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THE WEEK IN BRIEF

The House adopted a report on $4.6 billion in Global Fund and USAID health grants, received the President's $7.7 billion borrowing request and passed nine bills. The Senate passed banking and senior secondary education amendments and acted on airtime deductions. Both chambers adjourned to Tuesday 17 November.

$4.6bn
in Global Fund and USAID health grants, 2021–2025, reviewed by the House

₦10.79tn
external borrowing, about $7.7 billion, in the letter read in the House

9
bills passed by the House, six of them for agricultural institutions

7
NMDPRA nominees sent to the Senate for screening

SPOTLIGHT

House calls for closer oversight of $4.6 billion in health grants

On Wednesday 11 November, the House adopted its Infectious Diseases Committee's report on the US$1.8 billion Nigeria received from the Global Fund and US$2.8 billion from USAID in 2021–2025 for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

The House wants Global Fund recipients to obtain National Assembly approval of annual implementation plans before funds are released, and to file quarterly programme and financial reports.

ALSO RECOMMENDED

EFCC and ICPC collaboration on accountability; future grants managed by Nigerian institutions; counterpart funding appropriated by the National Assembly; a dedicated budget line for HIV, TB and malaria; and CCM Nigeria funded through the Health Ministry.

TOP STORIES

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Senate: Bills, Nominees and Motions

The Senate sat on Tuesday and Wednesday and adjourned to Tuesday 17 November. Three House bills listed for concurrence on Tuesday were not taken.

Passed

Tue · Wed

- **Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (Amendment) · SB. 959** (Tue). Report by Sen. Mukhail Adetokunbo Abiru (Lagos East). The CBN would designate, register and supervise systemically important institutions, including fintechs and non-banks: stress tests, governance and cybersecurity standards, a public register, beneficial-ownership disclosure and sanctions. It adds a Fintech Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee and CBN–FCCPC coordination.
- **National Senior Secondary Education Commission Act (Amendment) · SB. 1075** (Wed). An executive bill; Sen. Orji Kalu presented the committee report. Direct funding for federal unity colleges and armed forces schools, support for infrastructure and learning resources in public senior secondary schools, and state education boards with a member from each senatorial district, at least one a woman.

First readings

Tue · Wed

Federal Competition and Consumer Protection (Repeal and Enactment)	SB. 1090 · Tue
Strategic Intelligence Management Institute	HB. 2589 · Tue
Fiscal Responsibility Act (Amendment)	SB. 1091 · Tue
National Human Rights Commission	HB. 2376 · Wed
National Volunteers Service	SB. 1092 · Wed
Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund Act (Amendment)	SB. 1093 · Wed

SB. 1090 is by Deputy Senate President Barau Jibrin; SB. 1091 and 1092 by Sen. Kamorudeen Oyewumi (Osun West); SB. 1093 by Sen. Pam Mwadkon Dachung (Plateau North). HB. 2376 would re-enact the NHRC law with a Human Rights Fund, a National Preventive Mechanism and protection for rights defenders.

Presidential nominations

Tuesday

Six executive directors and a secretary for the **NMDPRA**, referred to Petroleum Resources (Downstream) and Gas Resources.

- **Reappointed:** Abiodun Adeniji, Finance and Accounts; Ogbugo Kalu Ukoha, Distribution Systems, Storage and Retailing Infrastructure; Dr Mustapha Lamorde, Health, Safety, Environment and Community.
- **New:** Mobolaji Tajudeen Musa, Hydrocarbon Processing Plants, Installations and Transportation Infrastructure; Ogechukwu Modie, Economic Regulations and Strategic Planning; Said Abutalib, Corporate Services and Administration; Jumoke Gafar, Secretary and Legal Adviser.

Motions and resolutions

Tue · Wed

- **Airtime deductions** (Sen. Mohammed Tahir Monguno, Borno North; Wed). The NCC is urged to investigate the billing of MTN, Glo, Airtel and T2, require automatic refunds for failed calls, set up a time-bound complaints process, audit billing systems and enforce service standards. The Communications Committee will invite the NCC and operators and report in four weeks.
- **VIP airspace closures** (Sen. Jibrin Isah, Kogi East; Tue). The Senate President said only the President is entitled to cleared airspace, with an hour's notice. The NCAA, NAMA, FAAN and NSIB are to make aircraft divert during restrictions rather than hover. The Aviation Committee reports in two weeks.
- **The Flamingos** (Tue). The Senate urged the Federal Government to reward the U-17 women's team, new FIFA world champions, and gave the team ₦100 million, presented on Wednesday.

House: Bills and Reports

The House did not sit on Tuesday. On Wednesday and Thursday it passed nine bills, read thirteen a second time and adopted the Global Fund and USAID report. It adjourned to Tuesday 17 November.

Passed

Wed · Thu

- **Six agricultural institutions** (Wed): the Agricultural Research Council (Amendment) for specialised colleges, HB. 1481; federal universities of agriculture at Ishiagu, HB. 2052, Akure, HB. 1375, and Igboora, HB. 1172; and federal colleges of agriculture at Ogbia, HB. 1192, and Igbeti, HB. 1385.
- **National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Amendment) · SB. 74** (Thu). Fines, offences and penalties to enforce environmental laws in the petroleum sector. Now passed by both chambers.
- **National Institute for Infectious Diseases and Referral Hospital, Zaria · HB. 2629** (Thu). A specialist tertiary hospital and research institute.
- **Tuberculosis Anti-Discrimination · HB. 2298** (Thu). Bars TB-based discrimination and protects the rights and dignity of people affected.

All nine were moved by the House Leader, Hon. Julius Ihonvbere. The eight House bills go to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports laid

Wednesday

University of Nigerian Languages, Aba	HB. 1753
TETFund: Inter-University Centres	HB. 1754
Michael Okpara University, Umudike	HB. 128
Federal Orthopaedic Hospital, Ikot Moho	HB. 2767
Senior Secondary Education Commission	HB. 2790

From University Education (the first three), Specialty Healthcare and Basic Education and Services.

Second readings

Wed · Thu

- **BOFIA (Amendment) · SB. 959** (Wed). The Senate's bill, read the first and second time the same day. To Committee of the Whole.
- **Federal Polytechnics (Amendment) · HB. 2815** (Wed; Hon. Saidu Musa Abdullahi). Renames the Bida polytechnic after Umaru Sanda Ndayako.
- **Cybercrimes (Amendment) · HB. 2740** (Wed; Hon. Akintunde Rotimi). Cyberstalking, protection for journalists and whistleblowers, and judicial oversight of interception.
- **Drug Revolving Fund Scheme · HB. 1873** (Wed; Hon. Adamu Ibrahim Gamawa). To Healthcare Services.
- **Federal College of Education, Toro · HB. 2845** (Wed; Hon. Dabo Ismaila Haruna). To Federal Colleges of Education.
- **National Institute of Journalism and Media Studies, Ikeja · HB. 2532** (Wed; Hon. Kalejaiye Adeboye Paul).
- **Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ibadan North · HB. 2639** (Wed; Hon. Fola Oyekunle). To Health Institutions.
- **Universities at Omoku, Emughan and Obudu · SBs. 661, 872, 150** (Thu). Senate bills for federal universities of technology at Omoku and agriculture at Emughan, Rivers, and of education at Obudu, Cross River. To Committee of the Whole.
- **Federal Medical Centre, Oyo · HB. 2842** (Thu; Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi). To Health Institutions.
- **Nigerian Physiological Council · HB. 2827** (Thu; Hon. Amos Gwamna Magaji). To Health Institutions.
- **Federal College of Nursing Sciences, Ugboju, Benue · HB. 2511** (Thu; Hon. Blessing Onyeche Onuh). To Health Institutions.

House: Letter and First Readings

The Speaker read the President's borrowing request on Wednesday. Twenty-four bills were read the first time over the two sittings, four of them from the Senate.

Letter from the President

Wednesday

External borrowing of ₦10.79 trillion, about $7.7 billion, already provided for in the 2026 Appropriation Act, through Eurobonds, concessional and commercial loans and bridge financing. Referred to the Aids, Loans and Debt Management and Finance committees.

The Speaker said the request was not new and was required under sections 21(1) and 27(1) of the Debt Management Office Act. It "neither supersedes nor withdraws" the $20.52 billion and €1.045 billion request, "which remains subject to consideration on its own merits."

First readings

Wednesday

Road Safety Commission (Amendment)	HB. 2854
Terrorism (Amendment)	HB. 2855
Chartered Institute of Information Management	HB. 2856
Federal Medical Centres (Amendment)	HB. 2857
Electricity Act (Amendment)	HB. 2858
Nigeria Police Pension Board	HB. 2859
PTDF (Amendment)	HB. 2860
Bank of Small and Medium Enterprises	HB. 2861
BOFIA (Amendment), from the Senate	SB. 959
Teaching Hospitals boards, from the Senate	SBs. 1058, 908

HB. 2854 and 2855: Hon. Mohammed Bello El-Rufai. HB. 2856: Hon. Olusola Fatoba. HB. 2857 and 2859: Hon. Jessy Okey-Joe Onuakalusi. HB. 2858: Hon. Blessing Onuh. HB. 2860: Hon. Steve Fatoba Olusola and Hon. Adeyemi Akeem Adeniyi. HB. 2861: Hon. Paschal Agbodike.

First readings

Thursday

National Gender Equality and Inclusive Growth	HB. 2862
Federal College of Nursing Sciences, Bama	HB. 2863
Nigeria Revenue Service (Amendment)	HB. 2864
Nigeria Customs Service (Amendment)	HB. 2865
Petroleum Industry Act (Amendment)	HB. 2866
Electricity Act (Amendment)	HB. 2867
Electricity Act (Amendment)	HB. 2868
BOFIA (Amendment)	HB. 2869
Chartered Institute of Administration (Amendment)	HB. 2870
Chartered Institute of Marketing (Amendment)	HB. 2871
Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (Amendment)	HB. 2872
Federal Universities of Technology (Amendment)	HB. 2873
Federal Medical Centres (Amendment), from the Senate	SB. 723

HB. 2862, 2863 and 2870 to 2872: Hon. Zainab Gimba. HB. 2864 to 2866: Hon. James Abiodun Faleke and Hon. Saidu Musa Abdullahi. HB. 2867: Hon. Etanabene Benedict. HB. 2868 and 2869: Hon. Mohammed Bello El-Rufai. HB. 2873: Hon. Kama Nkemkanma.

House: Motions

The House took four motions on Wednesday and Thursday and referred each to committees. A fifth was stepped down, and the House rescinded an earlier resolution.

Human trafficking

Wednesday

Hon. Dominic Okafor

The House urged the Federal Government to step up enforcement, prosecution and victim support; NAPTIP and security agencies to share intelligence on cross-border networks; and awareness campaigns by the Education Ministry and community leaders. Human Rights, Interior and Police Affairs report in four weeks.

Protecting judicial officers

Thursday

Hon. Ademorin Aliu Kuye

The NJC is to strengthen protection against threats and harassment; the Justice Ministry to publicise lawful ways to challenge decisions; the NBA and Body of Benchers to uphold professional standards; and the NBC to ensure fair reporting of court cases. Referred to Judiciary and Human Rights, which report in four weeks.

Itakpe–Warri railway

Thursday

Hon. Mitema Obordor

The Transport Ministry, NRC and NSIB are to complete the investigation of the 8 June 2026 derailment and carry out safety inspections and track maintenance. The Ministry is to prepare a feasibility study and master plan to extend the line to Abuja, Bayelsa, Rivers, Akwa Ibom and Cross River. Referred to Land Transport, which reports in four weeks.

Laboratory equipment

Thursday

Hon. Kallamu Usman Maijama'a

On modern, functional laboratory and workshop equipment in federal universities of technology, polytechnics and related institutions. Referred to University Education, Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education, Science and Technology, and TETFund.

BOTH CHAMBERS

Procedure and Practice Watch

- **One request, two readings.** On 4 November the Senate President said the $7.7 billion request appears to supersede the $20.5 billion plan; on 11 November the Speaker said it does not.
- **Same law, several bills.** The Senate passed BOFIA (SB. 959) on Tuesday; the House read it twice on Wednesday, then received a separate BOFIA amendment (HB. 2869) on Thursday. Three Electricity Act amendments (HBs. 2858, 2867 and 2868) were read the first time in two days.
- **New institutions, one chamber.** A week after the Senate stopped listing bills for new tertiary institutions, the House passed seven institution bills and read seven more a second time, including three Senate bills for universities at Omoku, Emughan and Obudu.
- **Order Nine again.** For the second week running, Hon. Francis Waive used Order Nine, Rule 1(5) and (6) to have the House rescind an earlier decision: its resolution on the Nsisan-Obari Royal Palace petition against Indorama Eleme Petrochemicals under the Petroleum Industry Act 2021.
- **A contested voice vote and an absent sponsor.** The judicial officers motion was carried despite loud nays, and a motion on youth unemployment (Hon. Olusoji Abidemi Adetunji) was stepped down because its sponsor was absent.
- **Concurrence on hold.** In the Senate, the sugar council (HBs. 2022 and 2030) and SSS research bureau (HB. 2716) bills, listed for concurrence since 27 October, were again not taken.

Bills on the Move

Bills that moved this week and where they stand.

BILL	THIS WEEK	STAGE, END OF WEEK
Banks and Other Financial Institutions (Amendment) · SB. 959	Senate · third reading · Tue; House · first and second reading · Wed	Committee of the Whole
Senior Secondary Education Commission (Amendment) · SB. 1075	Senate · third reading · Wed; a similar House bill was reported the same day	Passed Senate
Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (Amendment) · SB. 74	House · Committee of the Whole · Wed; third reading · Thu	Passed both chambers
Six agricultural institutions; Zaria institute; TB anti-discrimination · eight bills	House · third reading · Wed and Thu; to the Senate for concurrence	Passed House
Universities at Omoku, Emughan and Obudu · SBs. 661, 872, 150	House · second reading · Thu	Committee of the Whole
Cybercrimes, Drug Revolving Fund and seven more · HBs. 2740, 1873 and others	House · second reading · Wed and Thu	In committee
Universities at Aba and Umudike; TETFund; Ikot Moho hospital; senior secondary education · five bills	House · reports laid · Wed	Awaiting consideration
Strategic Intelligence Management Institute; NHRC · HBs. 2589, 2376	Senate · first reading · Tue and Wed (passed by the House)	Senate first reading
Sugar council; SSS research bureau · HBs. 2022, 2030, 2716	Senate · concurrence not taken · Tue	Awaiting concurrence

DATES TO WATCH

Looking Ahead

15 Nov	Deadline for the last six state assemblies on the state police amendment.
17 Nov	Both chambers resume plenary on Tuesday.
17–19 Nov	House committees report on the OSGF circular, fake food and drinks, Odi erosion, Eko Bridge, POS agents and Anambra erosion; Senate committees on Ayetoro.
By 18 Nov	INEC chairman due before the House Committee on Electoral Matters (seven legislative days from 28 October).
24–26 Nov	Senate Aviation Committee on VIP airspace closures; House committees on EV and CNG imports, research findings, toll gates, Biology and phone device checks.
1–2 Dec	Senate committees on the Nigeria–China air agreement; House committees on CBN pensions, kidney disease, MSMEs and the Benin–Okene highway.
8–10 Dec	Senate Communications Committee on airtime deductions; House committees on human trafficking, the Itakpe–Warri railway and the safety of judicial officers.
No date set	The $7.7 billion borrowing request, before committees in both chambers; Senate confirmation of the NMDPRA nominees.

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