the educational experience for children across the country;

Cognizant that prioritizing local languages bridges education-culture gap, ensuring no child is left behind due to linguistic barriers, fostering academic success, empowering communities, and strengthening nation fabric;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education to commence a pilot program in selected schools across various states to assess the feasibility and benefits of utilizing local languages as a medium of instruction;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Basic Education and Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Kalejaiye Adeboye Paul — Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Nigeria boasts of an extraordinary linguistic diversity, reflecting the rich cultural tapestry of the nation, while the current education system primarily employs English as the medium of instruction which has rendered the local languages like Hausa, Igbo, and Yoruba, ineffective and almost extinct;

Aware that teaching in the mother tongue often leads to stronger teacher-student connections, creating a conducive learning environment and positive classroom dynamics;

Also aware that engaging local communities in the education process is more effective when language aligns with the culture and fosters active participation and support for children's education;

Observed that encouraging indigenous languages in Nigerian primary and junior secondary schools is a crucial step in promoting inclusive and culturally sensitive education, improving the educational experience for children across the country;

Cognizant that prioritizing local languages bridges education-culture gap, ensuring no child is left behind due to linguistic barriers, fostering academic success, empowering communities, and strengthening nation fabric;

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21. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 27 November, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 12.59 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker