



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 29 September, 2026.

1. The House met at 11.14 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 *Second Votes and Proceedings* of Thursday, 23 July, 2026.

*The Second Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.*

4. Messages  
Mr Deputy Speaker read the following messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

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**PRESIDENT,  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

PRES/134-1/HR/36/EB

24th August, 2026

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

**TRANSMISSION OF NATIONAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL COLLEGE  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 FOR PASSAGE INTO LAW**

I am pleased to transmit to the House of Representatives for consideration, the National Postgraduate Medical College (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

The purpose of the Bill is to, among other things, reflect the change of the institutional name, expand the mandate of the college to include the award of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Degree in Clinical Medicine, Dentistry and related fields.

The Federal Ministry of Justice subsequently vetted and finalized the Bill in line with drafting standards and constitutional provisions.

In consequence of the above, National Postgraduate Medical College (Amendment) Bill, 2026 is hereby forwarded to the House of Representatives for legislative action by the National Assembly.

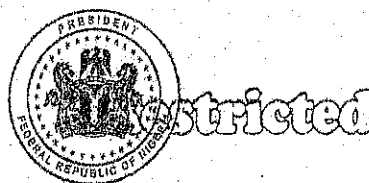
While it is my hope that the House of Representatives will consider the Bill and its passage into law, please accept, Rt. Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration and personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

***Bola Ahmed Tinubu***

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**PRESIDENT  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

**PRES/134-1/HR/37/EB**

24th August, 2026

**Rt. Honourable Tajudeen Abbas, GCON**  
Speaker of the House of Representative,  
National Assembly Complex,  
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**TRANSMISSION OF NATIONAL RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT FUND  
(ESTABLISHMENT) BILL, 2026 FOR PASSAGE INTO LAW**

I am pleased to transmit to the House of Representatives for consideration the National Research Development Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2026.

This Bill is prepared in a bid to consolidate research financings, ensure more efficient utilization of resources, and to consolidate the fragmented research and development funds across Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) into the National Research Development Fund, to serve as the central mechanism through which research agencies and academic institution can access funding.

The establishment of the National Research Development Fund, will serve as a competitive central funding mechanism. It seeks to foster strategic collaboration among research agencies, academia, and the private sector. It will catalyze groundbreaking innovations, streamline resource allocation according to strategic national priorities, ensure strict transparency in funding decisions through evaluation criteria, and drive the commercialisation of homegrown technology to reduce foreign technological dependency.

Going further, the Bill establish National Research Development Fund as an agency under the supervision of the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology with direct funding from the Nigeria Content Development Fund (NCDF).

It is pertinent to note that, with the current proliferation of research institutes and agencies operating within the research and development and commercialisation landscape, each agency operates with separate mandate and budgetary allocations. The Bill therefore seeks to enable effective management of the limited financial resources available to these institutes and research agencies for the efficient development of science, technology and innovation in Nigeria.

The Bill has been thoroughly reviewed and vetted by relevant key stakeholders, including the Ministries of Education and Innovation, Science and Technology as well as the Ministry of Justice to ensure that the legislative structure aligns seamlessly with national education objectives, scientific innovation priorities while ensuring legal precision, institutional harmony and statutory clarity.

In consequence of the above, National Research Development Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2026 is hereby forwarded to the House of Representatives for legislative action by the National Assembly

While it is my hope that the House of Representatives will consider the Bill and its passage into law, please accept, Rt. Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration and personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed)*

*Bola Ahmed Tinubu*

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**PRESIDENT  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

**PRES/134-1/36/HR/BP/NDDC**

**20<sup>th</sup> August, 2026**

**Rt. Honourable Tajudeen Abbas, GCON**  
Speaker of the House of Representative,  
National Assembly Complex,

Three Arms Zone,  
Abuja.

**SUBMISSION OF 2026 STATUTORY BUDGET PROPOSAL OF THE  
NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NDDC)**

In line with the provisions of Section 121 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Honourable Minister of Niger Delta Development has prepared the 2026 Statutory Budget Proposal of the NDDC which is herewith forwarded for consideration and passage by the House of Representatives.

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

The House of Representatives is invited to note that the NDDC is prioritising improvement in Youth Empowerment, Energy and Power Supply, Education, Industrial and Enterprise Development, Health, Security and increased productivity in Agriculture in order to lift a significant number of our citizens out of poverty.

While I look forward to the timely passage of the 2026 Statutory Budget Proposal of the NDDC by the House of Representatives, please accept, Rt. Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my highest regards.

Yours sincerely,

*(Signed)*

***Bola Ahmed Tinubu***

*Matter referred to the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)*

**5. Announcements**

**(i) Visitors in the Gallery:**

Mr Deputy Speaker announced the presence of a delegation from the Parliamentary Service of Ghana.

**(ii) Bereavements:**

Mr Deputy Speaker read the following communications from:

**(a)** the Clerk to the National Assembly, announcing the demise of Dr. Adamu Fika,

former Director-General and Clerk-Designate to the National Assembly who passed away on Friday, 7 August, 2026;

- (b) Hon. Ibe Okwara Osonwa (*Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of his father, HRH Ezie Ukoha Kalu Ukoha, who died on Saturday, 26 September, 2026, at the age of 86

*A minute silence was observed in their honour.*

(iii) *Defections:*

Mr Deputy Speaker read the following communications from:

- (a) Hon. Joshua Chinedu Obika (*AMAC/Bwari Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Nigeria Democratic Congress (NDC) to the Accord Party (AD);

- (b) Hon. Munachim Ikechi Alozie (*Obingwa/Osisioma/Ugwunagbo Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Labour Party (LP) to the Action Peoples Party (APP).

- (iv) Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Quality of Services of the Nigerian Telecommunication Companies

Mr Deputy Speaker announced the approval of extension for the above Ad-hoc Committee by two weeks, to enable it complete the investigation and submit its report.

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

- (i) *Need for Immediate Federal Intervention to Address the Escalating Ecological Crisis, Flooding and Loss of Lives and Property in Ugwueke, Amaokal, Amaeze and Ezeukwu Communities of Bende Local Government Area, Abia State:*

Hon. Amos Daniel (*Jema'a/Sanga Federal Constituency*), and 1 other, 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 for Immediate Federal Intervention to Address the Escalating Ecological Crisis, Flooding and Loss of Lives and Property in Ugwueke, Amaokal, Amaeze and Ezeukwu Communities of Bende Local Government Area, Abia State:*

The House:

*Notes* that Bende Federal Constituency of Abia State is facing an increasingly severe ecological crisis characterized by gully erosion, flooding and the destruction of homes farmlands, roads and other critical infrastructure, with the consequences extending beyond environmental degradation to threaten livelihoods, food security, access to essential services and the safety of residents;

*Worried* by the worsening ecological situation in Udi Uzor and the Akunū axis, where residents are confronted with serious environmental challenges threatening lives, homes, farmlands and community infrastructure, and in fact resulting in the loss of two lives in Ndi Uzor;

*Also worried* at the devastating flooding across communities in Bende, particularly Ugwueke, Amaokai, Amaeze and Ezeukwu, following the torrential rainfall, which submerged homes and other properties, including the palaces of Eze Ifeanyi of Amaeze Community and Eze Gilbert Chukwu of Amaokai Community, destroyed farmlands and access routes, displaced residents and resulted in the loss of lives. The recurrence and increasing severity of such flooding, alongside the area's expanding erosion crisis, demonstrate the urgent need for a coordinated response to Bende's growing ecological vulnerability;

*Disturbed* by the scale of the challenges which has surpassed the capacity of affected communities and requires sustained federal intervention, including emergency relief, technical assessment, erosion control, flood management, restoration of damaged infrastructure and measures to protect livelihoods.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Commiserate with the families of the persons who lost their lives in the flooding and ecological incidents in Bende, particularly the two deceased persons in Ndi Uzor, and extend the sympathy to all persons who have lost loved ones, homes, farmlands and property as a result of the disasters;
- (ii) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA); South East Development Commission (SEDC); Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to immediately deploy relief materials, emergency shelter, potable water, food, medical supplies and other humanitarian assistance to persons and families affected by the recent flooding and ecological disasters in Bende Federal Constituency;
- (iii) Also urge the Ecological Fund Office, in conjunction with the Federal Ministry of Environment and other relevant agencies, to undertake an immediate and comprehensive technical assessment of the erosion and ecological challenges in Bende, with particular attention to Ugwueke, Amaokai, Amaeze and Ezeukwu Uzuakoli, Ozuitem, Ndi Uzorl Akanu and other severely affected communities;
- (iv) Call on the Executive Arm to urgently approve and fund comprehensive erosion and

flood-control works in the affected communities, including appropriate drainage systems, gully stabilisation, watershed management, channel rehabilitation and other scientifically appropriate ecological-control measures;

- (v) Also call on the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and relevant agricultural intervention agencies to assess the losses suffered by farmers whose farmlands and crops have been destroyed by erosion and flooding and consider appropriate recovery and livelihood-support measures; and
- (vi) Further urge the Federal Ministry of Works and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to assess roads and routes damaged or rendered impassable by erosion and flooding in Bende and prioritize their restoration where they constitute critical links to communities, farms, markets, schools and healthcare facilities. (*Hon. Amos Daniel — Jema'a/Sanga Federal Constituency*), and 1 other.

*Agreed to.*

*Motion referred to the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, South East Development Commission, Niger Delta Development Commission, Ecological Fund, Agricultural Production and Services, Works, Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5). (HR.98/09/2026)*

*A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.*

- (ii) *Need to Intensify Efforts to Secure the Safe Rescue of the 116 School Children and Other Persons Abducted in Lassa, Mussa and Along the Buratai - Maiduguri Road, Askira-Uba Local Government Area, Borno State:*  
Hon. Midala Usman Balami (*Askira-Uba/Hawul 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 Intensify Efforts to Secure the Safe Rescue of the 116 School Children and Other Persons Abducted in Lassa, Mussa and Along the Buratai - Maiduguri Road, Askira-Uba Local Government Area, Borno State:*

The House:

*Recalls* the unfortunate abduction of 44 school children and 36 other persons in Mussa and along the Buratai-Maiduguri Road, an incident that has continued to cause widespread fear, anguish and anxiety among the affected families and communities, which was followed by the abduction of 36 students and teachers in Lassa Ward, Askira-Uba Local Government Area;

*Notes* that the continued captivity of the victims poses a serious threat to their lives, safety, education and fundamental rights, while placing an enormous emotional and psychological burden on their families and the affected communities.

*Concerned* that the affected areas and adjoining communities remain vulnerable to further attacks, abductions and other forms of insecurity if urgent, sustained and coordinated security measures are not strengthened.

*Also recalls* that following the abduction of 44 school children from Mussa on 15 May 2026, the House considered and adopted a resolution calling for urgent action towards their rescue;

*Also notes* with grave concern that, till date, the 44 school children from Mussa have spent more than 138 days in captivity, 36 school children from Lassa have been in captivity for more than 70 days, another persons abducted along the Buratai-Maiduguri Road have remained in captivity for more than 160 days;

*Further notes* that the prolonged captivity of these innocent school children and other victims has subjected their families and constituents to unbearable emotional distress, uncertainty and fear, with communities continuously crying out for urgent and decisive action to secure their safe release;

*Also concerned* that despite previous resolutions and ongoing efforts by the relevant authorities, the victims remain in captivity, thereby underscoring the need for a more intensified, coordinated and appropriate approach to their rescue;

*Recognizes* the efforts of the security agencies, local authorities, traditional institutions and community members involved in the search- and-rescue efforts; and urges that such efforts be substantially intensified, better coordinated and sustained until all the victims are safely rescued.

*Worried* that any further delay in securing the safe release of the abducted persons could expose them to further danger and compound the trauma already suffered by their families and communities;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the relevant security agencies to intensify and sustain search-and- rescue operations aimed at securing the immediate and safe release of the 116 abducted schoolchildren and all other persons held in captivity.

- (ii) Call for enhanced intelligence gathering, information sharing and inter- agency coordination among the Armed Forces, the Nigeria Police Force, intelligence services and other relevant security agencies to locate the victims and apprehend those responsible for the abductions.
- (iii) Also urge the security agencies to strengthen security along the Buratai- Maiduguri Road, Mussa, Lassa and other identified vulnerable communities and routes, including through increased patrols, intelligence led operations and appropriate security checkpoints (*Hon. Midala Usman Balami — Askira-Uba/Hawul Federal Constituency*)

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Recalled* the unfortunate abduction of 44 school children and 36 other persons in Mussa and along the Buratai-Maiduguri Road, an incident that has continued to cause widespread fear, anguish and anxiety among the affected families and communities, which was followed by the abduction of 36 students and teachers in Lassa Ward, Askira-Uba Local Government Area;

*Noted* that the continued captivity of the victims poses a serious threat to their lives, safety, education and fundamental rights, while placing an enormous emotional and psychological burden on their families and the affected communities.

*Concerned* that the affected areas and adjoining communities remain vulnerable to further attacks, abductions and other forms of insecurity if urgent, sustained and coordinated security measures are not strengthened.

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*Further noted* that the prolonged captivity of these innocent school children and other victims has subjected their families and constituents to unbearable emotional distress, uncertainty and fear, with communities continuously crying out for urgent and decisive action to secure their safe release;

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- (iii) Also urge the security agencies to strengthen security along the Buratai- Maiduguri Road, Mussa, Lassa and other identified vulnerable communities and routes, including through increased patrols, intelligence led operations and appropriate security checkpoints (HR. 99/09/2026).
- (iii) *Need for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to Release Relief Materials to Communities Affected by the Devastating Flooding from the Ivo River in Aninri Local Government Area, Enugu State:*  
Hon. Anayo Onwuegbu (Aninri/Awgu/Oji River 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 for the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to Release Relief Materials to Communities Affected by the Devastating Flooding from the Ivo River in Aninri Local*

Government Area, Enugu State:

The House:

*Notes* that from Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, to Tuesday 22nd September, 2026, several communities in Aninri/Awgu/Oji River witnessed a devastating and widespread destruction by torrential rainfall that lasted for over (15) hours;

*Also notes* that the unprecedented downpour, accompanied by severe windstorm, caused extensive destruction of lives and properties in Mpu, Okpanku, Ukey, Oduma and Ndeabor communities in Aniniri Local Government Area of Enugu State;

*Aware* that the flooding was as a result of the over-flow of the Ivo River bank, which has consistently been causing problems in the area every year, however that of this year was unprecedented and caused so much havoc to these communities

*Concerned* that the scale of this year's disaster is particularly alarming and life affecting, as the flooding occurred late at night when the people were asleep and resulted in the loss of several lives, destruction of residential buildings, public infrastructures, displacement of families, extensive damages to market stores, rice mills, poultry and piggeries farms, farmland and crops;

*Disturbed* that many families have been rendered homeless, and are currently faced with severe hardship as they are exposed to unhygienic environment, while the destruction of stored food items such as rice mills, poultrys, piggeries and crops on farm land have heightened concern about food security for the people;

*Also disturbed* that half of the affected population are presently taking shelter under trees and many others relocated to neighboring villages having lost their homes to the flood.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately provide relief materials to the affected persons in Mpu, Okpanku, Ukey, Oduma and Ndeabor with food items, household materials, clothing, bedding, building materials, sanitation supplies, and medical assistance, including essential drugs for adults and children;
- (ii) Urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to prioritize the completion of the Ivo Dam project so that it will ameliorate the flooding;
- (iii) Mandate the Committees on Water Resources, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, and Climate Change to carry out on the spot assessment of the area with a view to ensuring that the Dam is completed, so as to forestall a reoccurrence;

- (iv) Mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance. (*Hon. Anayo Onwuegbu — Aninri/Awgu/Oji River Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Motion referred to the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Water Resources, Climate Change, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5). (HR.100/09/2026)*

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

*Agreed to.*

- (iv) *Need to Address the Looming National Uprising and Public Disturbance Due to Surreptitious and Racketeering Recruitment Ongoing in the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service Agency:*

Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali (*Ankpa/Omala/Olamaboro 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 the Looming National Uprising and Public Disturbance Due to Surreptitious and Racketeering Recruitment Ongoing in the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service Agency:*

The House:

*Notes that Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service (NAQS) is an agency of the Federal government of Nigeria created by an Act of the Parliament to serve, meet the needs and aspirations of greater majority of the Nigerian people including job opportunities for qualified Nigerians;*

*Also notes the current job recruitment exercise which is ongoing in the Agency is allegedly shrouded in secrecy and racketeering with the highest bi Jeers clinching job slots;*

*Worried that, the alleged dubious practice is against the spirit of the Federal Character principle and portends the danger of depriving and denying qualified Nigerians from getting employed into the agency to contribute their quota to National development;*

*Aware* that, the Parliament is the only constitutional safeguard to checkmate such unwholesome practices and acts of deprivation.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Set up an Ad-hoc Committee to investigate the alleged job racketeering with a view to prescribing appropriate sanctions to culprits.
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Federal Character to invite the Management of Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service (NAQS) for a review of the recruitment exercise;
- (iii) Also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance ensure compliance (*Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali — Ankpa/Omala/Olamaboro Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Amendment Proposed:*

In Prayer (i), *leave out* the words "set up an Ad-hoc Committee", and *insert* the words "mandate the Committees on Federal Character, and Legislative Compliance" (*Hon. Babajime Benson Adegoke — Ikorodu Federal Constituency*)

*Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.*

*Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.*

The House:

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*Also notes* the current job recruitment exercise which is ongoing in the Agency is allegedly shrouded in secrecy and racketeering with the highest bi Jeers clinching job slots;

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*Aware* that, the Parliament is the only constitutional safeguard to checkmate such unwholesome practices and acts of deprivation.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Mandate the Committees on Federal Character, and Legislative Compliance to investigate the alleged job racketeering with a view to prescribing appropriate sanctions to culprits.
- (ii) Also mandate the Committee on Federal Character to invite the Management of Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service (NAQS) for a review of the recruitment exercise;
- (iii) Further mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance ensure compliance (HR .101/09/2026).
- (v) *Need for Swift Intervention to Stop the Orgy of Violence and Persistent Arson Inflicted on Odunebighan, Eke and Other Ugbo Ilaje Communities in Ilaje and Ese-Odo Local Government Areas, Ondo State, by Alleged Armed Itsekiri Youths from Warri North Local Government Area, Delta State:*  
Hon. Donald Kimikanboh Ojogo (Ilaje/Ese-Odo 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 for Swift Intervention to Stop the Orgy of Violence and Persistent Arson Inflicted on Odunebighan, Eke and Other Ugbo Ilaje Communities in Ilaje and Ese-Odo Local Government Areas, Ondo State, by Alleged Armed Itsekiri Youths from Warri North Local Government Area, Delta State:*

The House:

*Notes with deep sadness and profound shock that in the last four weeks, a chain of violence through unprovoked attacks on the Ilaje communities of Odun-Ebighan, Eke and other adjoining communities, which has resulted in the burning of houses and injuries to countless number of people.*

*Also notes that the Ilaje and Itsekiri people do not only share common boundaries, but also share commonly and uniquely similar challenges and opportunities presented by their peculiar terrain;*

*further notes that the peace both communities have enjoyed for centuries is invaluable and non-negotiable even as they must work together to preserve it for present and future*

generations;

*Worried* that these shared circumstances and commonalities rather than being galvanized to foster cooperation and peaceful coexistence, are now being weaponized to seeds of discord and conflict over ownership of lands rich in natural God-given oil and gas resources; and therefore, most regrettable that aggression has been visited upon the peace-loving people of Ilaje by gun-wielding Itsekiri youths from Warri North Local Government Area of Delta State.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) mandate the Committee on Special Duties to urgently wade into the matter by directing the National Boundary Commission to determine land ownership within the affected communities on the fringes around the Ondo and Delta States Boundary along the axis in question.
- (ii) call on the relevant Security Agencies-Army, Navy and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) to maintain Law and Order and restore normalcy in the affected area in question.
- (iii) Also mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to provide immediate succour to the displaced Ilaje indigenes, and other affected communities who have suffered untold hardship in the last one month (*Hon. Donald Kimikanboh Ojogo — Ilaje/Ese-Odo Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* with deep sadness and profound shock that in the last four weeks, a chain of violence through unprovoked attacks on the Ilaje communities of Odun-Ebighan, Eke and other adjoining communities, which has resulted in the burning of houses and injuries to countless number of people.

*Also noted* that the Ilaje and Itsekiri people do not only share common boundaries, but also share commonly and uniquely similar challenges and opportunities presented by their peculiar terrain;

*further noted* that the peace both communities have enjoyed for centuries is invaluable and non-negotiable even as they must work together to preserve it for present and future generations;

*Worried* that these shared circumstances and commonalities rather than being galvanized to foster cooperation and peaceful coexistence, are now being weaponized to seeds of discord and conflict over ownership of lands rich in natural God-given oil and gas resources; and therefore, most regrettable that aggression has been visited upon the peace-loving people of Ilaje by gun-wielding Itsekiri youths from Warri North Local Government Area of Delta State.

*Resolved to:*

- (i) mandate the Committee on Special Duties to urgently wade into the matter by directing the National Boundary Commission to determine land ownership within the affected communities on the fringes around the Ondo and Delta States Boundary along the axis in question.
- (ii) call on the relevant Security Agencies-Army, Navy and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) to maintain Law and Order and restore normalcy in the affected area in question.
- (iii) Also mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to provide immediate succour to the displaced Ilaje indigenes, and other affected communities who have suffered untold hardship in the last one month (HR .102/09/2026)
- (vi) *Need to Address Rising Insecurity in Nigeria and Youth Restiveness by Revitalizing Some Dying Economic Sectors in Nigeria:*  
Hon. Osawaru Billy Famous (*Orhionniwon/Uhunnwode 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 Rising Insecurity in Nigeria and Youth Restiveness by Revitalizing Some Dying Economic Sectors in Nigeria:*

The House:

*Notes* that Government owes the people the responsibility of providing for their welfare and security as enshrined in Section 14(2)(b) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic

of Nigeria as amended, so it is binding on the government to fulfil its obligation to the people in this regard.

*Concerned* that banditry, killing, kidnapping, cultism and youth restiveness have worsened due to mass unemployment, with SB Morgen Intelligence (SBM) reporting over 10,000 people killed and 7,500 kidnapped in over 1,700 security incidents as at 2024, while the figure stood at 2,683 deaths, 1,107 kidnapped and 245 kidnap incidents in Q1 of 2025 alone;

*Also concerned* that Nigeria's general unemployment rate stood at 3.06% and youth unemployment rate stood at 5.34% as of 2025 per National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), and over 13.5 million out of school children which is the highest globally, and this creates rooms for them to be recruited by different criminal sets;

*Observes* with great worry that several sectors in Nigeria with high youth employment potential have collapsed or are underperforming; like:

- (i) Agriculture; where post-harvest losses have exceeded 40% due to lack of storage/processing and Nigeria spends billions annually on food imports while 70% of farmland is uncultivated largely due to insecurity also;
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*Cognizant* that some other countries like Vietnam, Bangladesh and Ethiopia reduced youth restiveness by 40-60% through targeted revamping of some critical sectors which created between 2-5 million jobs each within 5 years;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Executive Arm to declare a "National Youth Jobs Emergency" and prioritize revamping of key dying sectors with highest youth engagement capacity;
- (ii) Call on the Executive Arm:
  - (a) Urgently revive the Textile Industries in Kaduna and other State of the Federation as this will create many job opportunities for the unemployed and in turn address the youth restiveness. And to also look into banning importation of used clothing and enforce patronizing of Made-in-Nigeria cloths, uniforms for schools, security agencies, National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), etc;
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*Debate.**Agreed to.**The House:*

*Notes* that Government owes the people the responsibility of providing for their welfare and security as enshrined in Section 14(2)(b) of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as amended, so it is binding on the government to fulfil its obligation to the people in this regard.

*Concerned* that banditry, killing, kidnapping, cultism and youth restiveness have worsened

due to mass unemployment, with SB Morgen Intelligence (SBM) reporting over 10,000 people killed and 7,500 kidnapped in over 1,700 security incidents as at 2024, while the figure stood at 2,683 deaths, 1,107 kidnapped and 245 kidnap incidents in Q1 of 2025 alone;

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7. Presentation of Bill  
Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill, 2026 (HB.2819) was read the *First Time*:

8. *Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do commence debate on the Second Reading on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 to Extend the Implementation of the Capital Aspect of the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 from 30th September 2026 to 31st December 2026 and for Related Matters (HB.2819), pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 3 (1) to it" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 to Extend the Implementation of the Capital Aspect of the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 from 30th September 2026 to 31st December 2026 and for Related Matters (HB.2819) — *Second Reading*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 to Extend the Implementation of the Capital Aspect of the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 from 30th September 2026 to 31st December 2026 and for Related Matters (HB.2819) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Debate.*

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

*Bill read the Second Time.*

*Bill referred to the Committee of Supply.*

10. *Consideration of Report*

*A Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 to Extend the Implementation of the Capital Aspect of the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 from 30th September 2026 to 31st December 2026 and for Related Matters (HB.2819) (Committee of Supply):*

*Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 to Extend the Implementation of the Capital Aspect of the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 from 30th September 2026 to 31st December 2026 and for Related Matters (HB.2819)" (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).*

*Agreed to.*

*Motion made and Question proposed "That the Deputy Speaker do preside in the Committee of Supply, pursuant to Order Seven, Rule 2 (1). — Agreed to.*

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)**

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION (REPEAL AND ENACTMENT) ACT 2025, TO EXTEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAPITAL ASPECT OF THE APPROPRIATION (REPEAL AND ENACTMENT) ACT, 2025 FROM 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2026 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2026**

**Clause 1: Amendment of Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025**  
The Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 (in this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

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

**Clause 2: Amendment of Section 12**  
Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the date "30th September, 2026", the date "31st December 2026 (*Hon. Julius Ihonybere — House Leader*)".

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

**Clause 3: Citation**  
This Bill may be cited as the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill, 2026. (*Hon. Julius Ihonybere — House Leader*).

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

#### **Explanatory Memorandum**

This Bill seeks to amend the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act 2025, to extend the implementation of the Capital aspect of the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 from 30 th September, 2026 to 31 st December, 2026 (*Hon. Julius Ihonybere — House Leader*).

*Agree to.*

*Chairman to report Bill.*

#### **(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 to Extend the Implementation of the Capital Aspect of the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 from 30th September 2026 to 31st December 2026 and for Related Matters (HB.2819) 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 Supply — Agreed to.*

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 to Extend the Implementation of the Capital Aspect of the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 from 30th September 2026 to 31st December 2026 and for Related Matters (HB.2819) — *Third Reading.*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 to Extend the Implementation of the Capital Aspect of the Appropriation (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2025 from 30th September 2026 to 31st December 2026 and for Related Matters (HB.2819) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonybere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third Time and passed.*

## 12. Adjournment of the First Sitting

*That the House do adjourn the First Sitting till 1.04 p.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).*

*The House adjourned accordingly at 1. 00 p.m.*

*Benjamin Okezie Kalu  
Deputy Speaker*