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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 18 November, 2026

1. The House met at 11.10 a.m.

2. The House sang the National Anthem, recited the National Pledge and Mr Speaker read the Prayers.

3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 17 November, 2026.

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

4. **Message**

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134-1/HR/47/EB *10th November*, 2026

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

Rt Honourable Speaker,

TRANSMISSION OF THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026 FOR CONSIDERATION

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Pursuant to Sections 58 (2) *of the* 1999 *Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria* (*as amended*), *I forward, herewith, the National Mental Health* (*Amendment*) *Bill*, 2026 *for the kind consideration of the House of Representatives.*

The National Mental Health (*Amendment*) *Bill*, 2026 *seeks to amend the National Mental Health Act, No.* 46, 2021 (*the "Principal Act"*) *to decriminalise attempted suicide and to provide support to any person who attempts to commit suicide in Nigeria.*

While appreciating the House of Representative and look forward to your usual expeditious consideration on this submission, please accept, Rt Hon. Speaker, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Bola Ahmed Tinubu

5. Petitions

The following petitions were presented and laid by Hon Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (*Oshodi Isolo II Federal Constituency*):

(*i*) Quint Essence Chambers (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Uchenna Ekwenye, on alleged detention, forgery and sexual assault by 5 Officers of the Nigerian Police Force, Panti-Yaba, Lagos State;

(*ii*) Mudims Attorneys (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Aliyu Alhassan Esq, on alleged mismanagement of Nigerian Crude Oil Resources by the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Trading Limited;

(*iii*) Sterling Grails Solicitors (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Ugwu Ijeoma and 1 other, on alleged non-payment of next-of-kin claim by the National Pension Commission (PENCOM) and the Management of Stanbic IBTC Pension Manager;

(*iv*) Lawalk Alliance & Partners (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Paragon Clinics and Imaging, on alleged unlawful withholding of funds and corrupt practices by Green Energy International Limited and, Lekoil Oil and Gas Limited.

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

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

(*i*) ***Need to Curb the Recurring Farmers-Herders Clashes in Gombe, Kwami, Funakaye, Yamaltu and Deba Local Government Areas, Gombe State*:**
Hon. Inuwa Garba (*Yamaltu/Deba 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 to Curb the Recurring Farmers-Herders Clashes in Gombe, Kwami, Funakaye, Yamaltu and Deba Local Government Areas, Gombe State:

The House:
Notes with dismay the recurring attacks of farmers by herders in the Gombe/Kwami/Funakaye, and Yamaltu Deba Federal Constituencies of Gombe State despite previous efforts made to curtail this unhealthy development;

Worried that between Friday, 13 and Tuesday,.17 November, 2026, herders has continually attacked farmers in these two (2) federal constituencies leaving about five (5) persons seriously injured and hospitalized, about 150 cows rustled, motor-cycles snatched, farmlands and crops destroyed through unlawful grazing and wilful trespassing;

Also worried that this development has threatened the peace and security in the two federal constituencies, adversely affecting socio-economic activities in the affected areas;

Disturbed that the ongoing harvest season will be affected if nothing is urgently done to curb the attacks;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Ministry of Livestock Development to liaise with Yobe, Gombe, Adamawa, and Taraba State governments with a view to re-establishing cattle routes and grazing areas in the region with a view to ensuring environmental safety for farmers, herders and the general public;

(*ii*) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), North-East Development Commission (NEDC), Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (HYPPADEC) and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to urgently support the affected persons in the 2 federal constituencies with relief materials;

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to liaise with the Office of the National Security Adviser to the President to urgently intervene and direct security agencies towards curtailing the recurring menace;

(*iv*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within two (2) week (*Hon. Inuwa Garba — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency and One Other*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted with dismay the recurring attacks of farmers by herders in the Gombe/Kwami/Funakaye, and Yamaltu Deba Federal Constituencies of Gombe State despite previous efforts made to curtail this unhealthy development;

Worried that between Friday, 13 and Tuesday,.17 November, 2026, herders has continually attacked farmers in these two (2) federal constituencies leaving about five (5) persons seriously injured and hospitalized, about 150 cows rustled, motor-cycles snatched, farmlands and crops destroyed through unlawful grazing and wilful trespassing;

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(*iv*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within two (2) week **(HR. 164/11/2026).**

(*ii*) ***Need to Reform the Legal Framework for Railway Operations and Private Sector Participation in Nigeria*:**
Hon. Adesola Samuel Adedayo (*Apapa Federal Constituency*), and Thirty-One Others, 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 Reform the Legal Framework for Railway Operations and Private Sector Participation in Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that a safe and reliable railway network can reduce the cost of moving passengers and goods, improve connections between seaports, inland terminals and centres of production, and ease pressure on federal highways;

Also notes that the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act, Cap. N129, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, was framed around a centralised model of railway development and requires review to provide clear rules for concessions, joint ventures, private railway operations and access to federal railway infrastructure;

Recalls that the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Fifth Alteration) (No.

16) Act, 2023 moved railways to the Concurrent Legislative List and empowered State Houses of Assembly to legislate for state railway carriers and infrastructure within their respective States;

Concerned that, as States exercise their powers over railways, continued uncertainty over how State and private operators may connect to or use federal railway infrastructure could delay investment and complicate decisions on track access, safety certification and operating responsibility;

Also concerned that railway concessions and other long-term partnerships require safeguards for public assets and rights-of-way, transparent procurement, affordable passenger services, and the protection of the employment and pension rights of affected workers;

Convinced that a clear framework for private sector participation would help mobilise investment in rail infrastructure, rolling stock, passenger services and freight operations, while improving the operational efficiency and financial performance of the Nigerian Railway Corporation and enabling it to fulfil its public service obligations;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation, in collaboration with the Nigerian Railway Corporation, the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission and State Governments, to identify priority passenger and freight corridors and submit to the House, within 60 days, an implementation plan for investments and partnerships that may proceed under existing law, together with the legislative changes required for wider participation;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Land Transport to engage the relevant federal and state authorities, railway operators, organised labour and other stakeholders and report back within six weeks with recommendations to guide consideration of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, with particular reference to —

(*a*) the review of statutory provisions conferring exclusivity on the Corporation, the respective powers of the Federation and the States, and safeguards against conflicts between regulatory and operating functions,

(*b*) transparent and competitive procurement of concessions, joint ventures, build-operate-transfer arrangements and other public-private partnerships, with safeguards for public ownership of core railway assets and rights-of-way,

(*c*) safety certification, licensing, fair and non-discriminatory track access, transparent charges and a mechanism for resolving access disputes,

(*d*) commercially sustainable tariffs, provision for publicly funded obligations on socially necessary routes, and the use of proceeds from railway assets to support infrastructure and rolling stock,

(*e*) the protection of staff entitlements and pension rights, provision for local content and skills transfer, and annual reporting on safety, punctuality, freight volumes and financial performance; and

(*iii*) also mandate the Committee on Land Transport to ensure compliance (*Hon. Adesola Samuel Adedayo — Apapa Federal Constituency, and Thirty-One Others*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that a safe and reliable railway network can reduce the cost of moving passengers and goods, improve connections between seaports, inland terminals and centres of production, and ease pressure on federal highways;

Also noted that the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act, Cap. N129, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, was framed around a centralised model of railway development and requires review to provide clear rules for concessions, joint ventures, private railway operations and access to federal railway infrastructure;

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Concerned that, as States exercise their powers over railways, continued uncertainty over how State and private operators may connect to or use federal railway infrastructure could delay investment and complicate decisions on track access, safety certification and operating responsibility;

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(*e*) the protection of staff entitlements and pension rights, provision for local content and skills transfer, and annual reporting on safety, punctuality, freight volumes and financial performance; and

(*iii*) also mandate the Committee on Land Transport to ensure compliance **(HR. 165/11/2026).**

(*iii*) ***Need to Investigate the Alleged Distribution and Administration of Suspected Poisonous, Unregistered/Substandard Herbal Medicinal Products in Oju and Obi Local Government Areas, Benue State*:**
Hon. David Agada Ogewu (*Oju/Obi 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 Investigate the Alleged Distribution and Administration of Suspected Poisonous, Unregistered/Substandard Herbal Medicinal Products in Oju and Obi Local Government Areas, Benue State:

The House:

Notes that Section 33(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), guarantees every citizen the fundamental right to life, while Sections 14 (2) (*b*) and 17 (3) (*d*) place a responsibility on the State to promote the security, welfare, health and safety of the people;

Also notes that the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) Act empowers the Agency to regulate and control the manufacture, distribution, sale and use of drugs, herbal medicinal products and other regulated health-related products in Nigeria;

Aware that the Food and Drugs Act and the Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act prohibit the manufacture, distribution and sale of unsafe, adulterated, counterfeit or unwholesome drugs and related products;

Concerned that on 31 October, 2026, three individuals identified as Muhammad Sani Adamu, Musa Alhaji Kala who claim to come from Sokoto State and Alhaji Muhammad Sule from Bauchi State allegedly introduced and distributed a herbal medicinal product in Oju/Obi Federal Constituency, Benue State, claiming that the product could cure typhoid fever, waist pain and other ailments;

Also concerned that several residents reportedly purchased and consumed the said product, after which a number of them developed severe symptoms within hours and were rushed to different hospitals for emergency medical attention;

Disturbed that the incident has reportedly resulted in the deaths of four persons, namely: Awugo Joseph Oyije, who died on 2 November, 2026; James Ogah Onma, who died on 4 November, 2026, following referral for further medical treatment; Ode Friday Ogah died on 5 November, 2026; and Mr Agi Edugbeke who died on 11 November, 2026;

Also disturbed that eleven other persons were reportedly affected and receiving medical attention, with two referred to hospitals in Makurdi, the Benue State capital, namely: Otumala Ochele, Binta Sule, Onu Oboh, Adoga Onu, Upa James, Igbo Pius, Ochele Genesis, Otumala Amos, Uwa Baku, Ate Vivian Okpune and Roman Ehile;

Worried that other residents within the affected communities may have consumed the suspected product without being identified or may be receiving treatment outside recognised health facilities, thereby increasing the possibility of further casualties;

Also worried that the composition, source, manufacturing conditions, NAFDAC registration status, safety, dosage and possible adverse effects of the product remain unverified, raising serious concerns about the possible circulation of poisonous, adulterated, unregistered or substandard herbal medicinal products;

Recognises that the reported incident constitutes a serious public-health concern requiring immediate intervention by relevant federal and state authorities to establish the circumstances surrounding the deaths, prevent further exposure and ensure that those responsible, where culpability is established, are brought to justice;

Resolves to:

(*i*) observe a minute of silence in honour of the deceased;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC), and relevant Benue State health authorities to immediately undertake a coordinated emergency public-health intervention to identify, assess, treat and monitor all persons who may have consumed the suspected product;

(*iii*) also urge the Inspector-General of Police and other relevant law-enforcement agencies to investigate the reported deaths and illnesses, identify and apprehend persons found to be involved in the unlawful manufacture, supply or distribution of the product, and ensure that appropriate legal action is taken in accordance with the law;

(*iv*) further urge NAFDAC to carry out sensitazation on fake drugs related issue in Oju/Obi Federal Constituency; and

(*v*) mandate the Committees on "Specialty Health Care, Healthcare Services and Health Institutions to engage NAFDAC and other relevant agencies on strengthening the monitoring, regulation and enforcement of laws against the manufacture, advertisement and distribution of unregistered, adulterated, counterfeit and unsafe herbal medicinal products in Oju/Obi Federal Constituency and across the country, and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. David Agada Ogewu — Oju/Obi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*vi*) as follows:
"invite the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Nigeria Police Force and the Department for State Services (DSS), to appear before the Committees on National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and Police Affairs to explain the circumstances of herbal poisoning deaths and measures the Agencies are deploying to checkmating it" (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

(*ii*) In Prayer (*iv*), line 1, immediately after the acronym "NAFDAC", *insert* the words "and National Orientation Agency" (*Hon. Adesola Samuel Adedayo — Apapa Federal Constituency*).

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

(*iii*) In Prayer (*iv*), as amended, immediately after the words "Specialty Health Care, Healthcare Services and Health Institutions", *insert* the words "and Science Engineering" (*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:

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(*vi*) mandate the Committees on Specialty Health Care, Healthcare Services and Health Institutions and Science Engineering to engage NAFDAC and other relevant agencies on strengthening the monitoring, regulation and enforcement of laws against the manufacture, advertisement and distribution of unregistered, adulterated, counterfeit and unsafe herbal medicinal products in Oju/Obi Federal Constituency and across the country, and report within four (4) weeks **(HR. 166/11/2026).**

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

7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

(1) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2876).

(2) International Arbitration Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2878).

(3) National Broadcasting Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2879).

(4) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB.2885).

(5) Food, Drugs and Related Products (Registration, Etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2880).

(6) Counterfeit and Fake Drugs and Unwholesome Processed Foods (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2881).

(7) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB.2888).

(8) Food and Drugs Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2882).

(9) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB.2887).

(10) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2883).

(11) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB.2884).

(12) Federal College of Education (Technical), Ajegunle, Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2026 (HB.2886)

(13) Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB.2889).

8. Presentation of Reports

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

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Institute of Agricultural and applied Economists to regulate, control and determine the standard of knowledge to be attained by persons seeking to become members of the Institute and for Related Matters (HB.1351)" (*Hon. Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade — Egbado South/Ipokia Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

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

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make provision for the establishment of the Federal University of Agriculture, Ningi, Bauchi State and for Related Matters (HB.890)" (*Hon. Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade — .Egbado South/Ipokia Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Mines Ranger Service (NMRS) to Prevent, Combat Illegal Mining, Artisanal Mining and Other Crimes and for Related Matters (SB.253) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Mines Ranger Service (NMRS) to Prevent, Combat Illegal Mining, Artisanal Mining and Other Crimes and for Related Matters (SB.253) 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 Amend the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, No.5 of 2020 to Provide for the Designation, Registration and Enhanced Supervision of Systemically Important Institutions and for Related Matters (SB.959) — *Third Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, No.5 of 2020 to Provide for the Designation, Registration and Enhanced Supervision of Systemically Important Institutions and for Related Matters (SB.959) 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 to Establish the Federal Medical Centre Igbere, Abia State and for Related Matters (SB. 723) — *Third 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 Igbere, Abia State and for Related Matters (SB. 723) 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 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) — *Third 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 now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, etc.) Act, Cap. U15 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish the Federal University of Applied Sciences Teaching Hospital, Kachia, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (SB.1058) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, etc.) Act, Cap. U15 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish the Federal University of Applied Sciences Teaching Hospital, Kachia, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (SB.1058) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the ***Committee of the Whole.***

14. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, etc.) Act, Cap. U15 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish the Federal University of Health Sciences Teaching Hospital, Otukpo, Benue State and for Related Matters (SB.908) —** ***Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, etc.) Act, Cap. U15 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish the Federal University of Health Sciences Teaching Hospital, Otukpo, Benue State and for Related Matters (SB.908) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the ***Committee of the Whole.***

15. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. O9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and Enact the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Registration Council of Nigeria to Regulate the Training and Practice of the Profession of Optometry and Dispensing Optics and for Related Matters (HB. 964) —** ***Second Reading***

Order deferred by leave of the House.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Social Investment Programme Agency (Establishment) Act, 2023 to Reposition and Refocus the Agency for Better Performance and Improved Efficiency and for Related Matters (HB. 2633) —** ***Second Reading***

Order deferred by leave of the House.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Council of Economic Education and the Appointment of the Director-General of the Nigerian School of Economics and for Related Matters (HB. 2311) —** ***Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Council of Economic Education and the Appointment of the Director-General of the Nigerian School of Economics and for Related Matters (HB. 2311) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Fuad Kayode Laguda — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the ***Committees on National Planning and Economic Development, University Education, and Basic Education and Services.***

18. **A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,**

1999 to Create an Additional Local Government Area in Kogi State and for Related Matters (HB. 2528) — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Create an Additional Local Government Area in Kogi State and for Related Matters (HB. 2528) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Salman Idris — Ijumu/Kabba Bunu 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 Constitution Review.***

19. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute of Journalism and Media Studies for the purpose of providing Training, Research, Certification, and Professional Development in Journalism and Media Studies, Ikeja and for Related Matters (HB. 2532) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute of Journalism and Media Studies for the purpose of providing Training, Research, Certification, and Professional Development in Journalism and Media Studies, Ikeja and for Related Matters (HB. 2532) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Kalejaiye Adeboye Paul — Ajeromi/Ifelodun 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 Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values.***

20. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from Preceding Assembly Pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 (*d*) of the House of Representatives**
Motion made and Question proposed:

Federal College of Education (Technical), Ajegunle, Ogun State Bill:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16(d) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, the House may, upon being re-gazetted or circulated, reconsider in the Committee of the Whole, without commencing de novo, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent, but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Federal College of Education (Technical), Ajegunle, Ogun State Bill was passed by the preceding Assembly and transmitted to the President for assent, but assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the expiration of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Also aware that the Bill was re-gazetted as (HB. 2886) and read the first time on 18 November, 2026;

Resolves to:

Commit the Federal College of Education (Technical), Ajegunle, Ogun State Bill was passed to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli*

South/Udu Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

21. **Need for the Federal Government of Nigeria to Waive the Outstanding Agricultural Loans Owed by Nigerian Farmers under the Government-Supported Agricultural Financing Schemes**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that agriculture remains one of the fundamental pillars of Nigeria's economy, providing employment, livelihoods and food security for millions of citizens, particularly rural and vulnerable households;

Aware that successive Governments introduced various agricultural intervention and financing programmes, including the Anchor Borrowers' Programme, Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme (CACS), NIRSAL-supported agricultural facilities and other credit initiatives, to empower farmers, stimulate food production and strengthen national food security;

Observes that Nigerian farmers have continued to face unprecedented economic hardship arising from the escalating costs of agricultural inputs, including fertilisers, improved seeds, pesticides, farm machinery, transportation, labour and other essential production materials;

Concerned that widespread insecurity, banditry, insurgency, farmer-herder conflicts, flooding, drought, climate change, pest infestations and other natural and human induced disasters like soil degradation, poor soil fertility, poor irrigation infrastructure, and inadequate veterinary and disease control services, have severely disrupted agricultural activities, resulting in substantial crop failures, food insufficiency, loss of investments and diminished farm incomes;

Also concerned that many beneficiaries of government-sponsored agricultural loans have been unable to meet their repayment obligations, not necessarily due to unwillingness to repay, but because circumstances beyond their control have substantially undermined their productive capacity and financial stability; these include unfavourable agricultural financing schemes and high interest rates charged by banks and other facility providers;

Worried that the continued accumulation and enforcement of outstanding agricultural debts, including principal interest and penalties, could push already distressed farmers into deeper poverty, expose them to asset seizures and discourage their participation in future agricultural activities;

Disturbed that compelling financially distressed farmers to repay loans under prevailing economic conditions could undermine the very objectives for which the loans were established, thereby worsening food insecurity, unemployment and rural poverty;

Cognisant that granting full pardon of outstanding agricultural loans to distressed and verified farmers would serve as a strategic national security and economic priority, providing critical economic lifeline, restore confidence in agricultural production, revitalise rural economies and encourage farmers to return to their farmlands;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Government of Nigeria to urgently approve the full debt waive and cancellation of outstanding agricultural loans owed by eligible Nigerian farmers under various Federal Government-supported agricultural intervention and financing programmes;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, the Federal Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank of Nigeria, the Bank of Agriculture, NIRSAL and other relevant

financial institutions to collaborate in developing an effective framework for the immediate implementation of the agricultural debt forgiveness programme;

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, and Livestock Development, to liaise with other relevant stakeholders in the agricultural sector to propose urgent modalities towards dry season and multiple farming seasons in a calendar year to recover the lost productivity in the sector;

(*iv*) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Inuwa Garba — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned till Tuesday, 24 *November,* 2026.

22. **Need to Investigate the Cancellation of the 2026 Admissions Exercise by the National Teachers' Institute (NTI), Kaduna, and the Remittance of School Fees into the Federation Account**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the National Teachers' Institute (NTI), Kaduna, was established to promote professional development through distance learning and collaboration with tertiary institutions;

Also notes the press release issued by the Federal Ministry of Education on 7 November 2026, canceling 2026 admissions into the Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) and degree programmes and terminating all university affiliations and degree-awarding arrangements;

Aware that on 1 July 2025, the National Teachers' Institute Act (Amendment) Bill (HB. 879), which seeks to provide express legislative authority for the Institute to award NCEs, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degrees was transmitted to the Senate for concurrence;

Concerned that the Ministry's directive was issued while the legislative process is ongoing, creating legal and administrative uncertainty and exposing thousands of prospective students to possible financial loss, psychological distress and disruption of their educational aspirations;

Worried that the cancellation of programmes serving underserved communities and teachers in rural areas, particularly in Northern Nigeria, could undermine the national drive to strengthen teacher education and risk the underutilisation of public infrastructure developed over five decades;

Disturbed that a significant portion of gross student-fee receipts is deducted at source as "operating surplus" and remitted into the Federation Account, allegedly depleting the Institute's liquidity and leaving it unable to pay facilitators, produce essential learning materials or conduct examinations effectively;

Also concerned that the NTI Staff Union on 9 November 2026 raised alarm on the potential effect of the directive on job security, and the need for a fair administrative process that balances the enforcement of academic standards with the principles of natural justice for students already enrolled;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Ministry of Education to stay further action on the cancellation of the 2026 NCE and degree admissions pending the outcome of a comprehensive review and the conclusion of the legislative process on the National Teachers' Institute Act (Amendment) Bill;

(*ii*) further urge the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation to suspend the deduction at source of operating surpluses from student-fee receipts, and refund any unlawful deductions made from March 2026 to date to enable the Institute meet its obligations to students and facilitators;

(*iii*) also urge the Senate to expedite consideration of the National Teachers' Institute Act (Amendment) Bill to provide a clear and definitive legal framework for the Institute's academic mandate;

(*iv*) mandate the Committees on Federal Colleges of Education and Finance to:

(*a*) investigate the legality and desirability of the Minister's directive and its impact on the education sector, by engaging the Federal Ministry of Education, National Universities Commission (NUC), National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), and the NTI management,

(*b*) investigate the remittances of student fees as operating surplus, determine the statutory authority for such deductions, and recommend measures to protect the Institute's operational funds and report within four (4) weeks;

(*v*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to monitor the implementation (*Hon. Saidu Musa Abdullahi — Bida/Katcha/Gbako Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the National Teachers' Institute (NTI), Kaduna, was established to promote professional development through distance learning and collaboration with tertiary institutions;

Also noted the press release issued by the Federal Ministry of Education on 7 November 2026, canceling 2026 admissions into the Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) and degree programmes and terminating all university affiliations and degree-awarding arrangements;

Aware that on 1 July 2025, the National Teachers' Institute Act (Amendment) Bill (HB. 879), which seeks to provide express legislative authority for the Institute to award NCEs, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degrees was transmitted to the Senate for concurrence;

Concerned that the Ministry's directive was issued while the legislative process is ongoing, creating legal and administrative uncertainty and exposing thousands of prospective students to possible financial loss, psychological distress and disruption of their educational aspirations;

Worried that the cancellation of programmes serving underserved communities and teachers in rural areas, particularly in Northern Nigeria, could undermine the national drive to strengthen teacher education and risk the underutilisation of public infrastructure developed over five decades;

Disturbed that a significant portion of gross student-fee receipts is deducted at source as "operating surplus" and remitted into the Federation Account, allegedly depleting the Institute's liquidity and leaving it unable to pay facilitators, produce essential learning materials or conduct examinations effectively;

Also concerned that the NTI Staff Union on 9 November 2026 raised alarm on the potential effect of the directive on job security, and the need for a fair administrative process that balances the

enforcement of academic standards with the principles of natural justice for students already enrolled;

Resolved to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Ministry of Education to stay further action on the cancellation of the 2026 NCE and degree admissions pending the outcome of a comprehensive review and the conclusion of the legislative process on the National Teachers' Institute Act (Amendment) Bill;

(*ii*) further urge the Federal Ministry of Finance and the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation to suspend the deduction at source of operating surpluses from student-fee receipts, and refund any unlawful deductions made from March 2026 to date to enable the Institute meet its obligations to students and facilitators;

(*iii*) also urge the Senate to expedite consideration of the National Teachers' Institute Act (Amendment) Bill to provide a clear and definitive legal framework for the Institute's academic mandate;

(*iv*) mandate the Committees on Federal Colleges of Education and Finance to:

(*a*) investigate the legality and desirability of the Minister's directive and its impact on the education sector, by engaging the Federal Ministry of Education, National Universities Commission (NUC), National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), and the NTI management,

(*b*) investigate the remittances of student fees as operating surplus, determine the statutory authority for such deductions, and recommend measures to protect the Institute's operational funds and report within four (4) weeks;

(*v*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to monitor the implementation **(HR. 167/11/2026).**

23. Need to Investigate the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) Service-Based Tariff System and the Classification of Electricity Consumers into Bands A to E
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) introduced the Electricity Band Classification System to align electricity tariffs with the number of hours supplied to consumers;

Aware that the policy intended to improve service delivery, however since its implementation has created a discriminatory electricity supply regime that favours affluent residential areas, commercial centres, and high-profile consumers, while low-income and rural communities continue to suffer prolonged power outage despite paying for electricity services;

Observes that despite assurances of improved service for higher Bands, many Band A consumers do not receive the guaranteed 20 hours of supply daily, while consumers in Bands B to E experience prolonged outage and poor service as the recent increase has also raised the cost of living and doing business, with minimal improvement in power supply;

Also observes that DISCOs have engaged in discriminatory practices such as load shedding targeted at lower Bands, estimated billing, and arbitrary migration of customers between Bands without consultation or proper metering;

Also aware that millions of Nigerians remain on estimated billing and lack prepaid meters, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation and denying them value for payments made;

Worried that the current Band classification lacks transparency, and the tariff regime is worsening energy, crippling small businesses, and undermining Nigeria's industrialization and economic growth;

Recognises that access to affordable and equitable electricity is critical to national development, job creation, and poverty reduction;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Ministry of Power and the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission, to immediately review and suspend the current Band Tariff Policy pending a comprehensive stakeholder review;

(*ii*) mandate Committee on Power to investigate discriminatory electricity supply practices by DISCOs and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Aluko Ahmed Yinka — Ilorin East/Ilorin South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned till Wednesday, 25 November, 2026.

24. **Consideration of Reports**

(*i*) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, No. 28, 2022 to provide for the Protection and Development of Nigeria's Local Manufacturing and Processing Industries and for Related Matters* (SB.606) (*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 Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, No. 28, 2022 to provide for the Protection and Development of Nigeria's Local Manufacturing and Processing Industries and for Related Matters (SB.606)" (*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 RAW MATERIALS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ACT, NO. 28, 2022 TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA'S LOCAL MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (SB.606)

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 Amend the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, No. 28, 2022 to provide for the Protection and Development of Nigeria's Local Manufacturing and

Processing Industries and for Related Matters (SB.606) and approved Clauses 1- 6, 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 Make Provision for the Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Ebelle, Edo State and for Related Matters (HB.1805)" (*Hon. Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade — Egbado South/Ipokia 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 MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, EBELLE, EDO STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1805)

Debate.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered 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 Make Provision for the Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Ebelle, Edo State and for Related Matters (HB.1805) 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 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 Make Provision for the Establishment of National Highland Crops and Vegetables Research Institute, Bokkos, Plateau State, for the Research and Development in Highland Crops and Vegetable Production, Improve Crop Yields, Disease Resistance, and Climate Resilience for Enhanced Food Security and Socio-Economic Development in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1876)" (*Hon. Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade — Egbado South/Ipokia 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 MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL HIGHLAND CROPS AND VEGETABLES RESEARCH INSTITUTE, BOKKOS, PLATEAU STATE, FOR THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN HIGHLAND CROPS AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTION, IMPROVE CROP YIELDS, DISEASE RESISTANCE, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE FOR ENHANCED FOOD SECURITY AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1876)

Debate.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered 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 Make Provision for the Establishment of National Highland Crops and Vegetables Research Institute, Bokkos, Plateau State, for the Research and Development in Highland Crops and Vegetable Production, Improve Crop Yields, Disease Resistance, and Climate Resilience for Enhanced Food Security and Socio-Economic Development in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1876) 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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutions*:**
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 Certain Specialized Colleges and for Related Matters (HB.1481).

Order withdrawn by leave of the House.

(*v*) ***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 Establish Federal College of Fisheries and Apiculture, Uba, Askira Local Government Area, Borno State and for Related Matters (HB.1798)" (*Hon. Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade — Egbado South/Ipokia 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 ESTABLISH FEDERAL COLLEGE OF FISHERIES AND APICULTURE, UBA, ASKIRA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA, BORNO STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1798)

Debate.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Fisheries and Apiculture, Uba, Askira Local Government Area, Borno State and for Related Matters (HB.1798) and approved Clauses 1 - 23, 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.

(*vi*) ***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 Establish Fisheries and Aquatic Studies Research Institute, Darki, Wudil, Kano State to Provide for the Instruction, Training and Research into the Field of Fishery and Aquatic Studies in Nigeria Including the Conservation of Fish Husbandry and Commercial Fisheries in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1210)" (*Hon. Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade — Egbado South/Ipokia 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 ESTABLISH FISHERIES AND AQUATIC STUDIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE, DARKI, WUDIL, KANO STATE TO PROVIDE FOR THE INSTRUCTION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH INTO THE FIELD OF FISHERY AND AQUATIC STUDIES IN NIGERIA INCLUDING THE CONSERVATION OF FISH HUSBANDRY AND COMMERCIAL FISHERIES IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1210)

Debate.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Fisheries and Aquatic Studies Research Institute, Darki, Wudil, Kano State to Provide for the Instruction, Training and Research into the Field of Fishery and Aquatic Studies in Nigeria Including the Conservation of Fish Husbandry and Commercial Fisheries in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1210) and approved Clauses 1 - 27, 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.

(*vii*) ***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 Establish the Federal College of Land Resources Technology Rabah, Sokoto State and for Related Matters 2023 (HB.717)" (*Hon. Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade — Egbado South/Ipokia 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 ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF LAND RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY RABAH, SOKOTO STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS 2023 (HB.717)

Debate.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered Report of the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Land Resources Technology Rabah, Sokoto State and for Related Matters 2023 (HB.717) and approved Clauses 1 - 31, 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.

(*viii*) ***Committee on Specialty Healthcare*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Specialty Healthcare on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. O10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Establishment of the Federal Orthopaedic Hospital, Ikot Moho, Obot Akara, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (HB.2767)" (*Hon. Shetitma Lawan Ali — Bursari/Geidam/Yunusari 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 ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITALS MANAGEMENT BOARD ACT, CAP. O10 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, IKOT MOHO, OBOT AKARA, AKWA IBOM STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.2767)

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 Specialty Healthcare on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Orthopaedic Hospitals Management Board Act, Cap. O10 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Establishment of the Federal Orthopaedic Hospital, Ikot Moho, Obot Akara, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (HB.2767) and approved Clauses 1 - 4, 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.***

(*ix*) ***Committee on Science and Technology*:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Science and Technology on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Research and Innovation Development Fund and the National Council on Research and Innovation to Promote, Coordinate, Fund and Support Research, Innovation, Development and Commercialisation in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 2821)" (*Hon. Waive Ejiroghene Francis — Ughelli North/Ughelli South/Udu 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 ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION TO PROMOTE, COORDINATE, FUND AND SUPPORT RESEARCH, INNOVATION, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIALISATION IN NIGERIA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 2821)

Debate.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Science and Technology on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Research and Innovation Development Fund and the National Council on Research and Innovation to Promote, Coordinate, Fund and Support Research, Innovation, Development and Commercialisation in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 2821) and approved Clauses 1 - 18, and deferred further consideration of the Bill.

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

(*x*) ***Committee on Health Institution*:**
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 University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, Etc.) Act to Reduce the Number of Members of the Board and for Related Matters (HB. 2687)" (*Hon. Adeola Samuel Adedayo — Apapa 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 UNIVERSITY TEACHING HOSPITALS (RECONSTITUTION OF BOARDS, ETC.) ACT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 2687)

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 Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the University Teaching Hospitals (Reconstitution of Boards, Etc.) Act to Reduce the Number of Members of the Board and for Related Matters (HB. 2687) and approved Clauses 1 - 6, 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.

25. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 24 November, 2026 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.24 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker