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

Thursday, 29 October, 2026

1. The House met at 11.05 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, 28 October, 2026.

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

4. **Announcements**
***Visitors in the Gallery*:**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced the presence of the following visitors:
(*i*) Staff and Students of Covenant Foundation School, Lugbe, Abuja;

(*ii*) Staff and Students of Nigerian Tulip International Colleges, Ikeja, Lagos State;

(*iii*) Members of the Action Peoples Party (APP), Ideato North Local Government Area, Imo State.

5. **Petitions**
(*i*) A petition from Yahaya Olabode Oladosu, on non-payment of his pension arrears by the Nigerian Army, was presented and laid by Hon Adeyemi Akeem Adeniyi (*Afijio/Oyo Eat/Oyo West/Atiba Federal Constituency*);

(*ii*) A petition from H. O. Akwajire and Associate (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Francis T. Okoemu, on alleged non-payment of the sum of £41,565.53 (Forty-One thousand, Five hundred and Sixty-five Pounds Sterling, Fifty three Pence) as outstanding balance of the contract by the Nigeria High Commission, was presented and laid by Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (*Oshodi/Isolo* II *Federal Constituency*);

(*iii*) A petition from Concerned Residents of Ogwuikpele and Obeagwe Communities, on behalf of Obeagwe Akoli-Ogidi Ogwu-Ikpele Ogwuaniocha United for Community Development

Initiative, on alleged lack of transparency in operations at OML 143, by Sterling Exploration and Energy Production Limited (SEEPCO), was presented and laid by Hon. Dominic Okafor (*Aguata Federal Constituency*);

*Petitions referred to the* ***Committee on Public Petitions.***

6. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
***Need for Intervention Following the Deadly Bandit Attack on Binnari Community in Karim Lamido Local Government Area of Taraba State:***
Hon. Mohammed Audu (*Karim Lamido/Lau/Ardo-Kola 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 Intervention Following the Deadly Bandit Attack on Binnari Community in Karim Lamido Local Government Area of Taraba State:**

The House:

*Notes* that, on 23 October, 2026, bandits attacked Binarin community in Karim Lamido Local Government Area of Taraba State on a market day, when traders and residents had gathered at the market; then sporadic gunfire erupted instantly leading to the death of ten (10) people at the spot;

*Also notes* that the attack resulted in wide spread panic leading people to jump into the river, and bringing the total number of death to about 57 to 60, the attackers came through Dutsen Zaki under Compani Ward in Wase Local Government, Madam Forest, Kukawa all under Kanam Local Government in Plateau State, and around Yankari Government Reserve, Gwana Mountain, in Alkaleri Local Government Area, which all shares boarder with Amar Ward, Didango Ward, Andami Ward and Bachama Ward all in Karim Lamido Local Government Area, Taraba State;

*Concerned* that such deadly attack has never taken place in Karim Lamido Local Government, and has brought untold hardship to the inhabitant of the area;Aware that there are no access roads leading to all the areas which brought the need for urgent completion of the abandoned road project from Wase to Karim Lamido to enable easy access for security personnel to move immediately to areas when there is crises;

*Alarmed* that on 26 October, 2026, the attackers returned to neighbouring Gomben Dela community and looted food items and snatched vehicles, however no life was lost;

*Resolves to*:

(*i*) observe a minute of silence in honour of the people killed during the attack in Binari and surrounding villages;

(*ii*) urge the Executive Arm, through the relevant security agencies to synergize information sharing between all security agencies in Plateau, .Bauchi and Taraba States to forestall re-occurrence;

(*iii*) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), North East Development Commission (NEDC), Refugee Commission and other relevant humanitarian agencies to assist the affected areas with building materials, food items, blankets, mattresses mats and assistance to affected families and survivors;

(*iv*) appreciate the Governor of Taraba State, the GOC, the Brigade Commander, Commissioner of Police, State Director of DSS and other security agencies in the State for their prompt reaction to the incident (*Hon. Mohamme Audu — Karim Lamido/Lau/Ardo Kola Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

*Agreed to.*

The House:

*Noted* that, on 23 October, 2026, bandits attacked Binarin community in Karim Lamido Local Government Area of Taraba State on a market day, when traders and residents had gathered at the market; then sporadic gunfire erupted instantly leading to the death of ten (10) people at the spot;

*Also noted* that the attack resulted in wide spread panic leading people to jump into the river, and bringing the total number of death to about 57 to 60, the attackers came through Dutsen Zaki under Compani Ward in Wase Local Government, Madam Forest, Kukawa all under Kanam Local Government in Plateau State, and around Yankari Government Reserve, Gwana Mountain, in Alkaleri Local Government Area, which all shares boarder with Amar Ward, Didango Ward, Andami Ward and Bachama Ward all in Karim Lamido Local Government Area, Taraba State;

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(*iii*) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), North East Development Commission (NEDC), Refugee Commission and other relevant humanitarian agencies to assist the affected areas with building materials, food items, blankets, mattresses mats and assistance to affected families and survivors;

(*iv*) appreciate the Governor of Taraba State, the GOC, the Brigade Commander, Commissioner of Police, State Director of DSS and other security agencies in the State for their prompt reaction to the incident (**HR. 139/10/2026**).

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

7. **Presentation of Bills**
The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

(1) Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 436).

(2) Agriculture Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 829).

(3) Federal University of Technology Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 635).

(4) National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Establishment) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB.74).

(5) Federal University of Technology Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026(SB. 395).

(6) Domestic Workers Protection, Welfare and Regulation Bill, 2026 (HB. 2844).

(7) Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026(SB. 872).

(8) Nigeria Police Veterans Commission Bill, 2026 (HB.2847).

(9) Federal Universities of Agriculture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (SB. 732).

(10) National Payment Data Protection and Sovereignty Commission Bill, 2026 (HB. 2846).

(11) Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2845).

8. **Presentation of Reports**

(*i*) ***Committee on Safety Standards and Regulations*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Safety Standards and Regulations on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Safety Regulatory Board and for Related Matters (HB.1377)" (*Hon. Kalejaiye Paul Adeboye — Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

(*ii*) ***Ad-Hoc Committee on the Rising insecurity and Loss of Several Lives in Abuja, FCT*:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the Rising Insecurity and Loss of Several Lives in Abuja, Federal Capital Territory, despite the CCTV Project Secured with A Chinese Loan of $460M" (HR.78/10/2025)" (*Hon. Ojogo Donald Kimikanboh — Ese-Odo/Ilaje Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Report laid.*

9. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Information Technology, Ikare-Akoko, to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 289) — *Third Reading*.**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Information Technology, Ikare-Akoko, to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 289) 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 National Eye Centre Jimeta, Adamawa State, for the Prevention and Cure of Eye Defects and Diseases and for Related Matters (SB. 524) — *Third Reading***
*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Eye Centre Jimeta, Adamawa State, for the Prevention and Cure of Eye Defects and Diseases and for Related Matters (SB. 524) 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 Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 and Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Ohafia, Abia State and for Related Matters (HB. 257) — *Third Reading***
*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 and Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Ohafia, Abia State and for Related Matters (HB. 257) 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 Penalize the Poor Quality, Shabby, Shoddy and Sub-Standard Execution of Buildings, Bridges and Roads Construction Contracts in all Federal Government Ministries, Agencies and Parastatals by Contractors and Resident Supervisory Engineers and for Related Matters (HB. 1790) — *Second Reading***

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education Umuobom, Imo State, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instruction on Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and to carry out Research, Innovation, Development and Adaptation of Teaching Techniques and for Related Matters (HB.1425) — *Second Reading***
*Motion made and Question proposed,* "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education Umuobom, Imo State, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instruction on Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and to carry out Research, Innovation, Development and Adaptation of Teaching Techniques and for Related Matters (HB.1425) 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 Federal Colleges of Education.*

14. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ibadan North, Oyo State and for Related Matters (HB. 2639) — *Second Reading***

*Order read; deferred by leave of the House.*

15. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Ifako-Ijaiye, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB. 2296)** — *Second Reading*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Ifako-Ijaiye, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB. 2296) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Olabinjo Benjamin Adeyemi — Ifako-Ijaiye 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.***

16. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Aviation Technology Ihiala, Anambra State; to provide for its functions, administration, powers, financing, academic programmes, award of certificates, diplomas and degrees; and for Related Matters (HB. 328)** — *Second Reading*

*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Aviation Technology Ihiala, Anambra State; to provide for its functions, administration, powers, financing, academic programmes, award of certificates, diplomas and degrees; and for Related Matters (HB. 328) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Paschal Agbodike — Ihiala 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 Aviation Technology.***

17. **Call on the Federal Government to introduce a One-Year Tuition Fee Waiver for Students in Federal Tertiary Institutions and urge State Governments to adopt a Similar Measure to alleviate the economic hardship:**

*Order read; withdrawn by leave of the House.*

18. **Need to Review the Implementation of the Nigerian Communications Commission's Mobile Phone Device Verification Requirements:**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) is strengthening the enforcement of Type Approval and device verification requirements for mobile phones and other SIM-enabled devices through the Device Management System (DMS) and the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR), which facilitate the identification and verification of devices using their International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) numbers;

*Also aware* that the enhanced verification framework, effective from 7 October, 2026, imposes compliance requirements on newly imported devices and may increase Compliance costs for importers and retailers, with consequential increases in mobile phone prices;

*Concerned* that technical errors, database mismatches or limitations in the NCC's Scanning and verification system may result in legitimately used and second-hand mobile phones being rejected or blocked, thereby creating difficulties for lawful users and businesses;

*Also concerned* that the cost and complexity of compliance may burden small-scale importers and retailers, disrupt legitimate trade and deny low-income and less privileged Nigerians access to affordable mobile phones essential for communication, education and business;

*Recognizes* the legitimate objectives of the NCC in combating counterfeit, cloned and stolen devices, while safeguarding legitimate businesses and ensuring affordable access to mobile phones;

*Resolves to*:

(*i*) urge the Nigerian Communications Commission to:

(*a*) review the implementation of the device verification framework in consultation with relevant stakeholders, with a view to simplifying procedures and reducing compliance costs,

(*b*) establish a fair and accessible verification process for used and second-hand mobile phones to prevent legitimate devices from being unfairly rejected or blocked and to protect access to affordable mobile phones;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Communications and Commerce to engage the Nigerian Communications Commission and relevant stakeholders on the implementation of the framework and report within four (4) weeks;

(*iii*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance (*Hon. Sani Adamu Wakili — Minjibir/Ungogo Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.*

***Agreed to.***

The House:

*Noted* that the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) is strengthening the enforcement of Type Approval and device verification requirements for mobile phones and other SIM-enabled devices through the Device Management System (DMS) and the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR), which facilitate the identification and verification of devices using their International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) numbers;

*Also aware* that the enhanced verification framework, effective from 7 October, 2026, imposes compliance requirements on newly imported devices and may increase Compliance costs for importers and retailers, with consequential increases in mobile phone prices;

*Concerned* that technical errors, database mismatches or limitations in the NCC's Scanning and verification system may result in legitimately used and second-hand mobile phones being rejected or blocked, thereby creating difficulties for lawful users and businesses;

*Also concerned* that the cost and complexity of compliance may burden small-scale importers and retailers, disrupt legitimate trade and deny low-income and less privileged Nigerians access to affordable mobile phones essential for communication, education and business;

*Recognized* the legitimate objectives of the NCC in combating counterfeit, cloned and stolen devices, while safeguarding legitimate businesses and ensuring affordable access to mobile phones;

*Resolved to*:

(*i*) urge the Nigerian Communications Commission to:

(*a*) review the implementation of the device verification framework in consultation with relevant stakeholders, with a view to simplifying procedures and reducing compliance costs,

(*b*) establish a fair and accessible verification process for used and second-hand mobile phones to prevent legitimate devices from being unfairly rejected or blocked and to protect access to affordable mobile phones;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Communications and Commerce to engage the Nigerian Communications Commission and relevant stakeholders on the implementation of the framework and report within four (4) weeks;

(*iii*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance **(HR. 140/10/2026).**

19. **Need to Complete the Rehabilitation of Kirikiri Federal Road in Ajeromi-Ifelodun Federal Constituency, Lagos State**

*Motion made and Question proposed:*

The House:

*Notes* that on Tuesday, 3 October, 2023, the House of Representatives previously adopted a resolution **(HR. 192/10/2023)**, pursuant to a motion titled "The Need to Rehabilitate the Kirikiri Federal Road in Ajeromi-Ifelodun Federal Constituency of Lagos State," which mandated urgent statutory intervention to rectify the deplorable condition of the aforementioned infrastructure;

*Aware* that the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), subsequently undertook major rehabilitation works on the Amuwo section, while leaving out the Ajeromi-Ifelodun section of the road unattended to;

*Also aware* that the substantive intent of the aforementioned resolution remains unfulfilled, consequently subjecting residents, commuters, commercial transport operators, and economic entities within the Ajeromi-Ifelodun Federal Constituency to persistent logistical and transportation hardships;

*Recognises* that the previous resolution of the House on the matter was intended to secure a lasting solution to the deplorable condition of the road and that the outstanding rehabilitation requirements call for renewed legislative attention and effective follow-up;

*Resolves to*:

(*i*) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to:

(*a*) undertake an assessment of the Kirikiri Federal Road, prioritizing the dilapidated Berger-Suya axis within the Ajeromi-Ifelodun Federal Constituency and assess the quality of the rehabilitation works already carried out and ensure that all defective or substandard segments are promptly rectified to meet statutory engineering standards,

(*b*) return to the designated corridors within the Ajeromi-Ifelodun Federal Constituency and expedite the completion of outstanding restorative works, ensuring the full actualization of the legislative intent established in the antecedent resolution of the House;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to

ensure compliance (*Hon. Kalejaiye Adeboye Paul — Ajeromi-Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**(HR. 141/10/2026).**

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

20. **Consideration of Reports**

(*i*) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 and Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Iyamho, Edo State and for Related Matters*** **(SB. 717) (*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, 2022 and Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Iyamho, Edo State and for Related Matters (SB. 717)" (*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 FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRES ACT AND ESTABLISH FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, IYAMHO, EDO STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

**Clause 1:** **Amendment of the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2023.**
The Federal Medical centres Act, 2022 (hereinafter called "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 — Agreed to.*

**Clause 2:** **Amendment of the Second Schedule.**
The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new item "22" —

"22 (*v*) Federal Medical Centre, Iyamho, Edo State (*Hon. Julius 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 Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (*Hon. Julius 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 and establish Federal Medical Centre, Iyamho, Edo State (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**
A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Iyamho, Edo State; and for Related Matters (SB. 717) (*Hon. Julius 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, 2022 and Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Iyamho, Edo State and for Related Matters (SB. 717) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(*ii*) ***A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund Act, Cap. N88, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and the Employees' Compensation Act, Cap. E17A, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and to enact the Nigeria Employees' Compensation Trust Fund Agency Bill, 2026 to make provisions for compensation for any death, injury, disease or disability arising out of or in the course of work; and for Related Matters* (SB. 557) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund Act, Cap. N88, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and the Employees' Compensation Act, Cap. E17A, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and to enact the Nigeria Employees' Compensation Trust Fund Agency Bill, 2026 to make provisions for compensation for any death, injury, disease or disability arising out of or in the course of work and for Related Matters (SB. 557)" (*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 REPEAL THE NIGERIA SOCIAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND ACT, CAP. N88, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 AND THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT, CAP. E17A LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004, AND TO ENACT THE NIGERIA EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION TRUST FUND AGENCY BILL, 2026 TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR COMPENSATION FOR ANY DEATH, INJURY, DISEASE OR DISABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR IN THE COURSE OF WORK AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (SB. 557)

*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 Repeal the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund Act, Cap. N88, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and the Employees' Compensation Act, Cap. E17A, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and to enact the Nigeria Employees' Compensation Trust Fund Agency Bill, 2026 to make provisions for compensation for any death, injury, disease or disability arising out of or in the course of work and for Related Matters (SB. 557) and approved Clauses 1 - 88, the Schedule, 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 Health Institutions:***
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 and Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Obi, Benue State and for Related Matters (HB.163)" (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

***Agreed to.***

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

**(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)**

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRES ACT AND ESTABLISH FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, OHAFIA, ABIA STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

***Committee's Recommendation:***
**Clause 1:** **Amendment of the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2023.**
The Federal Medical centres Act, 2022 (hereinafter called "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***
**Clause 2:** **Amendment of the Second Schedule.**
The Second Schedule to the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new item "22" —

"22. Federal Medical Centre, Ohafia, Abia State" (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

***Committee's Recommendation:***
**Clause 3:** **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

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

**Explanatory Memorandum:**
This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 and establish Federal Medical

Centre, Ohafia, Abia State (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Long Title:**
A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ohafia, Abia State; and for Related Matters (HB.257) (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

*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 of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 and Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Obi, Benue State and for Related Matters (HB.163) 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.*

(*iv*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:
**Report on the Petition by Olubamiji &Co.:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Olubamiji & Co. against the Nigeria Army and the Nigeria Police Force on the gruesome murder of Babajide Owolabi on the 6 August, 2019 by Soldiers attached to 93 Battalion, Takum, Taraba State, while on national assignment with the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Intelligence Response Team (IRT)" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan 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*)

*Recommendation (i)*:
"That the killing of Babajide Owolabi and two others from the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Intelligence Response Team (IRT) by Nigerian soldiers attached to 93 Battalion, Takum, Taraba State, was a case of mistaken identity in which the Nigerian Army acted within the rules of engagement, which permit troops to return or open fire when any unidentified adversary is armed" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

**Amendment Proposed:**
In the Recommendation, immediately after the word "within", *insert* the words "three (3) months" *Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

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

*Recommendation (ii)*:

"That the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) has expressed its willingness to process all the benefits and entitlements of the deceased if his next of kin provides the NPF with all necessary documents for that purpose within three (3) months" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

***Recommendation (iii):***
"That the next of kin to the deceased (Babajide Owolabi) should make available all the necessary documents needed by the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) to process the entitlements and benefits of the deceased within the shortest possible time of three (3) months" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

***Recommendation (iv):***
"Urge the Inspector-General of Police to pay adequate compensation to the family of Babajide Owolabi for the loss of their son in the incident of the exchange of fire" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

**Amendment Proposed:**
"In the Recommendation, immediately after the words "to pay", *leave out* the word "adequate", and *insert* the words "in accordance with extant laws" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*) — ***Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Proceedings.*

## (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 Public Petitions on the Petition by Olubamiji & Co. against the Nigeria Army and the Nigeria Police Force on the gruesome murder of Babajide Owolabi on the 6 August, 2019 by Soldiers attached to 93 Battalion, Takum, Taraba State, while on national assignment with the Inspector-General of Police (IGP) Intelligence Response Team (IRT) and approved Recommendation (*i*) as amended, approved Recommendations (*ii*) - (*iii*), and approved Recommendation (*iv*) as amended.

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

(*v*) ***Committee on Public Petitions:***
**Report on the Petition by P. P. Alajo & Associates:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by P. P. Alajo & Associates against National Examinations Council (NECO) for unlawful dismissal from office" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan 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)*

***Recommendation (i):***

"Urge the Registrar/Chief Executive, National Examinations Council to revisit the Petitioners dismissal and reinstate Mr Balogun Olarongbe into the services of National Examinations Council since the available records showed that the error made in the Petitioners Certificate was not his fault but caused by the Kogi State Ministry of Education and should not be used against the Petitioner" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

**Amendment Proposed:**
In the Recommendation, immediately after the words "dismissal and", *insert* the word "immediately" (*Hon. Aluko Ahmed Yinka — Ilorin East/Ilorin South Federal Constituency*).

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

***Recommendation (ii):***
"Pay him all the arrears of his salaries and entitlements from 2019 when he was dismissed to date" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

***Recommendation (iii):***
"That the Petitioner should make records of his service available to the Management of NECO to enable them prepare his entitlement and benefits" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Chairman to report Proceedings.*

(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 Public Petitions on the Petition by P. P. Alajo & Associates against National Examinations Council (NECO) for unlawful dismissal from office and approved Recommendation (*i*) as amended, and approved Recommendations (*ii*) and (*iii*) of the Report.

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

(*vi*) ***Committee on Public Petitions:***
**Report on the Petition by Mr Celestine Williams Obot:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Celestine Williams Obot against the Nigeria Police Force on the non-implementation of the directive of the Inspector-General of Police and the Police Service Commission regarding his reinstatement, rank placement, and payment of entitlements" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan 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*)

***Recommendation (i):***
"That the Inspector-General of Police, the Force Secretary and all relevant Departments should take

immediate administrative steps to ensure compliance with the directive of the Police Service Commission regarding Mr Celestine Williams Obot" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Recommendation (ii)*:
"That Mr Celestine Williams Obot, should be properly placed on the rank of Superintendent of Police (SP) as approved by the Police Service Commission" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Recommendation (iii)*:
"That all outstanding salary arrears, allowances, and other entitlements due to the petitioner should be computed and paid in accordance with the decision of the Police Service Commission" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

**Amendment Proposed:**
In the Recommendation, immediately after the word "Commission", *insert* the words "within three (3) months" (*Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi — Oshodi/Isolo II Federal Constituency*) .

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

*Chairman to report Proceedings.*

(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 Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr. Celestine Williams Obot against the Nigeria Police Force on the non-implementation of the directive of the Inspector-General of Police and the Police Service Commission regarding his reinstatement, rank placement, and payment of entitlements and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*ii*), and approved recommendation (*iii*) as amended.

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

(*vii*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Report on the Petition by Alhaji Yakubu Mohammed:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Alhaji Yakubu Mohammed against the Federal Ministry of Works and Federal Road Safety Corps over alleged unlawful trespass" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan 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*)

***Recommendation (i)*:**
"Urge the Federal Ministry of Works to withdraw any purported allocation, concession or approval not shown to have been granted to the Federal Road Safety Corps in accordance with provisions of

the Federal Highways (Use of Right of Way, Control and Prohibition of Advertising) Regulations, 2013 Section 1. No. 22 of 2013" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Recommendation (ii)*:
"Also urge the Federal Road Safety Corps to immediately vacate the disputed property situated at KM12, Kaduna-Abuja Expressway, Kakau Village, Chikun Local Government Area, Kaduna State, covered by Certificate of Occupancy No. KDL 266501 and peacefully hand over possession thereof to the Petitioner, Alhaji Yakubu Mohammed" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Chairman to report Proceedings.*

(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 Public Petitions on the Petition by Alhaji Yakubu Mohammed against the Federal Ministry of Works and Federal Road Safety Corps over alleged unlawful trespass and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*ii*) of the Report.

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

(*viii*) *Committee on Public Petitions*:
**Report on the Petition by Mr Femi Louis Ogunleye:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Femi Louis Ogunleye against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) over the alleged unlawful termination of his employment" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan 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*)

*Recommendation (i)*:
"Urge the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to reinstate Mr. Femi Louis Ogunleye to the service of the Agency without loss of seniority" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Recommendation (ii)*:
"Pay all outstanding salaries, allowances, promotions, and other entitlements due to him from the date of his unlawful termination to the date of reinstatement" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

*Recommendation (iii)*:
"Ensure full compliance with all applicable disciplinary procedures and constitutional safeguards in future disciplinary proceedings involving its personnel" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

*Agreed to.*

**Amendment Proposed:**
**New Recommendation (*iv*):**
*Insert* a new Recommendation (*iv*) as follows:
"Urge the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to comply with the recommendations within three (3) months" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan Federal Constituency*).

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

*Question that New Recommendation (iv) stands part of the Report — **Agreed to.***

*Chairman to report Proceedings.*

**(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 Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr. Femi Louis Ogunleye against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) over the alleged unlawful termination of his employment and approved Recommendations (*i*) - (*iii*), and approved a new Recommendation (*iv*) of the Report.

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

(*ix*) ***Committee on Public Petitions*:**
**Report on the Petition by UC Oparaugo and Co.:**
*Motion made and Question proposed*, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by UC Oparaugo and Co. on behalf of Chief Sam Okoye against Madonna University, Rev. Fr Emmanuel Edeh, Rev. Isaac Nginga, Mr. Ogbonna Okey and others over the alleged abduction and abuse of Mr Ifeanyi Stanley Okoye and Mr Galim Lord Aondofa" (*Hon. Kwamoti Laori Bitrus — Demsa/Lamurde/Numan 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*)

*Consideration deferred.*

*Chairman to report Proceedings.*

**(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 Public Petitions on the Petition by UC Oparaugo and Co. on behalf of Chief Sam Okoye against Madonna University, Rev. Fr Emmanuel Edeh, Rev. Isaac Nginga, Mr Ogbonna Okey and others over the alleged abduction and abuse of Mr Ifeanyi Stanley Okoye and Mr Galim Lord Aondofa.

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

**21. Adjournment**

*That the House do adjourn till Tuesday*, 3 *November*, 2026 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

*The House adjourned accordingly at* 1.21 *p.m.*

**Benjamin Okezie Kalu**
*Deputy Speaker*