



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 4 December, 2019

1. The House met at 11:20 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. The House recited the National Pledge
3. Votes and Proceedings
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 3 December, 2019.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. Announcements

(i) *Visitors in the Gallery:*

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of Members of *the Federation of Ekiti State Students Union (FESSU)*, Ado, Ekiti State.

(ii) *Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies Income Tax Act; Value Added Tax Act; Customs and Excise Tariff, etc (Consolidation) Act; Personal Income Tax; Capital Gains Tax Act; Stamp Duties Act; and Petroleum Profit Tax Act, to provide for the Review of Tax Provisions and Make Them More Responsive to Tax Reform and for Related Matters (HB. 423):*

Mr Speaker announced the Membership of the Conference Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. James Abiodun Faleke | — | Chairman |
| (2) | Hon. Dozie Nwankwo | — | Member |
| (3) | Hon. John Dyegh | — | Member |
| (4) | Hon. Usman Zannah | — | Member |
| (5) | Hon. Afolabi Rasheed | — | Member |
| (6) | Hon. Seidu Abdullahi | — | Member |

(iii) *Federal Government's 2016 — 2018 External Borrowing Plan, and the Issuance of ₦10.069 Billion Promisory Notes to Kogi State*

Mr Speaker directed the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management to present its reports on the above referrals on Tuesday, 10 December, 2019

5. Petitions

- (i) A petition from AIRS Legal (Legal Practitioners & Property Consultants), on behalf of Anjorin Nigeria Limited, on the refusal by the Federal Ministry of Environment, to pay the

Cognizant that the government is constitutionally bound to protect lives and properties of its citizens by providing for their security and welfare and Section 10 (3) (g) of the Federal Road Safety Commission (Establishment) Act empowers the Federal Road Safety Commission to provide roadside and mobile clinics for the treatment of accident victims free of charge;

Also cognizant that there are only forty-seven (47) road side and mobile clinics across Nigeria, out of which 18 are furnished and functional, fifteen (15) are furnished but non-functional, while the remaining fourteen (14) are neither furnished nor functional;

Concerned about the prediction by the World Bank that without a sustained action to stem the rate of accidents on the nation's highways, road crashes would become the seventh leading cause of death by 2030;

Also concerned that while most efforts have been geared towards providing enlightenment on safety tips including the use of seat belts, speed reduction, non-consumption of alcohol construction and rehabilitation of roads, there is still a need to broaden efforts and explore all options in approaching this vexed issue;

Regrets that the available road side clinics are grossly insufficient to cater for the medical needs of accident victims, and the functional ones are poorly managed hence, people continue to die on the high ways for want of immediate medical attention;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to intensify efforts towards the provision of safely engineered roads; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission to interface with the Federal Road Safety Commission to ascertain the current infrastructural, equipment and manpower status of road side and mobile clinics and recommend measures to be taken to make them functional to cater for victims of road accidents and report back within eight (8) weeks (*Hon. Akinola Adekunle Alabi — Egbeda/Ona-Ara Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 246/12/2019).

Motion referred to the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), pursuant to Order Eight Rule 9 (5).

18. *Holistic Review of all Agreements between Oil Companies in Nigeria and Host Communities*
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the execution of Agreements between Oil Companies in Nigeria and their host Communities is a form of Corporate Social Responsibility;

Also notes that such strategic business management and corporate governance initiative is designed to balance responsibility of stakeholders at all levels and produce greater impact on a wide number of people;

Observes that most of the agreements are either partially implemented or completely not implemented by the Oil companies, resulting in untold hardships on the host Communities in Nigeria;

Worried that the continued breach of such agreements and under performance by Oil Companies has built up dis-affection, restiveness and tension in the oil producing communities in Nigeria;

Cognizant that a holistic review of all agreements executed and entered into by Oil Companies with their host Communities will resolve all problems and provide a lasting solution to the poor implementation of Agreements by Oil Companies;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Treaties, Protocols and Agreements, and Petroleum Resources (Upstream) to review all the Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding between the Oil Companies and the host Communities in order to protect the interest of host Communities and report back within eight (8) weeks (*Hon. Qssai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the execution of Agreements between Oil Companies in Nigeria and their host Communities is a form of Corporate Social Responsibility;

Also noted that such strategic business management and corporate governance initiative is designed to balance responsibility of stakeholders at all levels and produce greater impact on a wide number of people;

Observed that most of the agreements are either partially implemented or completely not implemented by the Oil companies, resulting in untold hardships on the host Communities in Nigeria;

Worried that the continued breach of such agreements and under performance by Oil Companies has built up dis-affection, restiveness and tension in the oil producing communities in Nigeria;

Cognizant that a holistic review of all agreements executed and entered into by Oil Companies with their host Communities will resolve all problems and provide a lasting solution to the poor implementation of Agreements by Oil Companies;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Treaties, Protocols and Agreements, and Petroleum Resources (Upstream) to review all the Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding between the Oil Companies and the host Communities in order to protect the interest of host Communities and report back within eight (8) weeks (**HR. 247/12/2019**).

19. **Need for Commercial Banks to Stop Casualization of Staff**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that prior to the emergence of new generation banks in Nigeria, staff of banks were usually full time workers and entitled to series of benefits from the banks they worked for, including promotions, health packages, productivity, life insurance policies, housing allowances, wardrobe allowances, feeding allowances etc. which made banking jobs enviable work for all and sundry in the country;

(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 Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN) charged with responsibilities to, among others, Provide Community Policing, Maintenance of Law and Order and Community Service for Nigerians; and for Related Matters (HB,437).

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 Establishment of the National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism for Training, Certification and Registration of Personnel in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB,45):

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

21.

Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 5 December, 2019 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Peter Akpanason — Deputy House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.13 p.m.

Femi Hakeem Gbajabamila
Speaker