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Thursday, 22 October, 2026

1. The House met at 11.22 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.

2. The House sang the National Anthem and recited the National Pledge.

3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 21 October, 2026.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Petitions**

(*i*) A petition from Al-Yaqeen Chambers (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Rakiya M. Idi, on her dismissal from service by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), was presented and laid by Hon Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (*Oshodi Isolo II Federal Constituency*);

(*ii*) The following petitions were presented and laid by Hon. Mathew Nwogu (*Aboh Mbaise/Ngor Okpala Federal Constituency*):

(*a*) C. Nicholas & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on alleged criminal intent and breach of trust by the Management of Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC);

(*b*) Trulaw Chambers (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Ogbe Akpu community in Issele Azagba, Aniocha North, Delta State, on alleged unlawful arrests and interference by Officers of the Nigerian Army 63 Brigade Command, in the guise of enforcing Court Orders;

(*c*) Committed Advocates of Integrity Initiative, on alleged abuse of office by the Management of the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Reduction;

(*d*) Samaritan Peace Makers Award Foundation, on alleged abuse of office by the Management of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
***Need to Address Devastating Flooding and Gully Erosion in Ideato North and Ideato South Areas, Imo State*:**
Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere (*Ideato North/Ideato South 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 Devastating Flooding and Gully Erosion in Ideato North and Ideato South Areas, Imo State:

The House;

Notes that flooding and gully erosion continue to threaten lives, homes, farmlands, roads and livelihoods across Ideato North and Ideato South Local Government Areas of Imo State, particularly in Urualla (erosion sites 1, 2 and 3, including Afor Urualla), Ozuomee-Urualla, Obodoukwu, Urnumejiaku- Obodoukwu, Osina, Akokwa (including Orie Akokwa roundabout), Akpulu, Isiokpo, Ejezie, Arondizuogu, Umuobom, Umueshi (including Ntueke-Umueshi), Amanator, Isiekenesi, Umuaghobe (Uhuala), Umumaisiaku, Dimagu, Okohia (Umufeke) and Umuchima;

Also notes that the Umueshi-Amanator-Isiekenesi-Dikenafai-Orlu-Ife bypass has collapsed and is sinking, the Umuobom Bridge is at risk of collapse, and gullies at Ntueke-Umueshi and Arondizuogu have severed road links connecting Ideato North/South Federal Constituency and Abia State;

Recalls that on 1 November, 2023, the Executive Arm was urged to treat Ideato North/South Federal Constituency as an erosion-disaster-threatened area and, on 22 June, 2026, unanimously declared the constituency an erosion and road disaster zone, directing relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies to commence urgent remedial works and provide relief to displaced persons;

Acknowledges that the Executive Arm previously intervened at the Umuchima gully erosion site, which has since been taken over by the Imo State Government, demonstrating that timely and decisive intervention can help contain the erosion menace;

Regrets that despite earlier resolutions, most of the identified sites have not received the required intervention, while the World Bank-assisted erosion-control project at Urualla, in which about ₦9 billion had reportedly been invested, was abandoned, allowing the gullies to widen and consume farmlands extending towards Obodoukwu;

Worried that the Urualla gullies now threaten the heart of Urualla and Afor Urualla, including St. Jude Catholic Church, the traditional ruler's palace and other public infrastructure, while Ozuomee and neighbouring communities risk being cut off;

Also worried that washed-out roads and open gullies have created dangerous conditions for motorists and pedestrians, with deaths reportedly recorded, while families have been displaced and residents cut off from healthcare, schools, markets and other essential services;

Concerned that the gullies continue to advance with each rainy season and that further delay may result in additional loss of lives, property and livelihoods across more than 32 affected communities;

and Cognizant that the Ecological Fund Office, the Federal Ministry of Environment, the Federal Ministry of Works, the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the South East Development Commission (SEDC) have relevant responsibilities in ecological intervention, road maintenance, disaster management and regional development;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Ecological Fund Office, the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Federal Ministry of Works, in collaboration with the Imo State Government and the Ideato North and Ideato South Local Government Councils, to commence emergency erosion-control and drainage works at the identified sites, prioritising Urualla erosion sites 1,2 and 3, Ozuomee, Obodoukwu, Isiokpo and Umueshi;

(*ii*) also urge the Executive Arm to resume and complete the abandoned Urualla erosion-control project, either through renewed engagement with the World Bank or through direct funding;

(*iii*) further urge Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and the Federal Ministry of Works to rehabilitate the collapsed Umueshi-Amanator-Isiekenesi-Dikenafai-Okwelle bypass, the Osina-Obodoukwu road and the Umuobom Bridge, and restore road links to Okigwe and Abia State affected by the Ntueke-Umueshi and Arondizuogu gullies;

(*iv*) again urge the South East Development Commission to include the Ideato erosion sites in its priority intervention programme;

(*v*) still urge NEMA and the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Reduction to undertake a needs assessment and provide relief materials to displaced and affected households in the constituency;

(*vi*) urge the Executive Arm to make specific provision for the Ideato erosion sites in the 2027 Appropriations Bill to support long-term rehabilitation and ecological restoration; and

(*vii*) mandate the Committees on Ecological Fund, Environment, Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, South East Development Commission, and Legislative Compliance to monitor compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere — Ideato North/South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 128/10/2026).

Motion referred to the ***Committees on Ecological Fund, Environment, Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, South East Development Commission, and Legislative Compliance,*** *pursuant to Order Eight, Rule* 9 (5).

6. **Presentation of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

(1) Federal Capital Territory Advance Rent Regulation and Tenants' Protection Bill, 2026 (HB. 2839).

(2) National Postgraduate College of Pharmacists (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2840).

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Service Pension Board Act, No. 62, 2023, to**

Among Other Things, Reconstitutes the Membership of the Board, Provide the Template for Payment of Gratuity and Establish a Fund for the Scheme and for Related Matters (HB. 2240) — *Third Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Assembly Service Pension Board Act, No. 62, 2023, to Among Other Things, Reconstitutes the Membership of the Board, Provide the Template for Payment of Gratuity and Establish a Fund for the Scheme and for Related Matters (HB. 2240) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere— House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Insurance Commission Act, Cap. N53, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Insurance Regulatory Commission Bill, 2026 to Establish the Insurance Regulatory Commission for the Effective Administration, Supervision, Regulation and Control of the Insurance Business in Nigeria and for Related Matters (SB. 394) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Insurance Commission Act, Cap. N53, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Insurance Regulatory Commission Bill, 2026 to Establish the Insurance Regulatory Commission for the Effective Administration, Supervision, Regulation and Control of the Insurance Business in Nigeria and for Related Matters (SB. 394) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere— House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Births, Deaths, etc. (Compulsory Registration) Act, Cap. B9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Compulsory Civil Registration Bill, 2026 to Provide for an Electronic Civil Registration System and for Related Matters (SB. 913) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Births, Deaths, etc. (Compulsory Registration) Act, Cap. B9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Compulsory Civil Registration Bill, 2026 to Provide for an Electronic Civil Registration System and for Related Matters (SB. 913) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere— House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Joint Doctrine and Warfare Centre to Enhance the Coordination and Effectiveness of Military Operations of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, by Integrating the Capabilities of its Respective Services; and for Related Matters (HB. 2741) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Joint Doctrine and Warfare Centre to Enhance the Coordination and Effectiveness of Military Operations of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, by Integrating the Capabilities of its Respective Services; and for Related Matters (HB. 2741) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere— House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Strategic Intelligence Management Institute and for Related Matters (HB. 2589) — *Third Reading*.**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Strategic Intelligence Management Institute and for Related Matters (HB. 2589) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere— House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (Establishment) Act, No.35 2022, to Reposition the Bureau as an Independent Multimodal Safety Investigation Authority, Strengthen Its Institutional, Operational and Administrative Mandates and for Related Matters (HB. 2832) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau (Establishment) Act, No.35 2022, to Reposition the Bureau as an Independent Multimodal Safety Investigation Authority, Strengthen Its Institutional, Operational and Administrative Mandates and for Related Matters (HB. 2832) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere— House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Special Duties, Aviation Technology, Maritime Safety , Education and Administration, and Safety Standards and Regulations.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Senior Secondary Education Commission Act, No. 45, 2023 to strengthen the Administration and Coordination of Public Senior Secondary Education and for Related Matters (HB. 2790) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Senior Secondary Education Commission Act, No. 45, 2023 to strengthen the Administration and Coordination of Public Senior Secondary Education and for Related Matters (HB. 2790) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere— House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Basic Education and Services.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015 and Enact the Administration of Criminal Justice Bill, 2026 to provide for the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Courts of Federal Capital Territory and other Federal Courts in Nigeria and Establishment of Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Council for effective and efficient Administration of Justice in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 2791) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Administration of Criminal Justice Act 2015 and Enact the Administration of Criminal Justice Bill, 2026 to provide for the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Courts of Federal Capital Territory and other Federal Courts in Nigeria and Establishment of Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Council for

effective and efficient Administration of Justice in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 2791) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere— House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the ***Committee on Judiciary.***

15. **A Bill an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (Amendment) Act, 2021 to Provide for Effective Regulation of Agricultural Machinery, Equipment and Technologies in Nigeria through the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization (NCAM), Establish a Mandatory Testing, Certification and Registration Regime, provide Enforcement and Prosecution Powers and for Related Matters (HB. 2818) — *Second Reading***

Order deferred by leave of the House.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Fire Arms Act Cap. F28, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for more Importation Scrutiny, effective penalties for Offences and for Related Matters (HB. 2144) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Children's Hospital, Ideato, Imo State to Specialize in Paediatric Care and for Related Matters (HB. 1427) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Children's Hospital, Ideato, Imo State to Specialize in Paediatric Care and for Related Matters (HB. 1427) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the ***Committee on Health Institutions.***

18. **Need for the Establishment of a Regulatory Framework for the Importation of Electric Vehicles (EVS), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vehicles, and Related Infrastructure in Nigeria**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

19. **Need for the Executive Arm of Government Intervention on the Gully Erosion threatening Ibolo Oraifite, Ozubulu, Nnewi, Ukpor, Ichi Communities and other towns in Nnewi North, Nnewi South and Ekwusigo Local Government Area of Anambra State**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Ibolo Oraifite in Ekwusigo Local Government Area of Anambra State is experiencing a rapidly expanding gully erosion caused by uncontrolled flood waters from the Nkwo-to-Nkwo road, which is threatening lives, homes, farmlands and public infrastructure;

Also notes that following sustained advocacy by the Oraifite Improvement Union, the Executive Arm of Government awarded a contract in 2014 to permanently address the erosion; however, the project was abandoned before completion due to inadequate funding, leaving the erosion to worsen over the years;

Aware that gully erosion has become one of Nigeria's most devastating ecological challenges, resulting in environmental degradation, displacement of communities, destruction of infrastructure and huge economic losses, particularly in the South-East with every rainy season, the erosion continues to expand, destroying more homes and infrastructure, increasing the cost of intervention and worsening the humanitarian situation;

Also aware that the Executive Arm of Government, through the Federal Ministry of Environment, the Ecological Project Office, the Federal Ministry of Works and other relevant agencies, has the constitutional responsibility to protect vulnerable communities and strategic national infrastructure from ecological disasters;

Further aware that the Onitsha-Owerri Dual Carriageway is a strategic Federal Highway serving millions of commuters and facilitating interstate commerce, while Oraifite, Ozubulu, Nnewi, Ukpor, Unubi, Ichi and other communities within the Nnewi North/Nnewi South, /Ekwusigo Local Government Area are major commercial and agricultural hubs whose economic activities depend on safe road connectivity;

Concerned that residential houses have been destroyed by the erosion in Ibolo Oraifite and Ozubulu, leaving many families homeless, destroying properties worth millions of naira, the erosion has severely damaged roads linking Oraifite, Ozubulu, Ukpor, Unubi, Ichi and neighbouring communities thereby disrupting transportation, commerce, farming activities and access to healthcare and education;

Worried that the advancing gully front end of Ibolo Oraifite is currently approximately 150 metres from the Onitsha-Owerri Dual Carriageway, posing a serious threat to the federal road and the movement of people and goods across the South-East.

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Ministries of Environment and Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and the Ecological Project Office to immediately conduct a technical assessment of the gully erosion at Ibolo Oraifite and adjoining communities, and include funding for sustainable erosion control along the Onitsha-Owerri Dual Carriageway in the 2027 budget estimates;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Ministries Environment, Works and the Ecological Project Office to review, redesign where necessary and complete the previously abandoned erosion-control projects;

(*iii*) further urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other relevant agencies to provide emergency relief materials and humanitarian assistance to affected families;

(*iv*) urge all relevant agencies to accord this intervention the highest priority to safeguard lives and property and protect Oraifite, Ozubulu, Nnewi, Ukpor, Unubi, Ichi and other communities within the Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency;

(*v*) mandate the Committees on Environment, Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), Ecological Funds and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to conduct an urgent oversight visit to the affected communities and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Peter Ifeanyi Uzokwe — Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
In Prayer (*v*), immediately after the word "Preparedness", *insert* the words "and South East Development Commission"(*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 Ibolo Oraifite in Ekwusigo Local Government Area of Anambra State is experiencing a rapidly expanding gully erosion caused by uncontrolled flood waters from the Nkwo-to-Nkwo road, which is threatening lives, homes, farmlands and public infrastructure;

Also noted that following sustained advocacy by the Oraifite Improvement Union, the Federal Government awarded a contract in 2014 to permanently address the erosion; however, the project was abandoned before completion due to inadequate funding, leaving the erosion to worsen over the years;

Aware that gully erosion has become one of Nigeria's most devastating ecological challenges, resulting in environmental degradation, displacement of communities, destruction of infrastructure and huge economic losses, particularly in the South-East with every rainy season, the erosion continues to expand, destroying more homes and infrastructure, increasing the cost of intervention and worsening the humanitarian situation;

Also aware that the Executive Arm of Government, through the Federal Ministry of Environment, the Ecological Project Office, the Federal Ministry of Works and other relevant agencies, has the constitutional responsibility to protect vulnerable communities and strategic national infrastructure from ecological disasters;

Further aware that the Onitsha-Owerri Dual Carriageway is a strategic Federal Highway serving millions of commuters and facilitating interstate commerce, while Oraifite, Ozubulu, Nnewi, Ukpor, Unubi, Ichi and other communities within the Nnewi North/Nnewi South, /Ekwusigo Local Government Area are major commercial and agricultural hubs whose economic activities depend on safe road connectivity;

Concerned that residential houses have been destroyed by the erosion in Ibolo Oraifite and Ozubulu, leaving many families homeless, destroying properties worth millions of naira, the erosion has severely damaged roads linking Oraifite, Ozubulu, Ukpor, Unubi, Ichi and neighbouring communities thereby disrupting transportation, commerce, farming activities and access to healthcare and education;

Worried that the advancing gully front end of Ibolo Oraifite is currently approximately 150 metres from the Onitsha-Owerri Dual Carriageway, posing a serious threat to the federal road and the movement of people and goods across the South-East.

Resolved to:

(*l*) urge the Federal Ministries of Environment and Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and the Ecological Project Office to immediately conduct a technical assessment of the gully erosion at Ibolo Oraifite and adjoining communities, and include funding for sustainable erosion control along the Onitsha-Owerri Dual Carriageway in the 2027 budget estimates;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Ministries Environment, Works and the Ecological Project Office to review, redesign where necessary and complete the previously abandoned erosion-control projects;

(*iii*) further urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other relevant agencies to provide emergency relief materials and humanitarian assistance to affected families;

(*iv*) urge all relevant agencies to accord this intervention the highest priority to safeguard lives and property and protect Oraifite, Ozubulu, Nnewi, Ukpor, Unubi, Ichi and other communities within the Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency;

(*v*) mandate the Committees on Environment, Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), Ecological Funds, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and South East Development Commission to conduct an urgent oversight visit to the affected communities and report within four (4) weeks **(HR. 129/10/2026)**.

20. **Need to complete the Construction of Section V, Phase I of The East-West Road from Oron, Akwa Ibom State to Calabar, Cross River State**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the East-West Road is a major federal highway intended to connect communities and economic centres across the Niger Delta region and facilitate the movement of persons, goods and services;

Recalls that on 22 October 2014, the Federal Executive Council (FEC), under the administration of President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, approved the award of contract for the construction of Section V, Phase I of the East-West Road, from Oron in Akwa Ibom State to Calabar in Cross River State, at the contract sum of N165.3 billion;

Also recalls that on 3 December 2014, the Federal Executive Council approved an additional sum of N661.33 million for the engineering supervision of the said section of the road;

Aware that Section V, Phase I, covering the Oron-Calabar corridor, was conceived as the final stretch required to complete the East-West Road and strengthen its connection across the Niger Delta region;

Concerned that despite the Executive Arm of Government's approval of the contract more than a decade ago, the Oron-Calabar section is yet to be implemented to completion, leaving a critical transportation link between Akwa Ibom and Cross River States unrealised;

Observes that the non-implementation of the project has continued to constrain the movement of people and goods between the two States, limiting the full economic and developmental benefits envisaged from the East-West Road;

Recognizes that the Federal Executive Council approvals of 22 October, 2014 and 3 December, 2014 respectively established the authority upon which necessary steps towards the construction of the Road from Oron, Akwa Ibom State to Calabar, Cross River State must be taken.

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to:

(*a*) immediately take steps to commence the construction of East-West Road from Oron in Akwa Ibom to Calabar in Cross River State,

(*b*) collaborate with the Federal Ministry of Finance to capture the construction of Section V, phase 1 of the East-West Road from Oron, Akwa Ibom to Calabar, Cross River State in the 2027 budget estimates,

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Appropriations, and Works to ensure compliance (*Hon. Esin Martins Etim — Mbo/Okobo/Orun/Udung Uko/Urue Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 130/10/2026).

Motion referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Works, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

21. **Restructuring, Compliance Enforcement, and Integration of Industry Self-Regulation in the Nigerian Point-of-Sale (POS) and Agency-Banking Ecosystem to Safeguard Security**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that agent banking is essential to Nigeria's financial inclusion drive, providing livelihoods for millions of citizens across urban and rural communities;

Alarmed by the rapid increase in the use of POS terminals to facilitate financial fraud, ransom payments for kidnappings, identity theft and other unauthorized transactions, thereby threatening the integrity of Nigeria's national payment system;

Concerned that the principal loophole driving the surge in financial fraud is the existence of unprofiled, unregistered and highly mobile POS operators who evade regulatory checks and are difficult for law enforcement agencies to trace;

Aware that the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), pursuant to the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA) 2020, requires POS operators to register their businesses to promote accountability;

Also aware that integrating registered, independent Business Membership Organizations (BMOs) and trade associations into the regulatory framework can strengthen industry discipline, combat fraud and reduce compliance costs for micro-merchants;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to:

(*a*) in collaboration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), to require a valid EFCC Retail Payment Compliance Certificate (ERPCC) and in compliance with applicable business-registration requirements as conditions for the on boarding, renewal and continued operation of POS agents and other relevant participants in the agency-banking and retail payment ecosystem, to identify and deactivate terminals operating in breach of those requirements,

(*b*) impose appropriate regulatory sanctions on fintech aggregators, mobile money operators and super-agents that knowingly onboard, or facilitate settlement payments for, unprofiled or unregistered POS operators in collaboration with the CAC, EFCC, NFIU and other relevant stakeholders, to establish a unified compliance-verification portal within four (4) weeks,

(*c*) recognize POS operators and Agent-Banking entities that maintain active membership

in a registered and recognised Business Membership Organization or trade association, to promote industry discipline, self-regulation, standardized training and accountability;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Banking Regulations, Digital and Electronic Banking, and Financial Crimes to monitor the implementation of these resolutions and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Mark Udo Esset — Uyo/Uruan/Nsit Atai/Asutan/Ibesikpo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned for further consultation.

22. Consideration of Reports

(*i*) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service for the Purposes of Preventing the Entry, Establishment and Spread of Exotic Pests and Diseases of Plants, Animals and Aquatic Resources and their Products into Nigeria and for Related Matters* (HB. 2817) (*Committee of the Whole*):**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service for the Purposes of Preventing the Entry, Establishment and Spread of Exotic Pests and Diseases of Plants, Animals and Aquatic Resources and their Products into Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 2817)" (*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 ESTABLISH THE NIGERIA AGRICULTURAL QUARANTINE SERVICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PREVENTING THE ENTRY, ESTABLISHMENT AND SPREAD OF EXOTIC PESTS AND DISEASES OF PLANTS, ANIMALS AND AQUATIC RESOURCES AND THEIR PRODUCTS INTO NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 2817)

Debate.

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 Establish the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service for the Purposes of Preventing the Entry, Establishment and Spread of Exotic Pests and Diseases of Plants, Animals and Aquatic Resources and their Products into Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 2817) and approved Clauses 1 - 24, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(*ii*) ***Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the

Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Horticulture, Iyara, Kogi State and for Related Matters (HB. 1447)" (*Hon. Oiusola Steve Fatoba — Ado Ekiti/Ifelodun/Irepodun Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NIGERIA ACT, CAP. A12, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF HORTICULTURE, IYARA, KOGI STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1447)

Debate.

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 of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal College of Horticulture, Iyara, Kogi State and for Related Matters (HB. 1447) 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.

(*iii*) ***Committee on Agricultural Production and Services:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agricultural Development Fund (Establishment) Act, No. 34, 2022 and for Related Matters (HB. 2036)" (*Hon. Bello A. Ka'oje — Bagudu/Suru Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT, NO. 34, 2022 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 2036)

Consideration deferred.

Chairman to report progress:

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred

consideration of the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agricultural Development Fund (Establishment) Act, No. 34, 2022 and for Related Matters (HB. 2036).

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

23. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 27 October, 2026 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.45 p.m.

Benjamin Okezie Kalu
Deputy Speaker