



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 26 July, 2023

1. The House met at 11.04 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 Tuesday, 25 July, 2023.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**

Mr Deputy Speaker announced membership of the following *Ad-hoc* Committees:

- (i) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Allegation of Abuse of Tax Incentives, Tax Breaks and Tax Waivers by Public Institutions and Companies Benefitting from Tax Incentives (HR. 75/07/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Jonathan Ukodhiko Ajiroghene	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Aliyu Aminu Garu	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Akida Bassey Ekpenyong	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Jeremiah Umaru	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Yusuf Salisu	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Mudashiru Lukman Alani	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Hashimu Adamu	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Adegbeson Joseph	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Inuwa Garba	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Bukar Talba	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Mohammed Audu	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Akarachi Etinosa Tosa	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Nnoli Nnaji	—	<i>Member</i>
(15)	Hon. Nazif Bello Yusuf	—	<i>Member</i>

(ii) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Utilization of Ecological Funds Released to the Great Green Wall by the International Organisation from 2015 to Date; and All Federal Allocations to the National Agency for the Great Green Wall as well as Contract Awarded to Various Contractors for the Project from 2019 to Date (HR. 78/07/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Ismaila Haruna Dabo	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Adigun Abbass	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Saadu Wada Taura	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Esosa Iyawe	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Ojema Ojotu	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Nyampa Zakariah	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Adepoju Anthony Adebayo	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Blessing Amadi	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Sadiq Abdullahi Ango	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Yakubu Noma	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Fatima Talba	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Oshun Moshood Olanrewaju	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Amobi Godwin Ogah	—	<i>Member</i>
(15)	Hon. Adebayo Balogun	—	<i>Member</i>

(iii) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate Crude Oil Theft in Nigeria to Curb the Economic Loss (HR. 62/07/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Kabiru Alhassan Rurum	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Okpolupu Etteh	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. James Barka	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Hassan Mohammed Danjuma	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Rodney Ambaiwei	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Thaddeus Attah	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Lalu Ishaya	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Ojuawo Rufus Adeniyi	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Oluseun Sesi Whingan	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Rufai Jingi	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Chris Nkwonta	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Abubakar Suleiman Gumi	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Akarachi Amadi	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Jafaru Leko	—	<i>Member</i>

(iv) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Dispute between the Super Falcons and Nigeria Football Association (HR. 69/07/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Blessing Onuh Onyeché	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Hart Cyril	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. David Idris	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Chinedu Obika	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Akeem Adeyemi	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Peter Akpatason	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Ibe Okwara Osonwa	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Abdullahi Elrasheed	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Emeka Idu	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Chijoke Okereke	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Usman Bashir Gorau	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Aminu Balele Kurfi	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Bappa Aliyu Musau	—	<i>Member</i>

(v) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Conduct a Comprehensive Investigation into the Consistent Failure of the Contractors to Fulfill the Contract Obligations Focusing on the Construction and Rehabilitation of the Olomi Olajouro Road Referred to as the Ijebu-Igbo Ita Ibadan Road (HR. 109/07/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Wale Ahmed	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. David Fuoh	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Daukawu Idris	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Emeka Chinedu	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Adamu Tanko	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Muktar Shagaya	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Patrick Umoh	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Maureen Gwachau	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Peter Gyendeng Ibrahim	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Solomon Bob	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Yusuf Kure Baraje	—	<i>Member</i>

(vi) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate and Identify Oil and Gas Companies to Lift Nigeria Crude Oil and Put in Effective Mechanism by which Companies will be Quoted in the Nigeria Exchange Group (NEG) (HR. 77/07/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Ahmadu Usman Jaha	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Matthew Donatus	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Jaafaru Yakubu	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Galaubi Yusuf	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Adefarati Adegboyega	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Dumnamene Robinson Deckor	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Danladi Aguye	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Shehu Saleh Rijau	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Dekeri Sunday Anamero	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Obed Shehu	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Raizz Abdulkadir	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Omiriu Emmanuel	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Ginger Onwusibe Obinna	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Eugene Dibiagwu	—	<i>Member</i>
(15)	Hon. Ghali Mustapha Tijjani	—	<i>Member</i>
(16)	Hon. Muhammed Buba Jajere	—	<i>Member</i>

(vii) ***Ad-hoc Committee on the Legality of Excess Crude Account and Investigate the Status and Management of all the Principal Sums Disposed, Tenor and Interest Rate of Petroleum Project Tax/Royalties and Excess Crude Account 2015 to Date:***

(1)	Hon. Victor Nwokolo	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Akintunde Rotimi	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Abubakar Hassan Nalaraba	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Remi Oseni	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Billy Osawaru	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Fred Agbedi	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Eze Nwachukwu Eze	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Chijioke Okereke	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Felix Uche Nwaeke	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Abdullahi Aliyu Ahmed	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Martins Esin	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Olumide Osoba	—	<i>Member</i>
(15)	Hon. Dickson Tarkir	—	<i>Member</i>

(16)	Hon. Adamu Sani	—	<i>Member</i>
(17)	Hon. Datti Yusuf Umar	—	<i>Member</i>
(18)	Hon. Ogbara Kafilat Adetola	—	<i>Member</i>
(19)	Hon. Kabiru Tukura	—	<i>Member</i>
(20)	Hon. Dachung Bagos	—	<i>Member</i>
(21)	Hon. Munachim Alozie	—	<i>Member</i>

(viii) ***Ad-hoc Committee on the Management of Proceeds/Funds Peace Keeping (HR. 165/07/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Shehu Saleh Rijau	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Nyampa Zakariah	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Jafaru Mohammad	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Muktar Shagaya	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Erhiatake Ibori-Suenu	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Odii Okojie	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Salman Idris	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Obi Aguacha	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Sunday Ojo Makunjuola	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Ibiks Anderson	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Yusuf Rabi	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Emeka Nnamani	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. David Umar Gurara	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Umar Shehu Ajilo	—	<i>Member</i>
(15)	Hon. Hassaini Ahmed Abdulkarim	—	<i>Member</i>
(16)	Hon. Ari Mohammed	—	<i>Member</i>
(17)	Hon. Sanni Egidi Abdulraheem	—	<i>Member</i>
(18)	Hon. Nazif Bello Yusuf	—	<i>Member</i>
(19)	Hon. Rufus Adeniyi Ojuawo	—	<i>Member</i>

(ix) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the CBN for Alleged Management of Funds and Non-Disclosure (HR. 131/07/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Nnolim Nnaji	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Lilian Orogbu	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Bamidele Salam	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Clement Akani	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Anthony Adepoju	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Ogewu David Agada	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Kelechi Nwopu	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Ginger Onwusibe	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Mark Esset	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Mohammed Bello El-Rufai	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. James Barka	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Aliyu Bappa	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Dennis Agbo	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Boniface Emerengwa	—	<i>Member</i>
(15)	Hon. Stanley Adedeji	—	<i>Member</i>
(16)	Hon. Kabiru Ahmadu	—	<i>Member</i>
(17)	Hon. Kabiru Ahmadu Mai Palace	—	<i>Member</i>
(18)	Hon. Mohammed Bello	—	<i>Member</i>
(19)	Hon. Gwacham Maureen Chinwe	—	<i>Member</i>
(20)	Hon. Dennis Idahosa	—	<i>Member</i>
(21)	Hon. Canic Moore Nwachukwu	—	<i>Member</i>
(22)	Hon. Esosa Iyawe	—	<i>Member</i>

(x) ***Ad-hoc Committee on the Recurring Annual Clashes between Farmers and Herders in Yamaltu/Deba Local Government Area of Gombe State (HR. 16/07/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Aliyu Bappa Misau	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Akuba Bassey	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Donald Ojogo	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Ojo Makunjuola	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Bassey Ime	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Bashir Yusuf	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Eze Nwachukwu Eze	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Mohammed Jamilu	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Yaya Bauchi Tongo	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Lanre Oladeji	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Mudashiru Lukman Alani	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Bello Yabo	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Salisu Mohammed	—	<i>Member</i>

(xi) ***Ad-hoc Committee on Joint Admission and Matriculation Board Examination (JAMB) (HR. 68/07/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Akume Regina	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Paul Namchi	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Patrick Umoh	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Lilian Orogbu	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Blessing Amadi	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Akintunde Rotimi	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Ginger Onwusibe	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Abubakar Abdul Buba	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Tochukwu Okereke	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Anka Isah	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Manuchim Onwuzurwike	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Midala Balami	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Benedick Etanabene	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Lalu Ishaya	—	<i>Member</i>
(15)	Hon. Ari Mohammed	—	<i>Member</i>
(16)	Hon. Muhammed Muktar	—	<i>Member</i>

(xii) ***Ad-hoc Committee on Non-Remittance to the National Housing Fund (NHF) and Utilization of Funds from 2011 till Date (HR. 99/07/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Dachung Bagos	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Mustapha Aliyu Abdullahi	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Suleiman Yahaya Richifa	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Mohammed Danjuma Hassan	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Nwogu Matthew	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Atu Chimaobi Sam	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Zakariah Nyampa	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Nazifi Sani	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Isa Dogonyaro	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Kelechi Nwogu	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Victor Obuzor	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Joshua Chinedu Obika	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Martins Esin	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Ezechi Nnamdi	—	<i>Member</i>
(15)	Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata	—	<i>Member</i>
(16)	Hon. Shehu Saleh Rijau	—	<i>Member</i>

(xiii) ***Ad-hoc Committee on Medical and Dental (Ukraine) (HR. 146/07/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Emil Inyang	—	<i>Chairman</i>
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(2)	Hon. Chijioke Okereke	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Kabiru Alhaji Yusuf	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Dekeri Anamero	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Esosa Iyawe	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Yusuf Badau	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Gwashan Maureen Chinwe	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. David Zakariah	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Abdulraham Ajiya	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Anthony Adebayo Adepoju	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Oyedeji Najimdeen Oyeshina	—	<i>Member</i>

(xiv) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Failure in Nigeria Mass Transit Schemes to Find Sustainable Solution (HR. 116/04/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Afam Victor Oghene	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Mohammed Salisu	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Mansur Manu Soro	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Murphy Omoruyi Osaro	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Paul Nnamchi	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Abdulmaleek Abdulraheem Danga	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Patrick Umoh	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Mohammed Inuwa Bassi	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Kobis Ari Thinmu	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Oluwaseyi Ayopo Sowumi	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Oyedeji Oyeshina	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Abdulkadir Jobe	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Ibrahim Mohammed	—	<i>Member</i>
(15)	Hon. Peter Aniekwe	—	<i>Member</i>
(16)	Hon. Joshua Obika	—	<i>Member</i>
(17)	Hon. Olumide Osoba Babatunde	—	<i>Member</i>
(18)	Hon. Miriam Onuoha	—	<i>Member</i>

(xv) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Activities of the Nigeria Sovereign Wealth Authority from Inception to Date and Other Managed Funds to Assess its Compliance with the Establishment Act of 2011 (HR. 104/07/2023):***

(1)	Hon. Kuye Ademorin Aliu	—	<i>Chairman</i>
(2)	Hon. Anderson Allison Ibiks	—	<i>Member</i>
(3)	Hon. Mohammed Bello El-Rufai	—	<i>Member</i>
(4)	Hon. Mohammed Isa Anka	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Isiaka Adegboyega Nasiru	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Dachung Bagos	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Umar Yabo	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Ibori Erhiatake	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Abdulmaleek Abdulraheem Danga	—	<i>Member</i>
(10)	Hon. Joshua Chinedu	—	<i>Member</i>
(11)	Hon. Adepoju Anthony	—	<i>Member</i>
(12)	Hon. Munachim Alozie	—	<i>Member</i>
(13)	Hon. Jamilu Mohammed	—	<i>Member</i>
(14)	Hon. Akingbaso Festus Olarewaju	—	<i>Member</i>

5. Petitions

- (i) A petition from M. P. Anqukyaa & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Ex-Niger Delta Agitators on non-payment of their monthly stipends by the office of the Presidential Amnesty Programme, was presented and laid by Hon. Mohammad Bello Shehu (*Fagge Federal Constituency*);

- (ii) A petition from Itire/Ijeshatedo/Ehinga Odo-Eran Communities, on alleged incessant harassment and unjustified disconnection from the National Electricity grid by Eko Electricity Distribution Company, was presented and laid by Hon. Fayinka Moses Oluwatoyin (*Mushin II Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) A petition from Miss Obianuju Iloanya and 2 Others, on the extra judicial killing of Chijioke John Iloanya by officers of the Nigeria Police, was presented and laid by Hon. Lilian Obiageli Orogbu (*Awka North/Awka South Federal Constituency*);
- (iv) A petition from Johnson O. Odii and 2 Others, on behalf of Mgbomna-Achara Development Union on recurrent killings and distruction of property by unknown gunmen, was presented and laid by Hon. Kama Nkemkama (*Ivo/Ohaozara/Onicha Federal Constituency*);
- (v) A petition from Iortim Vasue Philemon, on his expulsion from the Federal University Gusau, Zamfara State, was presented and laid by Hon. Asema Chado (*Gwer East/Gwer West Federal Constituency*);
- (vi) A petition from Jatau Raymond, on alleged wrongful inclusion and publication of his name in the tentative list of retirees of Correctional Officers eligible for retirement in 2024 by the Nigerian Correctional Service, was presented and laid by Hon. Victor Obuzor (*Ahoada West/Ogba/Egbemi Ndoni Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions (when constituted).

6. Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)

- (i) ***Current Flood Ravaging Ikot Obiokoi and Ikot Akpaden Communities in Mkpato Enin Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State:***
Hon. Uduak Odudoh Alphonsus (*Ikot Abasi/Mkpato Enin/Eastern Obolo 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 4 (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 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Current Flood Ravaging Ikot Obiokoi and Ikot Akpaden Communities in Mkpato Enin Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State:

The House:

Notes that section 20 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), requires the Nigerian Government to among other objectives; protect, improve the environment and safeguard the water from invading her Citizens;

Also notes that in recent times, flood incidents have been on the increase, due to heavy down pour, with Coastal Areas remaining most vulnerable;

Worried about the current sad narrative in Ikot Obiokoi and Ikot Akpaden Communities in Mkpato Enin Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State, that on Sunday, 23 to Monday, 24 July, 2023, flood had submerged farmlands, houses and properties, with affected indigenes currently struggling to evacuate their belongings, while still recounting lost;

Also worried that indigenes of these Agrarian Communities have been traumatized as many

have been forced to relocate from their ancestral homes as they can no longer access their farmlands, likewise engaging in other economic activities due to flood;

Aware of the untold hardship, particularly visited on the poorest of the poor, whose houses collapsed as a result of the ongoing flood in the above mentioned Communities, with Ikot Obiokoi Village as the highest number of affected victims;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency of Nigeria (NEMA) and the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to provide relief materials to indigenes of the above referred Communities to cushion the effect of this disaster;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Environment, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Ecological Fund Office, other concerned Government Agencies to promptly intervene and bring forth lasting solutions to the hazards caused by flood in Ikot Obiokoi and Ikot Akpaden Communities in Mkpato Enin Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State;
- (iii) liaise with relevant Government Agencies to relocate flood victims in these communities to a safe Area (*Hon. Uduak Alphonsus Odudoh — Ikot Abasi/Mkpato Enin/Eastern Obolo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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Noted that section 20 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), requires the Nigerian Government to among other objectives; protect, improve the environment and safeguard the water from invading her Citizens;

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- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Environment, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Ecological Fund Office, other concerned Government Agencies to promptly intervene and bring forth lasting solutions to the hazards caused by flood in Ikot Obiokoi and Ikot Akpaden Communities in Mkpato Enin Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State;
 - (iii) liaise with relevant Government Agencies to relocate flood victims in these communities to a safe Area (**HR. 148/07/2023**).
- (ii) ***Fuel Tanker Explosion at Ore in Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State that Claimed Over Thirty (30) Lives:***
Hon. Festus Ayodele Adefiranye (*Ileoluji/Okeigbo/Idigbo 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 4 (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 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Fuel Tanker Explosion at Ore in Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State that Claimed Over Thirty (30) Lives:

The House:

Notes the unfortunate loss of over thirty lives including a pregnant woman, three children and at least twenty-five (25) other persons on Sunday, July 23, 2023, when a tanker laden with Petroleum Motor Spirit (PMS) lost control at Ore town in Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State;

Aware that apart from the deaths recorded, other people sustained different degrees of injuries, while over ten (10) vehicles and fifteen (15) buildings destroyed;

Worried that the incident hindered normal, social and economic activities in Ore town;

Disturbed that dangerous and arbitrary parking by truck drivers limiting the free flow of vehicular movement on the highway have led to loss of many lives on the road;

Concerned at the recurrence of such incidents across the country and wonder if the drivers of those inflammable content are qualified to drive such cargo and have been trained in immediate safety precautions;

Also concerned that the affected persons will need the support of the government agencies responsible emergencies cases;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of those that lost their lives in tragic incident;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to immediately send relief materials to affected victims and settle medical bills of those hospitalized;
- (iii) set-up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the cause of the incident with a view of

proffering solutions and preventing recurrence in other parts of the country and report within four (4) weeks;

- (iv) also urge the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) to clear the trucks on the highway to forestall future occurrence (*Hon. Festus Ayodele Adefiranye — Ileoluji/Okeigbo/Idigbo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the unfortunate loss of over thirty lives including a pregnant woman, three children and at least twenty-five (25) other persons on Sunday, July 23, 2023, when a tanker laden with Petroleum Motor Spirit (PMS) lost control at Ore town in Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State;

Aware that apart from the deaths recorded, other people sustained different degrees of injuries, while over ten (10) vehicles and fifteen (15) buildings destroyed;

Worried that the incident hindered normal, social and economic activities in Ore town;

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Also concerned that the affected persons will need the support of the government agencies responsible emergencies cases;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of those that lost their lives in tragic incident;
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- (iii) set-up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the cause of the incident with a view of proffering solutions and preventing recurrence in other parts of the country and report within four (4) weeks;
- (iv) also urge the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) and the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) to clear the trucks on the highway to forestall future occurrence (**HR. 149/07/2023**).

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it take more than 2 matters of urgent public importance” (*Hon. Abubakar Suleiman Gumi — Gummi/Bukkuyum Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(iii) ***Need to Establish Forward Operating Bases in Sagon Bello and Gando Villages in Gumi and Bukkuyum Local Government Areas of Zamfara State to Enable 21 Displaced Farming Communities Return home in time this Farming Season:***

Hon. Abubakar Suleiman Gumi (*Gummi/Bukkuyum 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 4 (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 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need to Establish Forward Operating Bases in Sagon Bello and Gando Villages in Gumi and Bukkuyum Local Government Areas of Zamfara State to Enable 21 Displaced Farming Communities Return home in time this Farming Season:

The House:

Recalls that the level of insecurity as a result of banditry in Zamfara State has apparently been in the eye of the storm;

Also recalls that in 2019, a State Government report put together by the Muhammad Abubakar-led Committee on finding solutions to banditry in Zamfara State revealed that 3,672 people were abducted between 2011-2019, and over ₦3 billion was paid as ransom. The report also stated that 4,983 women were widowed, 25,050 children were orphaned, and 190,340 persons were displaced by banditry over the period;

Further recalls that in May 2022 and July of the same year, the crisis ravaging several parts of Zamfara State over a protracted period was laid to bare in two documentaries by Trust TV and the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) respectively;

Notes that the military through formation of military bases have succeeded in reducing the attacks on areas within their proximity, however, fringe areas such as Sagon Bello, Gancio and others communities in Gumi and Bukkuyum Local Government Areas of Zamfara State have been the worst hit in recent times by the activities of these bandits;

Also notes that the nefarious activities of the bandits have paralyzed socio-economic activities of these fringe areas, thus leading to total collapse of education and health activities in the areas;

Further notes that the people of the areas who are mostly farmers have not been able to go to their farms due to the fear of being killed or kidnapped, and those who braved the odds were either killed or kidnapped by the bandits;

Aware that the bandits who have over a year ago stationed themselves in these fringe areas, and heavily armed, no longer attack the communities on motorcycles, but on foot without attracting awareness from the security personnel due to the far distance of their base from the fringe areas;

Also Aware that the bandits kidnap, rape and rustle cows during these dastardly acts, and have succeeded in displacing over twenty one (21) villages, with more than 18,000 people presently living as IDPs in communities where there is military presence with 16 fatalities;

Concerned that due to the far distances of military bases from these fringe areas, Sagon Bello and Gando especially, are central to these communities that are prone to constant attacks which often last for longer period without intervention from security operatives;

Worried about the constant attack by bandits on these communities which has resulted in loss of innocent lives and properties, raping and sacking of communities;

Observes that the establishment of Forward Operating Bases by the Military in Sagon Bello and Gando in Gumi and Bukkuyum Local Government Areas of Zamfara State will go a long way in curbing banditry in the fringe areas that have many communities, thus ensuring adequate protection of lives and properties, and will enable people return to their farms this raining season;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the deceased;
- (ii) urge the Chief of Defence and Army Staff to urgently set up Forward Operating Bases in Sagon Bello and Gando Local Government Areas of Zamfara State respectively with a view to enhancing adequate security of lives and properties in the fringe areas;
- (iii) also urge the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to as a matter of urgency provide relief materials to the displaced people in those areas;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Internally Displaced Persons (when constituted) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Sulaiman Gumi Abubakar — Gummi/Bukkuyum Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 150/07/2023).

Motion referred to the Committees on Defence, Army, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Internally Displaced Persons (when constituted), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

- (iv) ***Need to Address Hike in Fares and Disparity in Cost of Flight Tickets of International Flights Emanating from Nigeria and Other West Africa Countries:***
Hon. Hon. Olufemi Richard Bamisile (Gbonyin/Ekiti East/Emure 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 4 (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 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need to Address Hike in Fares and Disparity in Cost of Flight Tickets of International Flights Emanating from Nigeria and Other West Africa Countries:

The House:

Notes that it is common knowledge that Nigerians Oust like any other human beings) loves travelling and it is on record that people travel for different reasons namely: medicals, conferences, tourism, education, training, personal vacation, migration, etc.;

Also notes that according to a news item published by Chinedu Eze in *ThisDay* newspaper edition of Monday, 13 February, 2023 titled "over 16 million passengers passed through Nigeria's airports in 2022", it was reported that and statistics released by Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), the total number of passengers that passed through Nigeria's airports in 2022 increased to 16,172,433, higher than the 15 million passenger movement in 2021, while of outbound international passengers in 2022 was 1,855,467";

Aware that at the moment, there are over fifteen (15) international airlines operating in Nigeria that are beneficiaries of the flight tickets paid by the 1,855,467 (one million, eight hundred and fifty-five thousand, four hundred and sixty-seven) outbound international passengers in 2022;

Informed that recently, the cost of flight tickets for passengers flying from Lagos to London is more than the cost of flight tickets for passengers flying from Cotonou to London;

Also aware that according to a tweet from Dr Yakubu Sani Wudil @yakubwudil, the cost of flight ticket from Lagos to London on Friday, July 21, 2023 was \$2,462 (two thousand, four hundred and sixty-two US Dollars) while the cost of flight ticket from Cotonou to London on the same Friday, July 21, 2023 was \$472 (four hundred and seventy-two US Dollars);

Disturbed that the disparity in the cost of flight tickets cannot be justified and constitutes added pain to Nigerians who are battling with various economic hardships associated with increase in price of petrol occasioned by removal of fuel subsidy by the Government;

Believes that the disparity in the cost of flight tickets have nothing to do with interest rates between Nigerian currency and currencies of other West African countries as Nigerian currency (Naira) is stronger than other currency in West African subregion while the exchange rate of Nigerian naira to USD is stronger than the exchange rate of West Africa CFA francs or Ghana cedis to USD;

Worried that if nothing is done to address the huge disparity in flight tickets, the agonies of Nigerians travelling overseas for one reason or the other will increase and thereby creates additional suffering for Nigerian masses with attendant socio-economic losses and deprivations;

Resolves to:

- (i) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to invite representatives of foreign airlines operating in Nigeria including the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Aviation to explain the reasons for hike in fares and disparity in cost of flight tickets of international flights emanating from Nigeria and other West African countries and come up with negotiated price regime likely to benefit Nigerians and ameliorate the sufferings of Nigerians;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance (*when constituted*) to monitor the implementation of this resolution and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Olufemi Richard Bamisile — Gbonyin/Ekiti East/Emure Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert* a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
"Urge the Federal Government to pay Airlines their outstanding dues to enable Nigerians

access cheap inventories on international routes” (*Hon. Adebayo Adesola — Apapa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Prayer (i), immediately after the words “international flights”, insert the words “both domestic and local tickets” (*Hon. Bello Isah Ambarura — Illela/Gwadabawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that it is common knowledge that Nigerians Oust like any other human beings) loves travelling and it is on record that people travel for different reasons namely: medicals, conferences, tourism, education, training, personal vacation, migration, etc.;

Also noted that according to a news item published by Chinedu Eze in *ThisDay* newspaper edition of Monday, 13 February, 2023 titled "over 16 million passengers passed through Nigeria's airports in 2022", it was reported that and statistics released by Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA), the total number of passengers that passed through Nigeria's airports in 2022 increased to 16,172,433, higher than the 15 million passenger movement in 2021, while of outbound international passengers in 2022 was 1,855,467";

Aware that at the moment, there are over fifteen (15) international airlines operating in Nigeria that are beneficiaries of the flight tickets paid by the 1,855,467 (one million, eight hundred and fifty-five thousand, four hundred and sixty-seven) outbound international passengers in 2022;

Informed that recently, the cost of flight tickets for passengers flying from Lagos to London is more than the cost of flight tickets for passengers flying from Cotonou to London;

Also aware that according to a tweet from Dr Yakubu Sani Wudil @yakubwudil, the cost of flight ticket from Lagos to London on Friday, July 21, 2023 was \$2,462 (two thousand, four hundred and sixty-two US Dollars) while the cost of flight ticket from Cotonou to London on the same Friday, July 21, 2023 was \$472 (four hundred and seventy-two US Dollars);

Disturbed that the disparity in the cost of flight tickets cannot be justified and constitutes added pain to Nigerians who are battling with various economic hardships associated with increase in price of petrol occasioned by removal of fuel subsidy by the Government;

Believed that the disparity in the cost of flight tickets have nothing to do with interest rates between Nigerian currency and currencies of other West African countries as Nigerian currency (Naira) is stronger than other currency in West African subregion while the exchange rate of Nigerian naira to USD is stronger than the exchange rate of West Africa CFA francs or Ghana cedis to USD;

Worried that if nothing is done to address the huge disparity in flight tickets, the agonies of Nigerians travelling overseas for one reason or the other will increase and thereby creates additional suffering for Nigerian masses with attendant socio-economic losses and deprivations;

Resolved to:

- (i) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to invite representatives of foreign airlines operating in Nigeria including the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Aviation to explain the reasons for hike in fares and disparity in cost of flight tickets, both domestic and local tickets of international flights emanating from Nigeria and other West African countries and come up with negotiated price regime likely to benefit Nigerians and ameliorate the sufferings of Nigerians;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to pay Airlines their outstanding dues to enable Nigerians access cheap inventories on international routes
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance (*when constituted*) to monitor the implementation of this resolution and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 151/07/2023**).

(v) ***Need to Call for the Suspension of the Nationwide Strike by Resident Doctors in Nigeria:***

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

7. **Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Federal Cooperative College, Kaduna (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.245).
- (2) Federal Cooperative College, Oji River (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.246).
- (3) Broadcasting Practitioners' Council of Nigeria Bill, 2023 (HB.247).
- (4) Epidemiologist-General of the Federation of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.248).
- (5) Federal University of Dental Technology and Therapy (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.249).
- (6) Currency Change (Procedure) Bill, 2023 (HB.250).
- (7) Nigeria Railway Corporation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.251).
- (8) Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.252).
- (9) National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.253).
- (10) Federal Polytechnic, Zandi, Plateau State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.254).
- (11) Federal College of Education (Technical), Ikom, Cross River State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.255).
- (12) Freight Forwarding Bill, 2023 (HB.256).
- (13) Federal Medical Centre, Ohafia (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.257).
- (14) National Population Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.258).
- (15) Federal College of Education (Special), Patani, (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.259).
- (16) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999(Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB.260).

- (17) Federal Polytechnic, Akugbene, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.261).
- (18) National Rice Development Council Bill, 2023 (HB.262).
- (19) Public Procurement Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.263).
- (20) Niger Delta Development Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.264).
- (21) Corporate Bodies (Members Emolument) Act (Repeal) Bill, 2023 (HB.265).
- (22) Environmental Restoration Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.266).
- (23) Minerals and Mining Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.267).
- (24) National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.268).
- (25) National Institute of Vocational and Technical Education, Okurikang Okoyong, Odukpani, Cross River State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.269).
- (26) Weights and Measures Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.270).
- (27) African Union Development Agency Bill, 2023 (HB.271).
- (28) African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Nigeria Bill, 2023 (HB.272).
- (29) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB.273).
- (30) National Commission for Museum and Monuments (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB.274).
- (31) Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.275).
- (32) South East Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.276).
- (33) Chartered Institute of Peace Practitioners (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.277).
- (34) Federal Medical Centre, Takai (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.278).
- (35) Federal College of Science and Health Technology, Asira-Uba, Borno State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.279).
- (36) Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery , Hawul, Borno State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.280).
- (37) Alex Ekwueme Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.281).
- (38) Federal Medical Centre, (Establishment), Amagu Ikwo, Ebonyi State Bill, 2023 (HB.282).
- (39) South West Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.283).
- (40) Federal University of Environmental Science, Ohaukwu, Ebonyi State(Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.284).
- (41) Federal Institute of Fisheries Research, Tafawa Balewa, Bauchi State. (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.285).

- (42) National Institute for Technical and Vocational Education, Bogoro, Bauchi State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.286).
- (43) Federal University of Health Science, Dass, Bauchi State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.287).
- (44) Mining Public-Private Partnership (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.289).
- (45) Satellite Towns Development Agency Bill, 2023 (HB.290).
- (46) Federal Medical centre, Orile, Lagos State Bill, 2023 (HB.291).
- (47) National Flood Insurance (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.292).
- (48) Administration of Jury Trials Criminal Justice Bill, 2023 (HB.293).
- (49) Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.294).
- (50) Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.295).
- (51) Civil Aviation Act Amendment Bill, 2023 (HB.296).
- (52) Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.297).
- (53) Nigerian College of Aviation Technology (NCAT) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.298).
- (54) National Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.299).
- (55) Federal College of Education, Amaigbo (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.300).
- (56) Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.301).
- (57) Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.302).
- (58) Companies and Allied Matters Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.303).
- (59) Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.304).

8. A Bill For an Act to Amend the Niger-Delta Development Commission (Establishment etc) Act 2000, and for Related Matters (HB.264) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill For an Act to Amend the Niger-Delta Development Commission (Establishment etc) Act 2000, and for Related Matters (HB.264) be read a Second Time” (*Hon. Chinda Kingsley — Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency and 3 other*).

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. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bill, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*;

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

- (i) Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons Bill, 2023 (HB. 207),
- (ii) Federal Fire and Rescue Service Bill, 2023 (HB. 211),
- (iii) Abuja Environmental Protection Board (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 212),
- (iv) Nigeria Atomic Energy Commission (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 213),
- (v) Administration of Criminal Justice Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 214),
- (vi) Federal Medical Centre, Ovwian Delta State Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 222),
- (vii) Nigerian Minerals and Mining Bill, 2023 (HB. 230),
- (viii) Federal College of Health Technology, Benisheikh, Borno State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 234);

Aware that the Bills were re-gazetted as HB. 207, HB. 211, HB. 212, HB. 213, HB. 214, HB. 222, HB. 230 and HB. 234 read the first time, respectively;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

10. Need to Commend Mr President on his Election as the Chairman of Authority of the Heads of States and Government of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

11. Need to Stabilise Nigeria's Foreign Exchange Rate

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on 14 June 2023, the Central Bank of Nigeria announced the unification of all segments of the foreign exchange market, however, on 17 July 2023, the US dollar was trading at 815 Naira to \$1;

Also notes that in July 1980, the exchange rate was \$1 to 0.80 Kobo, in July 2022, the rate was \$1 to 670 Naira, while in July 2023, the exchange rate is now \$1 to 815 Naira, shortly after the new administration had promised during the campaigns and upon inauguration to stabilise Nigeria's exchange rate at ₦200 to \$1;

Further notes that in the 1980s, most of the food and products consumed were grown or produced in Nigeria, today the Nigerian economy is mainly dependent on importation and there lies the source of the terrible exchange rate we are now experiencing;

Observes that the importation of vehicles and other commodities has dropped, since the floating of the Naira by the single exchange rate;

Also observes that the impact of the unified exchange rates has made Nigerian Students abroad to suffer tuition fees increment by over 60 per cent making the money in their bank accounts insufficient to pay school fees due to devaluation of the Naira;

Concerned that the Naira has been on a rapid decline against the US dollar, Euro and Pounds Sterling, thus leading to hike in prices of goods and services, thereby worsening the inflationary situation and the cost of doing business in Nigeria;

Conscious that the high prices of goods and services are taking a huge toll on average Nigerians, making lives unbearable;

Cognizant that if this is not reversed, \$1 could be exchanged for 1,000 Naira by December 2023, the current economic situation may trigger an inflationary spiral that may throw Nigeria into economic recession and depression;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to take necessary steps to stabilize the Naira; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency (*when constituted*) to ensure compliance and report within three (3) weeks (*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Negatived.

12. Need to Compel the International Oil Companies Operating in the Niger Delta Region to Comply with the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Act

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the establishment of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Act, 2000 was in response to heightened agitations and violent yearnings for special intervention in the following oil-producing States: Abia, Akwa Ibom, Anambra Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Edo, Imo, Ondo and Rivers as enshrined in Section 2 (1) of the subject under debate;

Also notes that Section 14 (1) of the NDDC Act states: "The Commission shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall defrayed expenditures incurred by the Commission. (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under subsection (1) of this section: (a) from the Federal Government, the equivalent of 15 percent of the total monthly statutory allocations due to member States of the Commission from the Federation Account; this being the contribution of the Federal Government to the Commission, (b) 3 percent of the total annual budget of any oil producing company operating, onshore and offshore, in the Niger-Delta Area; including gas processing companies, (c) 50 percent of monies due to member States of the Commission from the Ecological Fund, (d) such monies as may from time to time, be granted or lent to or deposited with the Commission by the Federal or a State Government, any other body or institution whether local or foreign";

Further notes that while the Federal Government has adhered to Section 14 (1) (a), the International Oil Companies (IOCs) have continually subjected Section 14 (1) (b) to total neglect and distasteful disrespect, thereby putting the NDDC in a state of fiscal incapacity, culminating in serious indebtedness to contractors; more so, that, the NDDC is being owed \$4 billion by the IOCs;

Aware that the indebtedness of the IOCs to the NDDC had culminated in the drive by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to commence the debt recovery process;

Worried that the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission in its recovery process, has continually held on to all such recovered monies without remitting same to the NDDC for the Commission to meet its obligations;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the flagrant disobedience of the aforementioned Section of the NDDC Act, 2000 (as amended) by the International Oil Companies operating in the Niger Delta Region (*Hon. Donald Kimikanboh Ojogo — Ese-Odo/Ilaje Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In the Prayer, *leave out* the words “Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee”, and *insert* the words “mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) (*when constituted*)” (*Hon. Ginger Onausibe — Isiala Ngwa North/Isiala Ngwa South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (ii) as follows:
“Mandate the Committee on Anti-Corruption to investigate the non-remittance of recovered funds from the IOCs by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)” (*Hon. Mark Chidi Obetta — Nsukka/Igbo-Eze South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (iii) In the Prayer, immediately after the words “Region”, *insert* the words “and report within four (4) weeks” (*Hon. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori — Demsa/Lamorde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the establishment of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) Act, 2000 was in response to heightened agitations and violent yearnings for special intervention in the following oil-producing States: Abia, Akwa Ibom, Anambra Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Edo, Imo, Ondo and Rivers as enshrined in Section 2 (1) of the subject under debate;

Also noted that Section 14 (1) of the NDDC Act states: "The Commission shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall defrayed expenditures incurred by the Commission. (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under subsection (1) of this section: (a) from the Federal Government, the equivalent of 15 percent of the total monthly statutory allocations due to member States of the Commission from the Federation Account; this being the contribution of the Federal

Government to the Commission, (b) 3 percent of the total annual budget of any oil producing company operating, onshore and offshore, in the Niger-Delta Area; including gas processing companies, (c) 50 percent of monies due to member States of the Commission from the Ecological Fund, (d) such monies as may from time to time, be granted or lent to or deposited with the Commission by the Federal or a State Government, any other body or institution whether local or foreign";

Further noted that while the Federal Government has adhered to Section 14 (1) (a), the International Oil Companies (IOCs) have continually subjected Section 14 (1) (b) to total neglect and distasteful disrespect, thereby putting the NDDC in a state of fiscal incapacity, culminating in serious indebtedness to contractors; more so, that, the NDDC is being owed \$4 billion by the IOCs;

Aware that the indebtedness of the IOCs to the NDDC had culminated in the drive by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to commence the debt recovery process;

Worried that the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission in its recovery process, has continually held on to all such recovered monies without remitting same to the NDDC for the Commission to meet its obligations;

Resolved to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) (*when constituted*) to investigate the flagrant disobedience of the aforementioned Section of the NDDC Act, 2000 (as amended) by the International Oil Companies operating in the Niger Delta Region and report within four (4) weeks;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Anti-Corruption to investigate the non-remittance of recovered funds from the IOCs by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) (**HR. 152/07/2023**).

13. Need to Speed up Rehabilitation of Gbongan-Iwo-Oyo Road of Osun State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the deplorable state of the Gbongan-Iwo-Oyo Federal road in Osun State, a 32-kilometre road which plays paramount role in the economic development of Osun State and its environs linking Oyo as a neighbouring State in the South Western part of Nigeria, passing through Iwo;

Aware of the concerted efforts by the administration of former President Muhammadu Buhari to curtail the predominance of the dilapidated road by awarding the rehabilitation of some failed sections of the road and reconstruction of other parts in 2011 to Kopek Nigeria Limited at the sum of Six Billion, Nine Hundred Million Naira (~~₦~~6,900,000,000) on a term for specific completion period of Eighteen (18) months, but was abandoned halfway;

Recalls that the Federal Controller of Works in Osun State, Mr Wasiu Atitebi, stated some time ago that work was commenced on the 32 kilometres road but was abandoned, the contractor was in January 2017 mobilised back to the site after a delayed period of three (3) years due to setbacks in the release of funds, it was also confirmed that the project was in its fifth extension;

Also recall that on a supervisory mission to the project site in 2018, the South-west Director of the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, Mr Adetunji Adeoye, affirmed the commitment of the Federal Government to the speedy completion of the road project, hence, its efforts to release funds when necessary;

Further recalls that the former Minister of Works, Power and Housing, Mr Babatunde Fashola, while

on the project inspection in March, 2018 also disclosed that although President Muhammadu Buhari's Administration had paid out the sum of Two Billion, Eight Hundred Million Naira (₦2,800,000,000) out of the Six Billion, Nine Hundred Million Naira (₦6,900,000,000) initial contract cost to Kopek Construction Company, his administration was painstakingly working on an upward contract review to accommodate any change in materials prices to complete the work;

Informed that the resolution seeking the intervention of the House on the road project were earlier adopted, yet, the road project has not been completed;

Worried that each rainy season has become a period a nightmare for road users, given that rain has worsened the deplorable state of the major roads, giving rise to potholes, erosion, creating unprecedented traffic congestion and incessant accidents, giving opportunities to hoodlums to perpetrate crimes;

Also worried that at the level of hardships, embarrassment and loss of man-hours experienced by workers, businessmen, farmers and inhabitants of the two States (Osun State and Oyo State) who no longer carry out their various daily activities on the road with ease;

Amazed at the high level of involvement by the Federal and States Government over years the expected result remains farfetched;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to re-evaluate the cost of the 32km major road and make its provisions in 2024 budget estimates and ensure release in the 2023 appropriation to enable it rehabilitation;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to take a holistic look at the circumstances surrounding the road project to ascertain the factors that have caused the delays in completion of the road with a view to initiating satisfactory and accurate workable measures for a speedy completion of the road project;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), (*when constituted*) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mudashiru Lukman — Ayedire/Two/Ola-Oluwa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 153/07/2023).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) (when constituted), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

14. Need to Address the Menace of Gully Erosion in Oron and Ekeya Community in Okobo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the loss of lives and destruction of properties worth hundreds of Millions of Naira as a result of ravaging gully erosion which has created massive and rapidly growing ravines in Iquita Community, Oran Local Government Area and Ekeya Community in Okobo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State;

Also notes that these Ravines are widening geometrically due to consistent rainfalls in the area being a coastal area in the rain-belt of the South-South geo-political zone which experiences heavy and continuous rainfall almost throughout the year;

Further notes that unless immediate steps are taken by the concerned agencies to control the widening and spreading erosion, residents of adjoining streets and communities will continue to live in fear of losing their homes and sources of livelihood in the foreseeable future;

Concerned that Iquita village is at the heart of Oron town which is the melting point of Oro people and the Political Headquarters of Oran/Mbo/Okobo/Udung Uko/Urueoffong Oruko Federal Constituency which hosts several important institutions and commercial ventures including the General Hospital, First Bank, Access Bank, EcoBank Plc, a Timber Market, Port Harcourt Electricity Distribution Company (PHED), worship centres and houses are being threatened by the widening ravine;

Worried that if the relevant authorities do not intervene urgently, the entire Iquita and Ekeya Communities and indeed Oron town will be swept away by this ravaging and menacing erosion which has already rendered several families homeless especially residents of Hospital lane, Eyousotai Street and Iquita Lane and several children from these communities have been forced out of school and rendered destitute alongside their parents by this erosion menace;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials and temporary camp for the affected Communities as succour to alleviate their sufferings pending a permanent solution to the erosion menace;
- (ii) also urge the Ecological Fund Office to assess the extent of ravage and liaise with the Ministry of Environment for urgent intervention; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Environment (*when constituted*) to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Environment to ensure the provision of funds to address the erosion menace in the 2024 budget estimates (*Hon. Martins Esin — Mbo/Okobo/Oron/Udung Uko/Urue Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 154/07/2023).

*Motion referred to **Committee on Environment** (*when constituted*), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).*

15. Overflow of the Banks of River Benue: Call for Government Intervention

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the state of Communities in Apa/Agatu Federal Constituency as they swim in the ocean of flooding annually, especially residents of the Enminyi community in Agatu Local Government Area who live around the Benue River;

Also notes that year- in and year- out, the Benue River is supposed to attract tourists and consequently, revenue to the Federal government and the people of Benue State but it has brought nothing but agony to the people as lives, properties, and means of livelihood are lost to flooding from excess water that sips out of the River Benue as a result of the damaged shorelines of the river and other ecological causes;

Further notes that houses, farmlands, public places such as schools, hospitals, markets etc, in the Federal constituency were submerged in the overflowing water from River Benue and the people who were battling with herders' crisis are displaced while economic and agricultural activities have been brought to a halt;

Still notes that the disaster has continued to result in many deaths of residents of the riverside communities in Apa/Agatu Federal Constituency as a result of deterioration of their health conditions owing to waterborne diseases, and if nothing is done to remedy the situation, a large part of the Federal Constituency may become extinct owing to flooding and erosion;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment, Ecological Fund Office and the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to address the menace of erosion and flood in Apa/Agatu Federal Constituency;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to open a sub-station to provide quick succour to flood and erosion victims in Apa and Agatu Local Government Areas pending the resolution of the ecological problems;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Environment, Ecological Fund, and Special Duties (*when constituted*) to engage the Federal Ministry of Environment, and Ecological Fund Office to provide a lasting work plan to arrest the erosion and flooding problems experienced in Apa/Agatu Federal Constituency (*Hon. Ojotu Ojema — Mbo/Okobo/Oron/Udung Uko/Urue Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 155/07/2023).

Motion referred to Committees on Environment, Ecology, and Special Duties (when constituted), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

16. Call to Investigate the Closure of some Microfinance Banks across the nation

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that on May 22, 2023, the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) revoked the operational license of forty-seven (47) Microfinance Banks across the country, including Biyama Microfinance Bank Ltd, Hong Local Government Area in Adamawa State;

Also notes that the reasons cited in the communication include that the banks were either inactive, insolvent, failed to render returns, closed shop, or ceased to carry on the type of banking business for which they were licensed for more than six (6) months in contravention of the Banks & Other Financial Institution Act (BOFIA), 2020;

Concerned that the closure of Biyama Microfinance Bank, which is the only community bank in the Hong Local Government Area, has caused undue hardship to the people who depend on the banking and financial services offered by the bank for their small and medium enterprises;

Worried that closing down the only financial institution in a place where the people go through so much hardship to earn stipends to deposit, or to get small loans to run small businesses for survival would only frustrate them further and may push them into crime in order to survive;

Cognizant that Hong is one of the Local Government Areas that was ravaged by Boko haram insurgents, which left thousands of people without any means of livelihood, thus a deliberate bias of economic stimulating activities in favour of such communities would go a long way in helping to resuscitate their local economy;

Aware that after the recapitalization of the Bank to the required fifty million Naira (₦50m) share

capital, the Bank never ceased operating in line with BOFIA and has been making all required reports and returns;

Also aware that the Board of the Bank and other stakeholders have reviewed the incident and written a formal complaint to the CBN, objecting to the revocation of their license as, since regular visits from the CBN, the Bank has never been accused of defaulting, neither has any examiner's report been issued to show that the Bank has offended any law, rules or regulations of any of the regulatory authorities;

Disturbed that if the situation is not urgently resolved, the people will resort to keeping their money at home, which makes them easy prey for armed robbery and burglary;

Further aware that the people of Hong Local Government Area are predominantly farmers, and the rainy season is their most active season, thus the matter requires urgent attention;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to restore back the operational licenses of the affected financial institutions until investigations on their status are concluded;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency (*when constituted*) to investigate the recent revocation of the operational licenses of Microfinance Banks across the country and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. James Shuaibu Barka — Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayer (i) (Hon. Ahmadu Usman Jaha — Chibok/Damboa/Gwoza Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on May 22, 2023, the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) revoked the operational license of forty-seven (47) Microfinance Banks across the country, including Biyama Microfinance Bank Ltd, Hong Local Government Area in Adamawa State;

Also noted that the reasons cited in the communication include that the banks were either inactive, insolvent, failed to render returns, closed shop, or ceased to carry on the type of banking business for which they were licensed for more than six (6) months in contravention of the Banks & Other Financial Institution Act (BOFIA), 2020;

Concerned that the closure of Biyama Microfinance Bank, which is the only community bank in the Hong Local Government Area, has caused undue hardship to the people who depend on the banking and financial services offered by the bank for their small and medium enterprises;

Worried that closing down the only financial institution in a place where the people go through so much hardship to earn stipends to deposit, or to get small loans to run small businesses for survival would only frustrate them further and may push them into crime in order to survive;

Cognizant that Hong is one of the Local Government Areas that was ravaged by Boko haram insurgents, which left thousands of people without any means of livelihood, thus a deliberate bias of economic stimulating activities in favour of such communities would go a long way in helping to resuscitate their local economy;

Aware that after the recapitalization of the Bank to the required fifty million Naira (₦50m) share capital, the Bank never ceased operating in line with BOFIA and has been making all required reports and returns;

Also aware that the Board of the Bank and other stakeholders have reviewed the incident and written a formal complaint to the CBN, objecting to the revocation of their license as, since regular visits from the CBN, the Bank has never been accused of defaulting, neither has any examiner's report been issued to show that the Bank has offended any law, rules or regulations of any of the regulatory authorities;

Disturbed that if the situation is not urgently resolved, the people will resort to keeping their money at home, which makes them easy prey for armed robbery and burglary;

Further aware that the people of Hong Local Government Area are predominantly farmers, and the rainy season is their most active season, thus the matter requires urgent attention;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency (*when constituted*) to investigate the recent revocation of the operational licenses of Microfinance Banks across the country and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 156/07/2023**).

17. Need to Activate the Basic Healthcare Fund for Primary Healthcare Services (PHC) in Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency of Bauchi State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF), is a programme of the Federal Government which commenced healthcare service delivery since 2021 nationwide, with an agenda to better the primary healthcare needs of the rural communities;

Also notes that the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) is yet to be fully operational in Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency and in the other parts of the country;

Further notes that due to non-implementation of the scheme, there has been an astronomical increase in the rate of maternal and infant mortality in the rural areas of Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency, Bauchi State as reported by The Cable Newspaper;

Aware that the worth of human lives is unquantifiable and as such important for the people especially at the grassroot to receive adequate healthcare for a healthy living;

Also aware that this lack of funding has caused continuous neglect of the primary healthcare system in Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency and in the other parts of the country;

Concerned that the continuous denial of the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF) nationwide, if not addressed may result to primary healthcare being accessible only by the rich;

Also concerned that this lack of funding has resulted to a neglect of the primary healthcare system in Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency and in the other parts of the country, and if not attended to might snowball into a virus/disease outbreak;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to activate the Basic Healthcare Provision Fund (BHCPF) in Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency and in other parts of the country;

- (ii) also urge the National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) to as a matter of urgency, rise to the occasion and awake their moribund presence in Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency and in the other parts of the country;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services (*when constituted*) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Jafaru Gambo Leko — Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayer (i) and (ii), and *insert* as follows:

“urge the Federal Ministry of Health and National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) to implement the Basic Healthcare Provision Fund (BHPF) in Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency and in the other parts of the country” (*Hon. Ahmadu Usman Jaha — Chibok/Damboa/Gwoza Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHC PF), is a programme of the Federal Government which commenced healthcare service delivery since 2021 nationwide, with an agenda to better the primary healthcare needs of the rural communities;

Also noted that the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHC PF) is yet to be fully operational in Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency and in the other parts of the country;

Further noted that due to non-implementation of the scheme, there has been an astronomical increase in the rate of maternal and infant mortality in the rural areas of Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency, Bauchi State as reported by The Cable Newspaper;

Aware that the worth of human lives is unquantifiable and as such important for the people especially at the grassroot to receive adequate healthcare for a healthy living;

Also aware that this lack of funding has caused continuous neglect of the primary healthcare system in Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency and in the other parts of the country;

Concerned that the continuous denial of the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHC PF) nationwide, if not addressed may result to primary healthcare being accessible only by the rich;

Also concerned that this lack of funding has resulted to a neglect of the primary healthcare system in Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency and in the other parts of the country, and if not attended to might snowball into a virus/disease outbreak;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health and National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) to implement the Basic Healthcare Provision Fund (BHPF) in Dass/Bogoro/Tafawa Balewa Federal Constituency and in the other parts of the country;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services (*when constituted*) to ensure compliance (**HR. 157/07/2023**).

18. Need to Reconstruct the Amukpe - Eku - Agbor Federal Road, Delta State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the dilapidated state of the Amukpe - Eku - Agbor Federal Road, in Delta State, passing through Edo State at the Urhonigbe axis, and which has completely cut-off users at the Umutu-Abavo end in the last five (5) years;

Also notes that the Amukpe - Eku - Agbor Federal Road is a major road, most suitable for travellers from Bayelsa State and the Delta Central/South area wishing to connect the Eastern and Northern parts of Nigeria;

Concerned that the deplorable state of the road from Oviri-Okpe through Eku/Abraka and Umutu, where it finally cut off, to Abavo and Agbor has made it impossible for transportation of goods, especially agricultural products, and using alternative routes takes much longer, resulting in loss of perishable food items as well as businesses closing down as a result of the inability to access agricultural raw materials;

Also concerned that due to frequent falling of articulated vehicles on the road, other commuters would often have to wait longer hours and, sometimes, days for the vehicles to be removed before they can pass through;

Worried that over the years, due to the dilapidated state of the road, the route has become a haven for armed robbers and other criminals to attack and kidnap stranded commuters, especially along Eku and Abraka, and the Umutu and Abavo axis;

Concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to reconstruct this road, the suffering of commuters would only worsen and criminals would be more emboldened in their operations;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge on the Federal Ministry of Works to commence reconstruction work on the dilapidated Amukpe - Eku - Agbor Federal Road;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Finance to release funds for the SUKUK IV project which covers the said road; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Works (*when constituted*) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Etanabene Benedict — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 158/07/2023).

Motion referred to Committee on works, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

19. Call to Establish a Naval Base in Oloibiri Court Beach to Curb Incessant Sea Piracy and Kidnapping Attacks

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Oloibiri Court Beach is a waterfront that links the Ogbia, Nembe and Brass areas of Bayelsa;

Also notes that Chapter 2 of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) particularly section 14 (2) (b) provides thus, the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government, hence the need to establish a naval base at a strategic location that links Ogbia, Nembe and Brass in Bayelsa State, to curb the increasing piracy and kidnapping attacks in the area;

Aware that despite the provision on security and the right to life by the constitution, there has been an increase in the rate of kidnapping, sea piracy and armed robbery in the Ogbia Federal constituency;

Also aware that the kidnappers, sea pirate and armed robbers operate through the waterways with over 50 reported cases and 20 dead and even the few that make it alive suffer life-threatening illness due to the torture, and inhumane conditions these Assailants make them suffer;

Worried that the Divisional Police Station in Ogbia town has been attacked severally by these assailants. Six Policemen lost their lives in some of those attacks and some ammunition were also stolen;

Also worried that on 26 June, 2023 the Divisional Police Station in Ogbia town was attacked killing Policemen on duty with some sustained degrees of injuries, their arms and ammunitions were "carted away by the assailants whose firepower was superior to that of the Policemen;

Concerned that people now live in fear due to insecurity, means of livelihood such as fishing and farming have stopped and people are migrating to other locations, businesses are shutting down. education systems also have been affected;

Also concerned that unless this pressing issue of insecurity is tackled with tenacity the lives of my people will continue to be in grave danger;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Navy to establish a permanent Naval Base at the Oloibiri Court Beach to respond to distress calls whenever the assailant attack;
- (ii) also urge the Nigeria Police Force, Nigerian Army and other security agencies to ensure synergy for effective and efficient communication system around the areas;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Navy (*when constituted*) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Obodor Mitema — Ogbia Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 159/07/2023).

Motion referred to Committee on Navy (when constituted), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

20. Need for Intervention on the Gully Erosion in Aba North Local Government Area of Abia State
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that due to torrential rainfall which damaged economic crops and washed away farmlands, Ogbo Community in Aba North and South Federal Constituency in Abia State has suffered devastating gully erosion which has brought with it untold hardship, poses an imminent threat to lives and property of the residents;

Concerned that Ogbo Community has, over the years grappled with the problem of erosion without receiving any succour from either the State or the Federal Government;

Aware that the people of Ogbo Community have resorted to self-help to mitigate the ravaging effects of erosion in the community but their efforts have failed to control the erosion in the community;

Also concerned that the houses of some residents of the community have been swallowed by the erosion, forcing them to take refuge on higher and safer grounds;

Worried that if the erosion in Ogbo Community are not urgently addressed, it could degenerate into a national disaster as surrounding communities are also under threat of being swept away;

Also worried that the interventions by the Abia State Government to address the erosion have not yielded the desired result due to a lack of the needed expertise and funds to confront such a threat.;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims of the erosion disaster in Ogbo Community in Aba North Local Government Area of Abia State;
- (ii) also urge the Ecological Fund office to release adequate funds to solve the erosion challenge in Aba North Local Government Area of Abia State;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Ecological Fund to ensure compliance (*Hon Emeka Nnamani — Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 160/07/2023).

Motion referred to Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Ecological Fund (when constituted), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

21. Call for Intervention on the Perennial Flooding in the Federal Capital Territory

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the alarming upsurge of flood in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) over the years due to heavy uncontrollable floods, leaving tales of woes in the minds of the affected families;

Also notes the periodic flooding in Lokogoma, Galadimawa and particularly Trademore Estate and other adjoining Estates on the Airport road which has led to loss of lives and properties;

Aware that Trademore Estates currently houses over 20,000 people and have been in existence since 2007, when the first set of residents were allocated houses through a mortgage process administered by the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria;

Worried that the perennial flooding is on the increase geometrically bearing in mind the recent havoc at Trademore Estate as a result of heavy rainfall on 23 June, 2023, when houses were submerged in water, while some were pulled down and killing a lecturer at the University of Abuja;

Also worried that residents living in the Trademoore Estate have not witnessed any form of environmental degradation until the flooding on 5 May 2014, consequently experts were engaged by

residents to ascertain the causes and make recommendations, which were formally communicated to the Federal Capital Development Authority (FCDA);

Aware that the residents had at the time, controlled the smooth flow of water passage by averting flooding of the estate from 2015 to 2018, however, the estate and its environs have been witnessing heavy flooding annually since 2019;

Cognizant of the need to call the Federal Government agencies related to tackling Flooding in FCT to avert future occurrences which is inevitable;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the FCT Emergency Management Agency to provide relief materials to the victims of Trade Moore Estate;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory Administration (*when constituted*) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Joshua Chinedu Obika — AMAC/Bwari Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 161/07/2023).

Motion referred to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory Administration (when constituted), pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

22. Need to Investigate the Recent Oil Spillage in Ogale, Eteo, Aleto, Akpajo, Agbonchia, Okpaku and Alesa Communities in Eleme Local Government Area of Rivers State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that in the past three weeks there has been a series of oil spillage in Ogale, Eteo, Aleto, Akpajo, Agbonchia, Okpaku and Alesa Communities in Eleme Local Government Area of Rivers State;

Also notes that the spill is from several points of a facility operated by the NNPC/SPDC/Total Energies/NAOC Joint Venture in the Eleme- Ogoni axis of Rivers State;

Concerned that the spillage affected residential houses, farm lands, streams and surrounding waters in the communities and have left the people stranded as their homes and farms are covered in crude oil;

Worried that if nothing is done to stop these recurring spillages as well as clean up the environment immediately, the people will suffer severe hardship owing to the loss of their farmlands, crops, homes and water sources;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment, the Nigerian Oil Spill Detection Response Agency (NOSDRA) and the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC) to immediately visit Ogale, Eteo, Aleto, Akpajo, Agbonchia, Okpaku and Alesa Communities in Eleme Local Government Area of Rivers State affected communities and commence a cleanup of the crude oil spill therein;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Host Communities (*when constituted*) to investigate the cause of the recurring oil spillage in Ogale, Aleto, Akpajo, Agbonchia, Onne, Okpaku and Alesa

Communities in Eleme Local Government Area of Rivers State with a view to proffering lasting solutions to the problem and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Felix Uche Nwaeke — Eleme/Oyigbo/Tai Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that in the past three weeks there has been a series of oil spillage in Ogale, Eteo, Aleto, Akpajo, Agbonchia, Okpaku and Alesa Communities in Eleme Local Government Area of Rivers State;

Also noted that the spill is from several points of a facility operated by the NNPC/SPDC/Total Energies/NAOC Joint Venture in the Eleme- Ogoni axis of Rivers State;

Concerned that the spillage affected residential houses, farm lands, streams and surrounding waters in the communities and have left the people stranded as their homes and farms are covered in crude oil;

Worried that if nothing is done to stop these recurring spillages as well as clean up the environment immediately, the people will suffer severe hardship owing to the loss of their farmlands, crops, homes and water sources;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment, the Nigerian Oil Spill Detection Response Agency (NOSDRA) and the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC) to immediately visit Ogale, Eteo, Aleto, Akpajo, Agbonchia, Okpaku and Alesa Communities in Eleme Local Government Area of Rivers State affected communities and commence a cleanup of the crude oil spill therein;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Host Communities (*when constituted*) to investigate the cause of the recurring oil spillage in Ogale, Aleto, Akpajo, Agbonchia, Onne, Okpaku and Alesa Communities in Eleme Local Government Area of Rivers State with a view to proffering lasting solutions to the problem and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 162/07/2023**).

23. Need Relocate Gara and Bajuwa Communities from Flood-Prone Areas and the Construction of a Dam in Galmara, Zaki Federal Constituency, Bauchi State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that during the rainy season in 2022 about 150 persons were rendered homeless by floods in Gara and Bajuwa in Laki Local Government while some members of the community are still taking refuge in temporary IDPs camp;

Also notes that the recurring problem of flooding in Bauchi State is dated back fifty years and has continued to remain a nightmare for members of the community every rainy season leading to the loss of lives and destruction of properties;

Worried that the devastating rainfalls affected the economic activities of the people destroyed farmlands, and basic sources of livelihoods and disconnected neighbouring communities and families;

Also worried that the Gara and Bajuwa Communities were submerged and other Communities within Zaki, badly affected;

Further notes the challenges of flooding are enormous and the Federal Government should take immediate steps in finding a lasting solution to the menace, relocate Gara and Bajuwa Communities to a safer environment and to also construct a Dam at Galmara in Zaki Federal Constituency of Bauchi State;

Concerned that if nothing is done to construct a dam in Galmara, Zaki Federal Constituency, Bauchi State more lives may continue to suffer resulting unquantified damages;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to allocate land to Gara and Bajuwa for a new settlement;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministries of Water Resources to facilitate the construction of a Dam in Galmara to checkmate the menace of flood in that community;
- (iii) further urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to as a matter of urgency, send relief materials to the affected communities to ameliorate the sufferings of Gara and Bajuwa, Ilalla, MurMur, Ariri, Asake, Sutuwa Futti and Saradugum;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Environment, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Ecological Fund, and Water Resources (*when constituted*) to visit the affected areas to ascertain the extent of damage caused by the flooding and include the Project in the 2024 budget estimates;
- (v) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance (*when constituted*) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Mohammed Dan Abba Shehu — Zaki Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In Prayer (i) immediately after the words “Government to”, *insert* the words “liaise with Bauchi State Government” (*Hon. Inuwa Garba — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that during the rainy season in 2022 about 150 persons were rendered homeless by floods in Gara and Bajuwa in Laki Local Government while some members of the community are still taking refuge in temporary IDPs camp;

Also noted that the recurring problem of flooding in Bauchi State is dated back fifty years and has continued to remain a nightmare for members of the community every rainy season leading to the loss of lives and destruction of properties;

Worried that the devastating rainfalls affected the economic activities of the people destroyed farmlands, and basic sources of livelihoods and disconnected neighbouring communities and families;

Also worried that the Gara and Bajuwa Communities were submerged and other Communities within Zaki, badly affected;

Further noted the challenges of flooding are enormous and the Federal Government should take immediate steps in finding a lasting solution to the menace, relocate Gara and Bajuwa Communities to a safer environment and to also construct a Dam at Galmara in Zaki Federal Constituency of Bauchi State;

Concerned that if nothing is done to construct a dam in Galmara, Zaki Federal Constituency, Bauchi State more lives may continue to suffer resulting unquantified damages;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Executive Arm of Government to liaise with Bauchi State Government, to allocate land to Gara and Bajuwa for a new settlement;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministries of Water Resources to facilitate the construction of a Dam in Galmara to checkmate the menace of flood in that community;
- (iii) further urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to as a matter of urgency, send relief materials to the affected communities to ameliorate the sufferings of Gara and Bajuwa, Ilalla, MurMur, Ariri, Asake, Sutuwa Futti and Saradugum;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Environment, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Ecological Fund, and Water Resources (*when constituted*) to visit the affected areas to ascertain the extent of damage caused by the flooding and include the Project in the 2024 budget estimates;
- (v) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance (*when constituted*) to ensure compliance (**HR. 163/07/2023**).

24. Call on the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) to give Special Quota Allocations to Nigerian Universities to Accommodate Admission of Interested Nigerian Medical Sudanese Students

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the recent crisis in Sudan has caused severe hardship to the many Nigerian students studying in Sudanese universities forcing them to flee; Abandon their academic pursuits and return home to seek refuge;

Also notes that the Federal Government through the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission in conjunction with the Joint Admission Matriculation Board and National Universities Commission have declared that Provisions have been made to integrate Nigerian students into universities to continue their education;

Aware that the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) is empowered to regulate medical practice in Nigeria as well as allocate admission quota to Nigerian medical universities;

Also aware that while promises have been made, returning medical students have noticed with utter dismay their inability to gain admission as a result of the quota allocation imposed by the Medical and dental Council of Nigeria;

Concerned that the failure of the returning Nigerian students to gain admission into Nigerian Universities and continue their academic pursuits could render them idle and frustrated and therefore pose a psycho challenge;

Further concerned that the non-admittance of these students constitutes an abandonment of the very core responsibility of the government to provide accessible education to its people, and therefore

affirms that the Federal Government must do all it can to ensure a system is put in place such that they are easily absorbed into the various medical institutions across the Federation.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) to give special quota allocations to Nigerian Universities to enable them to accommodate the admission of interested Nigerian Students that left their Medical studies in Sudan;
- (ii) also urge the National Universities Commission (NUC) to fast-track the additional quota allocation to Nigerian Universities;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Health Institutions, Tertiary Education and Services, and Legislative Compliance (*when constituted*) to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Aliyu Iiyasu Abubakar — Batsari/Safana/Danmusa Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the recent crisis in Sudan has caused severe hardship to the many Nigerian students studying in Sudanese universities forcing them to flee; Abandon their academic pursuits and return home to seek refuge;

Also noted that the Federal Government through the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission in conjunction with the Joint Admission Matriculation Board and National Universities Commission have declared that Provisions have been made to integrate Nigerian students into universities to continue their education;

Aware that the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) is empowered to regulate medical practice in Nigeria as well as allocate admission quota to Nigerian medical universities;

Also aware that while promises have been made, returning medical students have noticed with utter dismay their inability to gain admission as a result of the quota allocation imposed by the Medical and dental Council of Nigeria;

Concerned that the failure of the returning Nigerian students to gain admission into Nigerian Universities and continue their academic pursuits could render them idle and frustrated and therefore pose a psycho challenge;

Further concerned that the non-admittance of these students constitutes an abandonment of the very core responsibility of the government to provide accessible education to its people, and therefore affirms that the Federal Government must do all it can to ensure a system is put in place such that they are easily absorbed into the various medical institutions across the Federation.

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) to give special quota allocations to Nigerian Universities to enable them to accommodate the admission of interested Nigerian Students that left their Medical studies in Sudan;
- (ii) also urge the National Universities Commission (NUC) to fast-track the additional quota allocation to Nigerian Universities;

- (iii) mandate the Committees on Health Institutions, Tertiary Education and Services, and Legislative Compliance (*when constituted*) to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 164/07/2023**).

25. Need to Investigate Abuse of Peace Keeping Operations in Nigeria and Mismanagement of its Proceeds/Funds:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that peace keeping operations among nations/countries in the world play a vital role in stabilizing fragile nations like Nigeria in view of insurgency, engaging communities, protecting civilians and promoting peace processes to prevent vulnerable regions from becoming terrorist safe havens;

Also notes that Peace keeping as defined by the United Nations, "is a way to help countries torn by conflict with a view to creating conditions for sustainable peace Peacekeeping comprises activities intended to create conditions that favour lasting peace. Research generally finds that peacekeeping reduces civilian and battle field deaths, as well as reduces the risk of renewed warfare/conflict;

Aware that the broader mission of United Nations includes but not Limited to peace enforcement, peacemaking, peace keeping, peace building and post conflict reconstruction;

Disturbed that the proceeds of peace keeping operation has never featured as source of revenue in the national budget nor captured in the Medium Term Expenditures Framework (MTEF) presented to the National Assembly by the previous governments, hence, the need to block revenue leakages to this effect;

Concerned that the mismanagement of the proceeds of peace keeping operation in Nigeria has reached a point where all the parties involved need to account for the spending;

Worried that if this practice of non-inclusion of proceeds of Peace Keeping operations in the budgets and Medium Term Expenditures Framework and poor accountability of funds is not stopped , nation building will be meaningless;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to carry out an investigation on the abuse and mismanagement of proceeds of Peace Keeping Operations in Nigeria from 2010 to 2022 and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Zakaria Dauda Nyampa — Madagali/Michika Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that peace keeping operations among nations/countries in the world play a vital role in stabilizing fragile nations like Nigeria in view of insurgency, engaging communities, protecting civilians and promoting peace processes to prevent vulnerable regions from becoming terrorist safe havens;

Also noted that Peace keeping as defined by the United Nations, "is a way to help countries torn by conflict with a view to creating conditions for sustainable peace Peacekeeping comprises activities intended to create conditions that favour lasting peace. Research generally finds that peacekeeping reduces civilian and battle field deaths, as well as reduces the risk of renewed warfare/conflict;

Aware that the broader mission of United Nations includes but not Limited to peace enforcement, peacemaking, peace keeping, peace building and post conflict reconstruction;

Disturbed that the proceeds of peace keeping operation has never featured as source of revenue in the national budget nor captured in the Medium Term Expenditures Framework (MTEF) presented to the National Assembly by the previous governments, hence, the need to block revenue leakages to this effect;

Concerned that the mismanagement of the proceeds of peace keeping operation in Nigeria has reached a point where all the parties involved need to account for the spending;

Worried that if this practice of non-inclusion of proceeds of Peace Keeping operations in the budgets and Medium Term Expenditures Framework and poor accountability of funds is not stoped , nation building will be meaningless;

Resolved to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to carry out an investigation on the abuse and mismanagement of proceeds of Peace Keeping Operations in Nigeria from 2010 to 2022 and report within four (4) weeks (HR. 165/07/2023).

26. Consideration of Reports

- (i) *A Bill for an Act to an Act to Amend the Electricity Act, 2023 to Address the concern of Host Communities ad for Related Matters (HB. 38) (Committee of the Whole):*
Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to an Act to Amend the Electricity Act, 2023 to Address the concern of Host Communities ad for Related Matters (HB. 38)” (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

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 ELECTRICITY ACT, 2023
TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF HOST COMMUNITIES;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 38)

Clause 1: Amendment of the Electricity Act, 2023.

The Electricity Act, 2023 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.

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 on a Bill for an Act to an Act to Amend the Electricity Act, 2023 to Address the concern of Host Communities ad for Related Matters (HB. 38) and approved Clause 1, and deferred further consideration of the Report.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ibeju Lekki, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB. 160) (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 Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ibeju Lekki, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB. 160)" (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

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 PROVIDE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, IBEJU-LEKKI, LAGOS STATE;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 160)

Clause 1: Amendment of the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022.

The Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 (hereinafter called "the Principal Act" is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of the Second Schedule.

The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new item "31" —

"31. Federal Medical Centre, Ibeju-Lekki, Lagos State" (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Centres (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (*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 Medical Centres Act, 2022 to establish Federal Medical Centre, Ibeju-Lekki, Lagos State (*Hon. Julius Omozuanybo Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Ibeju-Lekki, Lagos State; and for Related Matters (HB. 160) (*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 Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Center, Ibeju Lekki, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB. 160) 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.

27. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 27 July, 2023 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Omozuanvbo Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.11 p.m.

Benjamin Okezie Kalu
Deputy Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

- (i) In the *Votes and Proceedings* of **Wednesday, 19 July, 2023**, item 4 (vi), page 232, *leave out* the name **Hon. Julius Ihonvbere** and *insert* the name **Hon. Emmanuel Ukpong-Udo** as the Chairman of the *Ad-hoc* Committee.
- (ii) Under item 4 (ix), page 233, *insert* a new number (13) as follows:
- (12) Hon. Koki Sagir Ibrahim — *Member*

Benjamin Okezie Kalu
Deputy Speaker