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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 4 November, 2026

1. The House met at 11.06 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.

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

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

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. **Announcement**
Establishment of State Police Services:
Mr Deputy Speaker read a communication from the Clerk to the National Assembly, informing the House of the receipt of reports from 29 State Houses of Assembly on a Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), to Provide for the Establishment of State Police Services and for Related Matters; and the directive by the Leadership of the National Assembly, to transmit the Bill to His Excellency, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, for assent.

5. **Petitions**
(*i*) A petition from Fatima Ibrahim Jalo and 1 other, on the death of their husband (Inspector Ahmadu Babayo) due to alleged prolonged unlawful detention by the Nigeria Police Force in Maiduguri, Borno State, was presented and laid by Hon Usman Kallamu (*Gombe/Kwami/Funakaye Federal Constituency*);

(*ii*) A petition from C . A. Aiyamekhue & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Chijoke Mbeke and family, on alleged forced displacement from their ancestral land by First Patriot Company Limited, was presented and laid by Hon. Chinedu Ogah (*Ezza South/Ikwo Federal Constituency*);

(*iii*) The following petitions were presented and laid by Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (*Oshodi/Isolo* II *Federal Constituency*):
(*a*) Committed Advocates of Integrity Initiative (CADII), on alleged corrupt practices by staff of the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation;

(*b*) Obeagwe Akili-Ogidi Ogwu-Ikpele United for Community Development Initiative, on alleged 20 years disconnection of electricity supply in three communities in Ogbaru Local Government Area, Anambra State by the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company;

(*c*) Idowu Olabode Alade, on alleged unjust de-listing of Florin High School, Ejigbo, Lagos State as a Computer Based Test (CBT) Centre by the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB);

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

(*a*) Lagogo Collections Limited, on alleged unconventional and unfair trade practices by Fareast Imperial Brands Nigeria Limited and Godrej Nigeria Limited;

(*b*) Georgenia Amaeshi, on alleged persecution and forceful eviction from her residence by Obinna Amaeshi and 4 others;

(*c*) Nicholas Afor and 5 others, on alleged violation of court order in Suit No: CCA/OW/MISC/36/2023 by Prince Charles Amadi and 6 others;

(*d*) Wonderful Chambers (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Messrs Chimankpa Okere and 3 others, on alleged trespass, threat to life and unlawful imprisonment by Charlvon Construction and Realty Company.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. **Presentation of Bill**

Federal Universities of Technology Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (SB. 836) was read the *First Time*.

7. **Presentation of Reports**

(*i*) ***Committee on Infectious Diseases*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Public Health and Infectious Diseases, Zaria, a Specialist Tertiary Hospital and Research Institute for Infectious Diseases and Public Health and for Related Matters (HB.2629)" (*Hon. Billy Osawaru — Orhionmwon/Uhunmwode Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*ii*) ***Committee on Health Institutions*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Nursing Sciences, Nkpa Bende, Abia State to Provide for Training and Research in General Nursing, Midwifery and other Specialties of Nursing and for Related Matters (HB.2808)" (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essein Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*iii*) ***Committee on Health Institutions*:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres

Act, 2022 and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Bende, Abia State and for Related Matters (HB. 2807)" (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essein Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(*iv*) ***Committee on Health Institutions:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive 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. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essein Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 and Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Iyamho, Edo State and for Related Matters (SB. 717) — *Third Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 and Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Iyamho, Edo State and for Related Matters (SB. 717) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Juilius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do take the Second Reading on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Technology Act, Cap. F23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish the Federal University of Technology Odukpani, Cross River State and for Related Matters (SB. 836), pursuant to Order twelve, Rule 3 (1)" (*Hon. Juilius Ihonvbere — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Technology Act, Cap. F23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish the Federal University of Technology, Odukpani, Cross River State and for Related Matters (SB. 836) — *Second Reading***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Technology Act, Cap. F23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish the Federal University of Technology Odukpani, Cross River State and for Related Matters (SB. 836) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Juilius 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.***

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Health Act, No. 18 2014 to strengthen the Provision of Emergency Medical Treatment, provide for Mandatory Triage, Stabilisation and Referral**

Protocols in Healthcare Facilities and for Related Matters (HB. 2739) — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Health Act, No. 18 2014 to strengthen the Provision of Emergency Medical Treatment, provide for Mandatory Triage, Stabilisation and Referral Protocols in Healthcare Facilities and for Related Matters (HB. 2739) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Akintunde Rotimi Oluwaseun — Ikole/Oye.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 Healthcare Services.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the State Security Service Pensions Act to Establish a Governing Board and Assistant Director General or Head of Pension, for the Administration of Pensions, Gratuities and other Retirement Benefits and for Related Matters (HB.2831)** — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the State Security Service Pensions Act to Establish a Governing Board and Assistant Director General or Head of Pension, for the Administration of Pensions, Gratuities and other Retirement Benefits and for Related Matters (HB.2831) 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.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Regulate Rental Payments, Prohibit Compulsory Multiple-Year Rent Demands, Housing Agency Practices and Rent increases in the Federal Capital Territory to Establish a Unified Digital Register for Housing Agents, Prescribe Agency Fees, Protect Landlords and Tenants and for Related Matters (HB. 2839)** — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate Rental Payments, Prohibit Compulsory Multiple-Year Rent Demands, Housing Agency Practices and Rent increases in the Federal Capital Territory to Establish a Unified Digital Register for Housing Agents, Prescribe Agency Fees, Protect Landlords and Tenants and for Related Matters (HB. 2839) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Nnamchi Paul Sunday— .Enugu East/Isi-Uzo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Forestry and Resources Management, Marte, Borno State to provide for its Functions, Powers, Administration and funding and for Related Matters (HB. 2835)** — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Forestry and Resources Management, Marte, Borno State to provide for its Functions, Powers, Administration and funding and for Related Matters (HB. 2835) be read a Second Time" (*Hon. Bukar*

Talba — Monguno/Nganzai/Marte 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.

14. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from Preceding Assembly Pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 (*d*) of the House of Representatives**
Sickle Cell Disease (Prevention, Control and Management) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2774):
Motion made and Question proposed:

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 Sickle Cell Disease (Prevention, Control and Management) 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 the Sickle Cell Disease (Prevention, Control and Management) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2774) and read the first time on Wednesday, 4 June, 2025;

Resolves to:

Commit the Sickle Cell Disease (Prevention, Control and Management) Bill, 2026 (HB. 2774) to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Laori Kwamoti Bitrus — Demsa/Numan/Lamurde Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

15. **Need for a Holistic Interactive Session and Oversight of Federal Government MSME Interventions in Nigeria**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) play a vital role in Nigeria's economy through job creation, local production, innovation, and poverty reduction;

Aware that the Federal Government operates various MSME support programmes through several Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and other relevant institutions;

Concerned that these interventions may be affected by inadequate coordination, duplication of programmes, and limited assessment of their overall impact on MSMEs;

Also concerned that MSMEs have continued to face challenges in accessing affordable finance, appropriate technology, skills development, product certification, and sustainable markets;

Recognizes the need to establish how public funds allocated to MSME interventions are utilised and the extent to which these programmes deliver measurable results in enterprise growth, job creation, and increased productivity;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to:

(*a*) organise an interactive session and oversight exercise involving relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), financial institutions, private-sector stakeholders, and MSME representatives;

(*b*) obtain and examine programme-specific information on funding, expenditure, beneficiaries, implementation, and measurable outcomes of Federal Government MSME interventions from 2023 to date;

(*c*) assess the effectiveness of these interventions, identify gaps and duplication, and examine the challenges limiting MSME access to government support;

(*d*) engage MSME stakeholders to obtain first-hand evidence of the impact of government interventions and identify practical measures for improving access to finance, skills, technology, and markets; and

(*e*) submit a comprehensive report to the House, with actionable recommendations for improving coordination, accountability, and the overall effectiveness of Federal Government MSME interventions within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Billy Osawaru — Orhionmwon/Uhunmwode Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) play a vital role in Nigeria's economy through job creation, local production, innovation, and poverty reduction;

Aware that the Federal Government operates various MSME support programmes through several Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and other relevant institutions;

Concerned that these interventions may be affected by inadequate coordination, duplication of programmes, and limited assessment of their overall impact on MSMEs;

Also concerned that MSMEs have continued to face challenges in accessing affordable finance, appropriate technology, skills development, product certification, and sustainable markets;

Recognized the need to establish how public funds allocated to MSME interventions are utilised and the extent to which these programmes deliver measurable results in enterprise growth, job creation, and increased productivity;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to:

(*a*) organise an interactive session and oversight exercise involving relevant Ministries,

Departments and Agencies (MDAs), financial institutions, private-sector stakeholders, and MSME representatives;

(*b*) obtain and examine programme-specific information on funding, expenditure, beneficiaries, implementation, and measurable outcomes of Federal Government MSME interventions from 2023 to date;

(*c*) assess the effectiveness of these interventions, identify gaps and duplication, and examine the challenges limiting MSME access to government support;

(*d*) engage MSME stakeholders to obtain first-hand evidence of the impact of government interventions and identify practical measures for improving access to finance, skills, technology, and markets; and

(*e*) submit a comprehensive report to the House, with actionable recommendations for improving coordination, accountability, and the overall effectiveness of Federal Government MSME interventions within four (4) weeks **(HR. 144/11/2026).**

16. **Need for Special Intervention, Comprehensive Research and Effective Management of Kidney Disease in Maiduguri, Borno State**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that kidney disease is a growing public health concern in Nigeria, particularly in Maiduguri, Borno State, where the burden of kidney related illnesses poses significant challenges to patients, families, and the healthcare system;

Aware that kidney disease can affect people of all ages and that early detection, public awareness, preventive healthcare, and timely access to appropriate treatment are essential to reducing its complications and associated mortality;

Concerned that healthcare facilities in Maiduguri face challenges such as inadequate numbers of nephrologists, limited access to advanced diagnostic equipment, insufficient specialised treatment facilities, and the exorbitant cost of dialysis and other kidney related services;

Also concerned that the financial burden associated with the diagnosis and treatment of kidney disease places considerable hardship on affected persons and their families, thereby limiting access to essential healthcare services, particularly for low-income households;

Worried that inadequate public awareness of kidney disease risk factors, preventive measures, and the importance of routine medical screening may contribute to delayed diagnosis and poor treatment outcomes;

Cognisant of the need for comprehensive epidemiological studies to establish the prevalence, distribution, causes, and risk factors of kidney disease in Maiduguri and other affected communities in Borno State, in order to guide evidence-based policies and targeted interventions;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, through its relevant agencies, to establish a special kidney disease intervention programme in collaboration with the Borno State Government and relevant local health authorities, with a view to improving prevention, early diagnosis, treatment, and patient care;

(*ii*) urge relevant health authorities to assess the need for additional nephrology services, dialysis

centres, and other specialised kidney care facilities in Maiduguri and other underserved areas of Borno State; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Abdulkadir Rahis — Maiduguri/Metropolitan Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

(*i*) In Prayer (*ii*), immediately after the words "dialysis centres", *insert* the words "mycotoxin testing services" (*Hon. Zainab Usman — Kaga/Gubio/Magumeri Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(*ii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*iv*) as follows:
"urge all relevant Health Authorities and Stakeholders particularly the National Orientation Agency to emphasize sensitization and creation of awareness to the people of Maiduguri to reduce incidences of kidney diseases" (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(*iii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*v*) as follows:
"urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to investigate the Maiduguri Water Treatment Plant and Borehole Drilling in Maiduguri "(*Hon. Aliyu Muktar Betara — Biu/Kwaya-Kusar/Shani/Bayo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(*iv*) In Prayer (*iii*), immediately after the words "Healthcare Services", *insert* the words "Water Resources" (*Hon. Aliyu Muktar Betara — Biu/Kwaya-Kusar/Shani/Bayo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that kidney disease is a growing public health concern in Nigeria, particularly in Maiduguri, Borno State, where the burden of kidney related illnesses poses significant challenges to patients, families, and the healthcare system;

Aware that kidney disease can affect people of all ages and that early detection, public awareness, preventive healthcare, and timely access to appropriate treatment are essential to reducing its complications and associated mortality;

Concerned that healthcare facilities in Maiduguri face challenges such as inadequate numbers of nephrologists, limited access to advanced diagnostic equipment, insufficient specialised treatment facilities, and the exorbitant cost of dialysis and other kidney related services;

Also concerned that the financial burden associated with the diagnosis and treatment of kidney disease places considerable hardship on affected persons and their families, thereby limiting access to essential healthcare services, particularly for low-income households;

Worried that inadequate public awareness of kidney disease risk factors, preventive measures, and the importance of routine medical screening may contribute to delayed diagnosis and poor treatment outcomes;

Cognisant of the need for comprehensive epidemiological studies to establish the prevalence, distribution, causes, and risk factors of kidney disease in Maiduguri and other affected communities in Borno State, in order to guide evidence-based policies and targeted interventions;

Resolved to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, through its relevant agencies, to establish a special kidney disease intervention programme in collaboration with the Borno State Government and relevant local health authorities, with a view to improving prevention, early diagnosis, treatment, and patient care;

(*ii*) urge relevant health authorities to assess the need for additional nephrology services, dialysis centres, mycotoxin testing services, and other specialised kidney care facilities in Maiduguri and other underserved areas of Borno State;

(*iii*) urge all relevant Health Authorities and Stakeholders particularly the National Orientation Agency to emphasize sensitization and creation of awareness to the people of Maiduguri to reduce incidences of kidney diseases;

(*iv*) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to investigate the Maiduguri Water Treatment Plant and Borehole Drilling in Maiduguri;

(*v*) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, Water Resources and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation and report within four (4) weeks **(HR. 145/11/2026).**

17. **Abandonment of the Abakaliki - Ikwo - Oferekpe Obubura Road Project due to Outstanding payments to the Contractor and the need for urgent Intervention**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Ministry of Works, under the Renewed Hope Infrastructure Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, awarded the reconstruction of the strategic Abakaliki-Ikwo-Oferekpe-Obubra Road Project, which traverses the Ikwo/Ezza South Federal Constituency of Ebonyi State, extends into parts of Cross River State, and serves as an international transport corridor to the Republic of Cameroon;

Disturbed that the suspension of construction activities has left dangerous open excavations along the corridor, causing recurrent fatal accidents, loss of lives, and severe damage to vehicles;

Aware that the route serves as a vital economic artery linking the South-East and South-South geopolitical zones, connecting the agrarian and mineral belt of Ebonyi State notably renowned for rice, yam, and salt production to the Calabar Port and the Calabar Free Trade Zone;

Also aware that an efficient road network is indispensable to socioeconomic development, rural-urban commerce, and timely access to essential services, making the abandonment of this critical link a matter of urgent national importance;

Worried that the contractor has demobilized critical machinery and disengaged over 300 local youths previously employed across Ikwo and Ezza South, as a result of prolonged delays in honoring certified Interim Payment Certificates (IPCs) alongside severe material price escalations (notably Automotive Gas Oil (AGO), bitumen, cement, and reinforcement steel);

Concerned that continued delay in settling verified IPCs will result in severe contractual claims, erode already completed earthworks, inflate the overall contract sum, and undermine the administration's objective of integrating rural production hubs into the national economic grid;

Cognizant that completing this corridor will drastically reduce travel time along the Abakaliki-Calabar-Cameroon axis, boost cross-border agricultural trade, enhance regional security, and stimulate long-term employment opportunities across the host communities;

Resolves to:

(*i*) commend:

(*a*) President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, for approving and funding the Ebonyi-Cross River infrastructure corridor,

(*b*) the Honourable Minister of Works, His Excellency, Engr. David Nweze Umahi, CON, for his personal supervision, engineering innovation, and commitment in ensuring quality and standard road construction, and

(*c*) the Executive Governor of Ebonyi State, His Excellency, Bldr Francis Ogbonna Nwifuru, for initiating the construction of the Abakaliki-Ikwo-Oferekpe-Obubra Road prior to federal takeover;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Ministries of Works, Finance, and Budget and Economic Planning to prioritize, process, and settle all verified and outstanding Interim Payment Certificates (IPCs) owed to the contractor to facilitate immediate remobilization to the site;

(*iii*) also urge the Federal Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning to capture and make adequate budgetary provisions for the project in the 2026 Supplementary Budget and the 2027 Appropriation Bill to guarantee sustained funding through project completion;

(*iv*) mandate the Committees on Works, Appropriations and Finance to interface with the relevant Ministries to review the project's funding status and ensure that released funds are judiciously disbursed and utilized; and

(*v*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to monitor implementation of these resolutions and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Chinedu N. Ogah — Ezza South/Ikwo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 146/11/2026).

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

18. **Need to Declare a State of Emergency on the Agbede and Okpella Sections of the Benin-Okene Federal Highway in Edo State**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Agbede and Okpella sections of the Benin-Okene Federal Highway in Edo State have deteriorated to a deplorable condition, making movement along the affected portions increasingly difficult, hazardous, and unpredictable for motorists, commercial drivers, commuters, and other road

users;

Disturbed that the failed sections of the road, particularly around Agbede and Okpella, have subjected commuters to prolonged delays, with journeys that ordinarily should take a relatively short period of time now extending into several hours or days, thereby causing considerable physical exhaustion, loss of productive time, increased transportation costs, and avoidable hardship for road users;

Concerned that the residents and communities living along the affected sections of the highway bear a disproportionate share of the consequences, as the constant movement of vehicles through the failed portions, coupled with dust, noise, and traffic bottlenecks, disrupts daily life, affects public health, and forces many residents to abandon their homes and relocate to safer areas;

Aware that the Benin-Okene Federal Highway is a major transportation corridor linking the Southern and Northern regions of Nigeria, making its continued deterioration a matter of national economic and security concern;

Also aware that the continued neglect of the failed sections of the highway could lead to the loss of lives, displacement of residents, damage to property, and increased economic hardship for affected communities;

Convinced that the situation demands an emergency infrastructure intervention beyond routine maintenance, involving immediate remedial works to restore safe passage, followed by the comprehensive and durable rehabilitation of the failed sections;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Government to declare a State of Emergency on the Agbede and Okpella sections of the Benin-Okene Federal Highway to facilitate immediate and comprehensive intervention;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently mobilise the relevant contractors and provide the necessary funding and technical support for the immediate reconstruction and rehabilitation of the failed sections of the highway;

(*iii*) further urge the Federal Ministry of Works to urgently provide safe and accessible alternative routes to enable residents of Agbede and Okpella, particularly those whose homes and communities have been cut off by the failed highway, to access their homes and carry out their daily activities; and

(*iv*) mandate the Committees on Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to monitor compliance and report within four (4) weeks (*Hon. Anamero Dekeri — Etsako Central/Etsako East/Etsako West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 147/11/2026).

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

19. **Consideration of Reports**

(*i*) ***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 Shani, Borno state and for Related Matters*** **(SB. 829) (*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 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 Shani, Borno state and for Related Matters (SB. 829)" (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama 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, LFN, 2004 TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, SHANI, BORNO STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: **Amendment of Cap. A12, LFN, 2004.**
The Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: **Amendment of Third Schedule.**
The Third Schedule of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new "17 paragraph "17" —

"17. Federal College of Agriculture, Shani, Borno State" (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:
This Bill seeks 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 Shani, Borno State (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, LFN, 2004 to Make Provision for the Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Shani, Borno State; and

for Related Matters (SB. 829) (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report 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 Shani, Borno state and for Related Matters (SB. 829) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(*ii*) ***A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Technology Act, Cap. F23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish the Federal University of Technology, Odukpani, Cross River State and for Related Matters (Committee of the Whole):***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Technology Act, Cap. F23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish the Federal University of Technology, Odukpani, Cross River State and for Related Matters" (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama 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 UNIVERSITIES OF TECHNOLOGY ACT, CAP. F23, LFN, 2004 TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, ODUKPANI, CROSS RIVER STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: **Amendment of the Federal Universities of Technology Act, Cap. F23, LFN, 2004.**
The Federal Universities of Technology Act, Cap. F23, LFN,2004 (in this Bill referred to as the "Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: **Amendment of section 1 of the Principal Act.**
Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting new paragraph "j" —

"(*j*) The Federal University of Technology, Odukpani, Cross River State" (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: **Short Title.**
This Bill may be cited as the Federal Universities of Technology Act (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:
This Bill seeks to amend the Federal University of Technology Act, Cap. F23, LFN, 2004 to make provision for the establishment of Federal University of Technology, Odukpani, Cross River State (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Technology Act, Cap. F23, LFN, 2004 to Establish the Federal University of Technology, Odukpani, Cross River State; and for Related Matters (SB. 836) (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Technology Act, Cap. F23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish the Federal University of Technology Odukpani, Cross River State and for Related Matters 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 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 Establish the Federal College of Nursing Sciences, Nkpa Bende, Abia State to Provide for Training and Research in General Nursing, Midwifery and other Specialties of Nursing and for Related Matters (HB.2808)" (*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 ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF NURSING SCIENCES, NKPA BENDE, ABIA STATE TO PROVIDE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH IN GENERAL NURSING, MIDWIFERY AND OTHER SPECIALTIES OF NURSING AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.2808)

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 Establish the Federal College of Nursing Sciences, Nkpa Bende, Abia State to Provide for Training and Research in General Nursing, Midwifery and other Specialties of Nursing and for Related Matters (HB.2808) and approved Clauses 1 - 39, 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 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 Federal Medical Centre, Bende, Abia state and for Related Matters(HB. 2807)" (*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 FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE, BENDE, ABIA STATE; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 2807)

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

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

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

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

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

***Committee's Recommendation*:**
Clause 3: **Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the Federal Medical Centres (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (*Hon.*

Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:
This Bill seeks to amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to establish Federal Medical Centre, Bende, Abia State (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:
A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Bende, Abia State and for Related Matters (HB. 2807) (*Hon. Patrick Umoh — Ikot Ekpene/Essien Udim/Obot Akara Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Bende, Abia state and for Related Matters(HB. 2807) 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.

(v) ***Committee on Safety Standards and Regulations:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Safety Standards and Regulations on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Safety Regulatory Board and for Related Matters (HB.1377)" (*Hon. Idris David Zacharias — Idah/Igalamela Odulu/Ibaji/Ofu 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 PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL SAFETY REGULATORY BOARD AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1377)

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 Safety Standards and Regulations on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the

Establishment of the National Safety Regulatory Board and for Related Matters (HB.1377) and approved Clauses 1 - 15, rejected Clauses 16 - 18, approved Clauses 19 - 40, 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.

20. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 10 *November*, 2026 *at* 11.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yalleman — Mallam Madori/Kaugama Federal Constituency*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.32 *p.m.*

Benjamin Okezie Kalu
Deputy Speaker