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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 28 October, 2026

1. The House met at 11.26 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.

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

3. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 27 October, 2026.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Message**
Mr Speaker read a message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria:

PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

PRES/134-1/HR/40/BP *2nd October*, 2026

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

Rt Honourable Speaker,

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 2026-2027 SUPPLEMENTARY EXTERNAL BORROWING PLAN

I write in reference to the above subject and to submit the attached Federal Government 2026-2027 Supplementary External Borrowing Rolling Plan for consideration and early approval of the National Assembly to ensure prompt implementation of the projects.

The 2026-2027 Supplementary External Borrowing Plan cut across all sectors with specific emphasis on infrastructure, agriculture, health, education, water supply, growth, security, and employment generation, as well as Financial Management Reforms, amongst others. The total facility for the projects and programmes under the Borrowing (Rolling) Plan is US$20,517,755,901 (Twenty Billion, Five Hundred and Seventeen Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and One US Dollars) and €1,045,083,643 (One Billion, Forty-Five Million, Eighty-Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty-Three Euros) respectively, and the summary of the breakdown is attached.

Rt Honourable Speaker, in light of the removal of the critical reforms of my administration and the need to accelerate growth of the national economy, approval is sought for the External Borrowing Plan, which amounts to US$20,517,755,901 (Twenty Billion, Five Hundred and Seventeen Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred and One US Dollars) and €1,045,083,643 (One Billion, Forty-Five Million, Eighty-Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Forty-Three Euros).

I want to emphasize that the projects and programmes included in the Borrowing Plan were selected based on thorough technical and economic evaluation, as well as their anticipated contribution to the socio-economic development of the country. These initiatives aim to generate employment, promote skill acquisition, foster entrepreneurship, reduce poverty, and enhance food security, all of which improves the livelihood of the average Nigerian. The majority of these projects and programmes will be implemented across all 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory.

In light of the need for significant infrastructure investment in the country and the vast financial resources needed to address this gap, it has become essential to pursue prudent external borrowing to close the financing shortfall. These funds will primarily be directed towards critical infrastructure projects, in various sectors including power, transportation and healthcare, among others.

Given the urgent nature of these needs and the importance of stabilizing the country, it is crucial to seek the consideration and approval of the National Assembly leadership for the 2026-2027 Supplementary External Borrowing Rolling Plan. This will enable the government to fulfill its obligations to the Nigerian people through timely disbursement and effective project implementation.

Please accept, Rt Honourable Speaker, the assurances of my warm personal regards.

(Signed)

Bola Ahmed Tinubu

Request for Approval of the Federal Government 2026 - 2027 Supplementary External Borrowing Plan.

Matter referred to the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management, and Appropriations.

5. Announcement

Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker announced the presence of Staff and Students of Chessy Kiddies Academy, Zauda, Abuja.

6. Petitions

(1) A petition from U. C. Oparaugo & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Taiwo Abidemi

Enitan, on the non-payment of her Late father's pension arrears by Ahmadu Bello University, (ABU) Zaria, Kaduna State, was presented and laid by Hon Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (*Oshodi Isolo* II *Federal Constituency*);

(*ii*) A petition from Isaac Abang Agbor, on the alleged injustice meted on him by the Federal Ministry of Health, was presented and laid by Hon. Patrick Umoh (*Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*);

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

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

(1) Transfer of Convicted Offenders (Enactment and Enforcement) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB.2843).

(2) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2026 (HB.2841).

(3) Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (HB.2842).

8. **Presentation of Report**
Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Establishment of a Promissory Note Programme as Reimbursement to Yobe State Government for the takeover of Muhammadu Buhari International Cargo Airport, Damaturu by Federal Government" (*Hon. Okunlola Lanre — Surulere II Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Domesticate the New Partnership for Africa's Development Framework and Establish African Union Development Agency to give effect to its Provisions in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 271) — *Third Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Domesticate the New Partnership for Africa's Development Framework and Establish African Union Development Agency to give effect to its Provisions in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 271) 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 Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service for the Purposes of Preventing the Entry, Establishment and Spread of Exotic Pests and Diseases of Plants, Animals and Aquatic Resources and their Products into Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.2817) — *Third Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service for the Purposes of Preventing the Entry, Establishment and Spread of Exotic Pests and Diseases of Plants, Animals and Aquatic Resources and their Products into Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.2817) 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 Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Horticulture, Iyara, Kogi State and for Related Matters (HB.1447)** — *Third Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Horticulture, Iyara, Kogi State and for Related Matters (HB.1447) 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 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)** — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That 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) 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.***

13. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Bonny, Rivers State and for Related Matters (SB. 659)**— *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Bonny, Rivers State and for Related Matters (SB. 659) 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 Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ihima, Kogi State and for Related Matters (SB. 521)** — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ihima, Kogi State and for Related Matters (SB. 521) 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 Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State and for Related Matters (SB. 514)** — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State and for Related Matters (SB. 514) 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.

16. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ikire, Osun State and for Related Matters (SB. 511)** — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ikire, Osun State and for Related Matters (SB. 511) 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.

17. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Iyamho, Edo State and for Related Matters (SB. 717)** — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Iyamho, Edo State and for Related Matters (SB. 717) 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.

18. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Kanke, Plateau State and for Related Matters (SB. 728)** — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Kanke, Plateau State and for Related Matters (SB. 728) 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.

19. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Mkpat Enin, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (SB. 530)** — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Mkpat Enin, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (SB. 530) 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.

20. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Musawa, Katsina State and for Related Matters (SB. 696)** — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Musawa, Katsina State and for Related Matters (SB. 696) 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.

21. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Odukpani, Cross River State and for Related Matters (SB. 590)** — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Odukpani, Cross River State and for Related Matters (SB. 590) 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.

22. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Offa, Kwara State and for Related Matters (SB. 311)** — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Offa, Kwara State and for Related Matters (SB. 311) 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.

23. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Onitsha Anambra State and for Related Matters (SB. 327) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Onitsha Anambra State and for Related Matters (SB. 327) 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.

24. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Potiskum, Yobe State and for Related Matters (SB. 285) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Potiskum, Yobe State and for Related Matters (SB. 285) 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.

25. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Agro-Industrial Development Authority and a National Agro-Industrial Development Scheme to provide plans and Programmes to Address Critical Challenges in Nigeria's Agricultural Value Chain, Particularly Food and Nutritional Security, Agro-Processing, Value Addition, Rural Industrialization, Farmer-Herder Conflicts, to Facilitate the Attainment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the Diversification of the Nigerian Economy and for Related Matters (HB. 2787) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Agro-Industrial Development Authority and a National Agro-Industrial Development Scheme to provide plans and Programmes to Address Critical Challenges in Nigeria's Agricultural Value Chain, Particularly Food and Nutritional Security, Agro-Processing, Value Addition, Rural Industrialization, Farmer-Herder Conflicts, to Facilitate the Attainment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the Diversification of the Nigerian Economy and for Related Matters (HB. 2787) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Daniel Asama Ago — Jos North/Bassa Federal Constituency*), *and 1 other.*

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

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

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (Amendment) Act, 2021 to Provide for Effective Regulation of Agricultural Machinery, Equipment and Technologies in Nigeria through the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization (NCAM), to Establish a Mandatory Testing, Certification and Registration Regime, provide Enforcement and Prosecution Powers and for Related Matters (HB. 2818) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. James Abiodun Faleke —Ikeja 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 Agricultural Colleges and Institutions.

27. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Defence Intelligence Agency, Civilian Pensions Board Act, 2019 to Provide for the Establishment of a Governing Board, Director or Head of Pensions, Stabilization Fund and to make further provisions for the Administration of Civilian Pensions and for Related Matters (HB.2838) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Defence Intelligence Agency, Civilian Pensions Board Act, 2019 to Provide for the Establishment of a Governing Board, Director or Head of Pensions, Stabilization Fund and to make further provisions for the Administration of Civilian Pensions and for Related Matters (HB.2838) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Hussaini Mohammed Jallo — Igabi 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 Pensions.

28. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Health Nursing Practitioners of Nigeria for the Registration, Discipline and Control of Public Health Nursing in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.2796) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Health Nursing Practitioners of Nigeria for the Registration, Discipline and Control of Public Health Nursing in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.2796) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Muhammed Buba Jajere — Fika/Fune 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.

29. **Need to Review the Federal Ministry of Education's Circular Issued by the Nigerian Education Research and Development Council (NERDC) on the Approved Subjects for Basic and Senior Secoudary Education in Nigeria**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the Circular by the Federal Ministry of Education dated 8 September, 2025 on the approved subject list categorized for Basic Education and Senior Secondary Education for various classes which has being implemented by the Federal Ministry of Education;

Also notes that in the categorization, five Compulsory Subjects under the Field of Study for Senior Secondary Curriculum, including Biology which is the study of human body, all living things, plants and organisms, that from the inception of Secondary Education system in Nigeria had always been a compulsory core subject and very crucial for providing knowledge on human existence and all living things has been removed as a core and compulsory subject;

Concerned that removal of Biology as a compulsory and core subject will cause significant harm to the educational standard of our students in their capacity to acquire knowledge that is universally acknowledged and to benefit themselves, society, and humanity at large;

Observes that biological and scientific experiments are being taught globally to educate students on protecting human existence and living organisms, this includes initiatives at the International Space Station and Missions to planets like the Moon and Mars, such as the Artemis II Mission, given these significant efforts, removing Biology as a compulsory subject from the Senior Secondary Educational Curriculum is deemed unbeneficial;

Also observes that due to the numerous International, Economic, Scientific, Technological, Geo-Political Activities and Treaties being undertaken by Nigeria, it will be of great advantage for the review and expansion of the Languages to include Spanish, German, Chinese and Russian languages under humanities to provide increase in the number of Interpreters which are presently very few or rear or even non-existent;

Resolves to:

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

(*a*) immediately review the Educational Curriculum for Approved Subject for the newly Revised Basic and Secondary Education to return and include Biology as a Core and Compulsory Subject for Senior Secondary Educational Curriculum,

(*b*) under the Field of languages, set up modalities and training efforts to recruit teachers vast in these subject areas for our schools especially in the Basic and Senior Secondary Curriculum levels to reduce the nation's over dependence on foreign interpreters;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Basic Education and Services, Alternative Education and Skills Development, and Basic Examination Bodies to immediately liaise with the Federal Ministry of Education, to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the Circular by the Federal Ministry of Education dated 8 September, 2025 on the approved subject list categorized for Basic Education and Senior Secondary Education for various classes which has being implemented by the Federal Ministry of Education;

Also noted that in the categorization, five Compulsory Subjects under the Field of Study for Senior Secondary Curriculum, including Biology which is the study of human body, all living things, plants and organisms, that from the inception of Secondary Education system in Nigeria had always been a compulsory core subject and very crucial for providing knowledge on human existence and all living things has been removed as a core and compulsory subject;

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Also observed that due to the numerous International, Economic, Scientific, Technological, Geo-Political Activities and Treaties being undertaken by Nigeria, it will be of great advantage for the review and expansion of the Languages to include Spanish, German, Chinese and Russian languages under humanities to provide increase in the number of Interpreters which are presently very few or rear or even non-existent;

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(*b*) under the Field of languages, set up modalities and training efforts to recruit teachers vast in these subject areas for our schools especially in the Basic and Senior Secondary Curriculum levels to reduce the nation's over dependence on foreign interpreters;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Basic Education and Services, Alternative Education and Skills Development, and Basic Examination Bodies to immediately liaise with the Federal Ministry of Education, to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks (**HR. 134/10/2026**).

30. **Need to Concession the Rehabilitation, Maintenance and Management of Federal Roads to Private Investors and Reintroduce Toll Gates for Sustainable Road Infrastructure Development, Revenue Generation and Enhanced Security**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that an efficient road transportation network is fundamental to national economic development, trade facilitation, agricultural productivity, industrial growth, national security and the general welfare of citizens;

Aware that several federal roads across Nigeria have deteriorated significantly due to prolonged

neglect, inadequate maintenance, insufficient funding and the increasing pressure of heavy-duty vehicles, resulting in avoidable accidents, loss of lives, damage to vehicles, increased transportation costs and delays in the movement of goods and persons;

Concerned that Edo State, which occupies a strategic position as a major transportation corridor linking several parts of southern Nigeria with the South-South, South-East and northern regions of the country, continues to suffer from the deplorable condition of several federal roads serving Edo State, particularly the Benin-Lagos, Benin-Asaba, Benin-Warri and Benin-Okene corridors, alongside other critical routes requiring rehabilitation;

Also concerned that the poor condition of these roads have adversely affected commercial activities, increased the cost of transporting agricultural produce and other essential commodities, discouraged investment, and imposed significant economic hardship on residents, commuters and businesses operating within Edo State;

Observes that the Federal Government's reliance on annual budgetary allocations for the rehabilitation and maintenance of an extensive federal road network has not consistently delivered the level of infrastructure renewal required, thereby necessitating the exploration of sustainable alternative financing and management arrangements;

Recognises that road concessioning through transparent Public-Private Partnership (PPP) arrangements can attract private capital, technical expertise and efficient project management for the rehabilitation, operation and long-term maintenance of eligible federal roads, while reducing the immediate financial burden on the Federal Government;

Also recognises that the reintroduction of properly regulated toll gates on selected rehabilitated federal highways could provide a sustainable mechanism for recovering private investment, financing routine maintenance, supporting road safety operations and generating revenue for the Federal Government;

Aware that the establishment and operation of toll gates can create direct and indirect employment opportunities for host communities through toll administration, security services, traffic management, maintenance, catering, retail businesses and other ancillary services;

Also aware that strategically located toll plazas, when properly designed and coordinated with relevant security agencies, can serve as additional points for lawful security presence, intelligence gathering, emergency response and the monitoring of vehicular movements, without disrupting the free movement of citizens or becoming instruments of harassment and extortion;

Further aware that any tolling arrangement must be transparent, affordable, technologically efficient and supported by enforceable service standards to ensure that motorists receive measurable improvements in road quality, safety and travel efficiency in return for toll payments;

Resolves to:

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

(*a*) develop and implement a comprehensive national framework for the concessioning of eligible federal roads to competent private investors under transparent Public-Private Partnership arrangements, with priority given to roads requiring urgent rehabilitation and those serving as major economic and commercial corridors,

(*b*) in collaboration with the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC), the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and other relevant agencies, conduct a comprehensive assessment of the federal road network and identify roads suitable for concessioning, rehabilitation, operation and long-term maintenance,

(*c*) reintroduce toll gates on selected Federal highways following substantial rehabilitation and the establishment of clear concession agreements, with toll charges determined through transparent economic assessments, public consultation and affordability considerations;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Public Assets, Works and Finance to engage all relevant agencies on the proposed framework and monitor its implementation and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon Esosa Iyawe — Oredo Federal Constituency, and 3 others*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 135/10/2026).

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

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

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

32. **Need to Rehabilitate Rahama Road, linking the North-Eastern States to Kaduna and Kano States**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the deplorable and deteriorating condition of Raharna Road, a critical federal road serving as an important transportation link between the North-Eastern states to Kaduna and Kano States;

Also notes that the road plays a significant role to regional connectivity, national integration, facilitating the movement of people, goods, agricultural produce, and commercial activities, thus contributing to the economic growth and development of the affected states and the nation at large;

Observes that the deplorable condition of the road has contributed to numerous accidents, resulting in the tragic loss of human lives, the destruction of vehicles and other valuable property, and untold hardship for commuters and other road users;

Concerned that the poor condition of the road poses serious and continuing risks to commuters, traders, and other road users, while also increasing travel time, transportation costs, and the risk of further accidents;

Also concerned that the continued deterioration of this vital federal road undermines public safety, disrupts economic activities, and imposes unnecessary hardship on citizens who depend on it for their daily movement and livelihoods;

Recognises that immediate government intervention is necessary to prevent further loss of lives and property in order to restore the road to a safe and motorable condition;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Government to make adequate funds, equipment, and technical resources available to ensure the timely and effective execution of the required rehabilitation works.

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to

(*a*) assess the condition of Rahama Road, undertake emergency maintenance on the affected sections of the road, commence immediate rehabilitation and comprehensive repairs of its damaged sections,

(*b*) provide a detailed report on the condition of Rahama road, the proposed rehabilitation plan, the timeline for commencing and completing the necessary repairs;

(*iii*) further urge the Federal Ministry of Works, the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) to install comprehensive safety and traffic control measures, including visible warning signs, diversion markers, and temporary crash barriers, to prevent accidents and protect road users while rehabilitation works are being executed;

(*iv*) mandate the Committees on Works, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure compliance (*Hon. Dabo Ismaila Haruna — Toro Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 136/10/2026).

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

33. **Need to Rename Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State, as T. Y. Danjuma Federal University, Wukari**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State, was established in 2011 to expand access to Higher Education and promote research and National Development;

Also notes the contributions of Lieutenant General Theophilus Yakubu Danjuma, CON (Rtd), to Nigeria particularly through his military and public service, philanthropy and support for education, healthcare and vulnerable communities;

Recognizes that naming the University after him would honour his contributions to national development and preserve a legacy of service for future generations;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Government to rename Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State, as T. Y. Danjuma Federal University, Wukari (TYDFUW), subject to the necessary amendment of its enabling Act;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on University Education to engage relevant stakeholders and facilitate the legislative measures required to give effect to the proposed renaming (*Hon. Gbefwi Gaza Jonathan — Keffi/Karu/Kokona Federal Constituency*), *and 2 others.*

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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Also noted the contributions of Lieutenant General Theophilus Yakubu Danjuma, CON (Rtd), to Nigeria particularly through his military and public service, philanthropy and support for education, healthcare and vulnerable communities;

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Resolved to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Government to rename Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State, as T. Y. Danjuma Federal University, Wukari (TYDFUW), subject to the necessary amendment of its enabling Act;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on University Education to engage relevant stakeholders and facilitate the legislative measures required to give effect to the proposed renaming **(HR. 137/10/2026)**.

34. **Need for a Comprehensive Assessment of the State of Readiness of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) for the conduct of the 2027 General Elections**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Sections 76, 116, 132 and 178 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), Part I of the Third Schedule to the Constitution, and the Electoral Act, 2022, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) is constitutionally mandated to organize, undertake and supervise elections into elective offices in Nigeria;

Affirms that the 2027 General Elections' credibility, transparency, and acceptability depend significantly on the Commission's preparedness in voter registration, education, logistics, technology, personnel training, security coordination, funding, and timely election timetable implementation;

Informed that the recently concluded Ekiti State Governorship Election has provided useful lessons on election administration, deployment of technology, logistics management, stakeholder engagement, security and voter participation, which should guide preparations for the forthcoming General Elections;

Observes that voter registration reports from Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) centres in Nigeria highlight challenges including inadequate registration equipment, limited staff, network issues, prolonged waiting times, and increased demand from citizens wishing to register or manage their voter records. These operational difficulties particularly affect first-time voters, rural citizens, individuals with disabilities, students, and workers, limiting their access to registration and threatening the participation of eligible voters in the electoral process without timely interventions;

Aware that early institutional preparedness is crucial for timely procurement of election materials, deployment of technology, recruitment and training of personnel, effective voter education, security planning, electoral risk assessment, and logistics nationwide;

Concerned that any delay in addressing existing operational gaps in voter registration, logistics, technology deployment and funding may adversely affect public confidence in the electoral process and compromise the peaceful conduct of the 2027 General Elections;

Recognizes the constitutional oversight responsibility of the parliament to ensure that public

institutions entrusted with critical national assignments are adequately prepared properly funded and fully accountable in the discharge of their constitutional responsibilities;

Cognizant of the continuous efforts of INEC towards strengthening Nigeria's electoral system while recognizing the need for sustained parliamentary engagement to guarantee free, fair, credible, inclusive and peaceful elections;

Resolves to:

Invite the Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to:

(*a*) within the next seven (7) legislative days brief this Honourable House of the Commission's readiness for the 2027 General Elections, Continuous Voter Registration, PVC management, election logistics, technology deployment (BVAS and IRev), personnel training, electoral security, risk assessment strategies, budget implementation, and insights from the recent Ekiti State Governorship Election;

(*b*) provide a detailed status report regarding the National Election Readiness. This includes the progress of continuous voter registration, the status of PVC production and distribution, the readiness of election technology and logistics, mapping of challenging areas, recruitment and training status of election officials and Budgetary appropriations, funds released, outstanding releases and the implications of any funding gaps on implementation timelines (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro — Darazo/Ganjuwa Federal Constituency*), *and* 1 *other*.

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:
In the Prayer (*a*), immediately after the word "brief" *leave out* the words "this Honourable House" and insert the words "the Committee on Electoral Matters"(*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu — Bende Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that pursuant to Sections 76, 116, 132 and 178 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), Part I of the Third Schedule to the Constitution, and the Electoral Act, 2022, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) is constitutionally mandated to organize, undertake and supervise elections into elective offices in Nigeria;

Affirmed that the 2027 General Elections' credibility, transparency, and acceptability depend significantly on the Commission's preparedness in voter registration, education, logistics, technology, personnel training, security coordination, funding, and timely election timetable implementation;

Informed that the recently concluded Ekiti State Governorship Election has provided useful lessons on election administration, deployment of technology, logistics management, stakeholder engagement, security and voter participation, which should guide preparations for the forthcoming General Elections;

Observed that voter registration reports from Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) centres in Nigeria highlight challenges including inadequate registration equipment, limited staff, network issues, prolonged waiting times, and increased demand from citizens wishing to register or manage their voter records. These operational difficulties particularly affect first-time voters, rural citizens, individuals with disabilities, students, and workers, limiting their access to registration and

threatening the participation of eligible voters in the electoral process without timely interventions;

Aware that early institutional preparedness is crucial for timely procurement of election materials, deployment of technology, recruitment and training of personnel, effective voter education, security planning, electoral risk assessment, and logistics nationwide;

Concerned that any delay in addressing existing operational gaps in voter registration, logistics, technology deployment and funding may adversely affect public confidence in the electoral process and compromise the peaceful conduct of the 2027 General Elections;

Recognized the constitutional oversight responsibility of the parliament to ensure that public institutions entrusted with critical national assignments are adequately prepared properly funded and fully accountable in the discharge of their constitutional responsibilities;

Cognizant of the continuous efforts of INEC towards strengthening Nigeria's electoral system while recognizing the need for sustained parliamentary engagement to guarantee free, fair, credible, inclusive and peaceful elections;

Resolved to:

Invite the Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to:

(*a*) within the next seven (7) legislative days brief the Committee on Electoral Matters of the Commission's readiness for the 2027 General Elections, Continuous Voter Registration, PVC management, election logistics, technology deployment (BVAS and IRev), personnel training, electoral security, risk assessment strategies, budget implementation, and insights from the recent Ekiti State Governorship Election;

(*b*) provide a detailed status report regarding the National Election Readiness. This includes the progress of continuous voter registration, the status of PVC production and distribution, the readiness of election technology and logistics, mapping of challenging areas, recruitment and training status of election officials and Budgetary appropriations, funds released, outstanding releases and the implications of any funding gaps on implementation timelines **(HR. 138/10/2026)**.

35. **Consideration of Reports**

Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Establishment of a Promissory Note Programme as Reimbursement to Yobe State Government for the takeover of Muhammadu Buhari International Cargo Airport, Damaturu by Federal Government" (*Hon. Okunlola Lanre — Surulere II Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(*Mr Speaker in the Chair*)

APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROMISSORY NOTE PROGRAMME AS REIMBURSEMENT TO YOBE STATE GOVERNMENT, FOR THE TAKEOVER OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED MOHAMMADU BUHARI INTERNATIONAL CARGO AIRPORT, DAMATURU, BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IN THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED

BILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND NINE MILLION, SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR NAIRA, FIFTY-FIVE KOBO (₦100,509,017,234.55) AS CLAIMED BY THE STATE AND AS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Debate.

Chairman to report Proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Establishment of a Promissory Note Programme as Reimbursement to Yobe State Government for the takeover of Muhammadu Buhari International Cargo Airport, Damaturu by Federal Government and approved the Recommendation of the Report.

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

(*ii*) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Police Service Commission Training Institute to Serve as a Centre for the Administration and Management of the Institute and to determine the Standard of Knowledge and Skill to be acquired by the Personnel of the Police Service Commission on its Oversight Functions over the Nigeria Police Force and for Related Matters* (SB. 564) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Police Service Commission Training Institute to Serve as a Centre for the Administration and Management of the Institute and to determine the Standard of Knowledge and Skill to be acquired by the Personnel of the Police Service Commission on its Oversight Functions over the Nigeria Police Force and for Related Matters (SB. 564)" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION TRAINING INSTITUTE TO SERVE AS A CENTRE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE INSTITUTE AND TO DETERMINE THE STANDARD OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE PERSONNEL OF THE POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION ON ITS OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS OVER THE NIGERIA POLICE FORCE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (SB. 564)

Consideration deferred.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Police Service Commission Training Institute to Serve as a Centre for the Administration and Management of the Institute and to determine the Standard of Knowledge and Skill to be acquired by the Personnel of the Police Service

Commission on its Oversight Functions over the Nigeria Police Force and for Related Matters (SB. 564).

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

(*iii*) ***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)** ***(Committee of the Whole)***:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on 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)" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR 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)

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 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) and approved Clauses 1 - 30, the Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(*iv*) ***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)** ***(Committee of the Whole)***:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Eye Centre Jimeta, Adamawa State, for the Prevention and Cure of Eye Defects and Diseases and for Related Matters (SB. 524)" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL EYE CENTRE JIMETA, ADAMAWA STATE, FOR THE PREVENTION AND CURE OF EYE DEFECTS AND DISEASES AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (SB. 524)

Debate.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Eye Centre Jimeta, Adamawa State, for the Prevention and Cure of Eye Defects and Diseases and for Related Matters (SB. 524) 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.

(*v*) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Mines Ranger Service (NMRS) to Prevent, Combat Illegal Mining, Artisanal Mining and Other Crimes and Related Matters*** **(SB.253) (*Committee of the Whole*):**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Mines Ranger Service (NMRS) to Prevent, Combat Illegal Mining, Artisanal Mining and Other Crimes and Related Matters (SB.253)" (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIA MINES RANGER SERVICE (NMRS) TO PREVENT, COMBAT ILLEGAL MINING, ARTISANAL MINING AND OTHER CRIMES AND RELATED MATTERS (SB.253)

Consideration deferred for further legislative action.

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Mines Ranger Service (NMRS) to Prevent, Combat Illegal Mining, Artisanal Mining and Other Crimes and Related Matters (SB.253).

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

(*vi*) ***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, Ohafia, Abia State and for Related

Matters (HB.257)" (*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, 2022 AND ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, OHAFIA, ABIA STATE AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.257)

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 Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 and Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Ohafia, Abia State and for Related Matters (HB.257) 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.

36. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 29 October, 2026 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Julius Ihonvbere — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.35 p.m.

Abbas Tajudeen
Speaker