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Honourable Citizens,

Welcome to this edition of **The Green Chamber Weekly**, a publication dedicated to keeping you informed and engaged with the legislative activities of the House of Representatives. As always, this issue offers exclusive and front-row insights into the achievements and milestones of the 10th House.

This week's feature story highlights our powerful advocacy efforts led by the **Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, PhD, GCON**, as part of the commemoration of the **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**. This initiative exemplifies our unwavering commitment to safeguarding the rights and dignity of all Nigerians - particularly women and girls.

Also included are key updates on bills currently at various stages of the legislative process, as well as special segments such as Committee Watch and Periscope, which offer a deeper look into our legislative and oversight functions.

The 10th House of Representatives remains steadfast in its commitment to transparency and accountability, guided by **Agenda 6** (Inclusion and Open Parliament) of the People's House **Legislative Agenda (2023–2027)**. This agenda is not merely a promise but the cornerstone of our efforts as a Committee to ensure an inclusive and open parliament that fosters engagement, accessibility, and transparency (TEA) with all Nigerians.

Our goal as an Assembly remains clear: to build a responsive, results-driven, and effective legislature dedicated to the security and welfare of every Nigerian. We hope you enjoy this edition!

Rep. Akin. Rotimi, Jr.
House Spokesman
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THE R.O.L.E. CALL

(A GREEN CHAMBER WEEKLY SPECIAL)

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A PASSION FOR CHANGE:
**REP. MUKHTAR
SHAGAYA'S**

VISION FOR TRANSFORMATIVE GOVERNANCE

In this inaugural episode of THE R.O.L.E. CALL, we sit down with **Rep. Mukhtar Tolani Shagaya**, a young, dynamic and passionate legislator, as he shares his vision for transformative governance. As a representative of the good people of Ilorin West and Asa Federal Constituency, Rep. Shagaya exemplifies the core functions of lawmakers: **Representation, Oversight, Legislation, and Empowerment**. His commitment to advancing education, healthcare, and youth empowerment through impactful legislative action is a testament to his dedication to public service. In this feature, titled "A Passion for Change", Rep. Shagaya reflects on the legislative journey, the challenges of governance, and his ongoing mission to build a more prosperous and equitable Nigeria.

Q: Motivations for Public Office - Tell us about your background, and what inspired you to venture into public service and represent your constituency in the House of Representatives?

A: My journey into public service is deeply rooted in my commitment to making a tangible impact on the lives of people. Coming from a family that values community development and philanthropy, I have always been passionate about creating opportunities for those around me. Before venturing into politics, I gained diverse experience as an entrepreneur, a renewable energy specialist, and an international development worker. These roles exposed me to the challenges and opportunities within our society, especially in education, health, and infrastructure. Representing Ilorin West and Asa Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives is a fulfillment of my desire to advocate for my constituents and to be a voice for transformative policies that uplift lives.

Q: Legislative Agenda - Can you highlight some of the key bills or motions you have sponsored so far and their intended impact on your constituency and the nation?

A: My legislative agenda is driven by a deep commitment to addressing the critical needs of my constituents and contributing to national development. Among the key bills I have sponsored is the Federal College of Education, Afon, Kwara State (Establishment) Bill, which seeks to establish a hub for teacher training and education in my constituency, thereby enhancing the quality of education and creating opportunities for youth empowerment. Another notable bill is the Federal Cancer Research and Treatment Centre Bill, which proposes the establishment of state-of-the-art cancer treatment centers across six geopolitical zones, including Asa, Kwara State. This initiative addresses the growing need for accessible and affordable healthcare for cancer

patients nationwide.

In addition to these bills, I have moved several impactful motions. For instance, my motion on the need to investigate the introduction of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in Nigeria underscores my advocacy for food security and public health. This motion seeks to ensure that GMO adoption in Nigeria adheres to global standards while prioritizing the safety and well-being of our citizens.

Through these legislative actions, my focus has been on improving education, healthcare, and food security, demonstrating my commitment to making tangible, life-changing impacts on my constituency and the nation at large.

Q: Challenges in Legislation - What has been the most challenging aspect of driving your legislative priorities, and how have you navigated those challenges?

A: Legislating in a diverse and vibrant assembly comes with its challenges, chief among them being building consensus on critical issues. Navigating these challenges requires diplomacy, thorough research, and persistence. I have learned the importance of coalition-building with colleagues and engaging stakeholders to ensure that the bills and motions we push forward resonate with national priorities.

Q: Young People in Politics - As one of the younger voices in the 10th Assembly, how do you see your role in encouraging youth participation in governance?

A: As one of the younger representatives in the 10th Assembly, I see my role as a bridge between generations. My presence in the House is a testament to the potential of young people to lead. I actively advocate for youth participation in governance, demonstrating that with determination and preparation, young voices can influence decisions that shape our nation. Through mentorship programs and platforms for dialogue, I aim to inspire more youths to join the political process and contribute their innovative ideas to nation-building.

Q: Youth Empowerment - What specific policies or initiatives are you advocating to empower Nigerian youths economically and politically?

A: Empowering Nigeria's youth is at the core of my legislative and constituency agenda. I advocate policies that prioritise education, skills acquisition, and entrepreneurship. For instance, I sponsored the bill for the Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skill Acquisition in Ilorin West, which aims to equip young Nigerians with the skills needed for self-reliance. In my



PHOTO GALLERY

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A PASSION FOR CHANGE: REP MUKHTAR SHAGAYA'S VISION FOR TRANSFORMATIVE GOVERNANCE



constituency, I have facilitated capacity-building workshops, scholarships, and financial empowerment initiatives to ensure that our youths are not only educated but also economically empowered to thrive.

Q: Constituency Engagement - How have you maintained a connection with your constituents, and what specific outreach programmes have you implemented to address their needs?

A: Maintaining a strong connection with my constituents is at the heart of my representation in the National Assembly. I have established a fully staffed constituency office, which serves as the first point of contact for my constituents to share their concerns and highlight areas of need. This office ensures that their voices are heard and that solutions are promptly sought.

Additionally, I make it a priority to visit the constituency frequently, engaging directly with the people who entrusted me with the responsibility to represent them. These visits allow me to stay attuned to their realities and aspirations, ensuring that their interests are effectively championed in Abuja.

To further enhance accessibility and representation, I have appointed 29 liaison officers, one in each ward across the constituency. These officers serve as vital links between me and the grassroots, ensuring that every corner of the constituency has a direct line of communication with their representative.

These efforts are complemented by impactful outreach programs, including skill acquisition initiatives, scholarships, and empowerment schemes, which collectively address the immediate and long-term needs of my constituents. This multifaceted approach underscores my dedication to inclusive, people-centered governance.

Q: Vision for Nigeria - When you think about Nigeria in the next 10-20 years, what kind of country do you envision, and what role do you see for yourself in achieving that vision?

A: In the next 10-20 years, I envision a Nigeria that is self-reliant, equitable, and prosperous. A country where education, healthcare, and infrastructure are not privileges but rights accessible to all. My role in achieving this vision is to continue advocating for policies that prioritize inclusivity, innovation, and sustainable development. I hope to remain an active participant in shaping a Nigeria that works for everyone, particularly the marginalized and underserved.

Q: Lessons from Public Service - What has serving in the National Assembly taught you about leadership, and how have those lessons shaped your approach to governance?

A: Serving in the National Assembly has taught me that leadership is about empathy, patience, and action.

Listening to my constituents and colleagues has shaped my understanding of the complexities of governance. I have learned that progress often requires compromise and resilience, and these lessons have influenced my approach to leadership—grounded in service, inclusivity, and a relentless pursuit of impactful solutions.

Q: Inspirations and Values - Who or what has been the greatest influence on your political career, and how have those influences shaped your values and decision-making?

A: I am deeply influenced by the exemplary leadership of His Excellency Governor Abdulrahman AbdulRazaq, whose governance model prioritizes inclusivity and development, and His Excellency President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, whose strategic vision and reforms have inspired me to think critically about Nigeria's future. Their leadership, coupled with the values instilled in me by my family, has guided my decisions and shaped my commitment to service, equity, and innovation.

Q: Message to Nigerians - As we navigate various challenges as a nation, what words of encouragement or advice would you like to share with the Nigerian people?

A: Nigeria is a resilient nation, blessed with abundant resources and a determined people. As we navigate the challenges before us, I urge every Nigerian to remain hopeful and united. Together, we can build a nation that reflects our collective dreams. To the youth, I say this: your energy, creativity, and courage are the foundation for a brighter future. Let us continue to strive for a Nigeria where opportunities abound, and every citizen can live with dignity and purpose.





Dear Reps

Public Petitions to the House of Representatives

Monday 25th, November - Friday 29th November, 2024

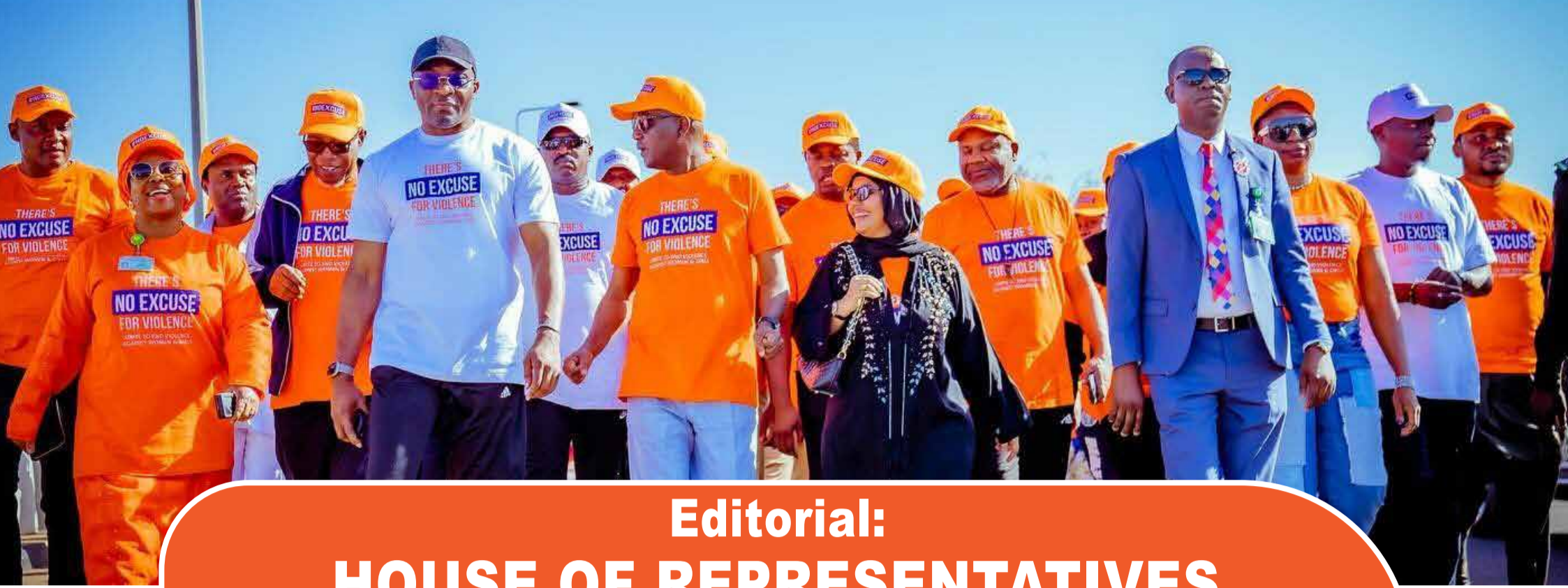
Tuesday, November 26, 2024

<p>Alleged fraudulent auction of Akinola Felix's vehicle by the Nigeria Custom Service</p>	<p>Presented by: Rep. Akin Rotimi, Jr. (APC, Ekiti)</p>
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Wednesday, November 27, 2024

<p>Alleged breach of Rights and Privileges due to Moses Endurance and 3 others, on the OML-58 Ubeta Main Field Development Project, Rivers State, by the Management of Total Energies EP Nigeria Limited</p>	<p>Presented by: Rep. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (LP, Lagos)</p>
<p>Alleged inhumane treatment meted out to travellers on a passenger speed boat by Security Operatives of Shell Petroleum Development Company Limited</p>	<p>Rep. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi (LP, Lagos)</p>
<p>Alleged marginalisation in the ongoing NENG Train 7 project in Bonny by the Nigerian Liquified Natural Gas (NLNG)</p>	<p>Rep. Vieter Obuzer (PDP, Rivers)</p>
<p>Refusal to compensate the Sanwei family in Ojobo community, Delta State, for the environmental damage caused by the operations of Shell Petroleum Development Company Limited</p>	<p>Rep. Mathew Nwogu (LP, Imo)</p>
<p>Alleged non-payment of the contract sum of N15,989,213,218.00. (Fifteen Billion, Nine Hundred and Eighty Nine Million Two Hundred and 'Thirteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifteen Naira) by the Accountant-General of Imo State</p>	<p>Rep. Mudashiru Lukman Alani (PDP, Osun)</p>
<p>Termination of Mr Edwin Idowu Oluka's appointment by Pilar Oil Limited</p>	<p>Rep. Joseph Nwobasi (APGA, Ebonyi)</p>

Status: All petitions referred to the House Committee on Public Petitions



Editorial: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LEADS BOLD ADVOCACY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

By Temidayo Taiwo-Sidiq and Musa Abdullahi Krishi

"Every 10 minutes, somewhere in the world, a woman is killed as a result of gender-based violence" — UN Women, 2020. 1 in 3 women have experienced physical violence by age 15," according to the Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS, 2013). And countless more suffer in silence from sexual, physical, and emotional abuse.

As the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence unfolds, Nigeria's House of Representatives is stepping up, leading the charge to end this widespread, devastating injustice.

From **November 25 to December 10**, movements, local and international organisations, governments, and various stakeholders observe this annual campaign, which culminates on International Human Rights Day. This year's observance carries added weight, as Nigeria's legislative body is using the moment to not only raise awareness but to take decisive action in the battle against gender-based violence (GBV).

The NDHS data is one that starkly underscores the severity of the issue, as the report further highlights the prevalence of sexual violence, **with one in three women aged 15-49 experiencing such trauma. Alarmingly, one in four girls, including very young ones, face sexual assault. Half of the girls who experience gender-based violence suffer at the hands of those closest to them—at home.** Yet, the system fails these victims, with only 0.9% of perpetrators being brought to trial.

The global statistics are similarly bleak: every day, women across the world are murdered, raped, or assaulted in ways that reflect not just a personal tragedy, but a societal crisis. It is within this context

that the House of Representatives has chosen to make this year's observance of the 16 Days of Activism a turning point in Nigeria's commitment to eradicating gender-based violence.

The House of Representatives' actions began with a historic march on November 25, led by Speaker, **Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, PhD, GCON**, alongside Deputy Speaker, **Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu**, Majority Leader, **Rep. Julius Ihonvbere**, Chairperson of the House Committee on Women Affairs, **Rep. Kafilat Ogbara**, and House Spokesman, **Rep. Akin Rotimi, Jr.** This march, which saw the participation of about 1,000 individuals, including lawmakers and key members of the Federal Executive Council (FEC) such as **Imaan Suleiman-Ibrahim**, Minister of Women Affairs; **Ayodele Olawande**, Minister of Youth Development; and **Dayo Israel**, National Youth Leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC), symbolised hope and solidarity in the ongoing fight against gender-based violence (GBV).

Clad in orange—the official color of the United Nations campaign to end violence against women—marchers walked from the National Assembly to the Nigeria Police Force Headquarters, sending a powerful message of unity in the face of violence.

"This day is the day of history; a day that the National Assembly has chosen to become an active partner with other groups in the country to fight against gender-based violence," Speaker Abbas declared. "This year's programme came at a time when, all over the world, women are crying, in anger and frustration. This is the year that the United Nations has issued a damning report, that every 10 minutes, a woman is being killed across the world."

PHOTO GALLERY

Monday, 25th November, 2024

SYMBOLIC WALK AGAINST GBV BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



As they proceeded to the Force Headquarters, the group presented a petition to the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Kayode Egbetokun, demanding a comprehensive investigation into cases of violence against women and girls (VAWG) and greater accountability for perpetrators. Speaker Abbas's words echoed through the demonstration: "This is an unacceptable trend. This is an unforgivable trend. We in the parliament must have to unite—more than ever before—with the relevant authorities, particularly law enforcement, in ensuring that we curb this dangerous trend to the barest minimum."

The symbolic march was only the beginning. The House of Representatives has committed to translating this energy into long-lasting change. As Speaker Abbas stated, *"I want to say it categorically clear that the National Assembly will do everything humanly possible to ensure that all forms of violence against women and girls are drastically reduced, if not completely eliminated in the very near future."*

Also at the forefront of the House's advocacy is Rep. Kafilat Ogbara, who presented the petition on behalf of the House at the Force Headquarters. Alongside her, other key leaders of the House have been instrumental in driving awareness through initiatives like the "Leading the Charge" campaign—a compelling video produced by **Yeside Olasimbo**, Special Assistant on Women Affairs to the Speaker. The video powerfully showcased the unified commitment of the House's leadership to champion an end to violence against women and girls, with various messages emphasising legislative actions and the steps being taken to create a safer, more equitable society.

"The House of Representatives will play an active role in the next national action plan against violence against women," Speaker Abbas affirmed during the symbolic walk, "and we will participate actively in ensuring that pro-poor policies are enacted to significantly reduce the incidences of violence of all kinds against women, against children, against girls."

Beyond the walk and the video campaign, the House has embraced visible advocacy throughout the 16 Days of Activism. On Tuesday, November 26, 2024, a **Sash Demonstration Ceremony** was held in plenary, with Representatives donning orange sashes to symbolise solidarity with the fight against GBV. This marks just one of the many initiatives that align with the House's Legislative Agenda (2023–2027), designed to ensure that the fight against GBV remains at the forefront of Nigeria's national agenda.

Rising to offer a Personal Explanation during the plenary session, **Rep. Akin Rotimi, Jr.** highlighted the action as an important advocacy effort on gender-based violence by Members of the House of Representatives. He also highlighted the recent passage by the House of the bill to prohibit and prevent sexual harassment in tertiary institutions which he sponsored as a demonstration of the House's dedication to protecting vulnerable groups, particularly women and girls.

The series of activities will continue next week with the **Convergence of State Assembly Speakers** on Monday, December 9, 2024, for a strategic meeting at the Transcorp Hilton, Abuja, that will bring together Speakers of State Houses of Assembly to discuss legislative strategies for combating GBV nationwide. The activities outlined for this year's advocacy and the **National Citizens' Summit** and GBV Conference 2024 will climax on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, concluding the 16 Days of Activism with discussions on constitutional reforms and securing endorsements for gender equality initiatives championed by the House. In response to these efforts, the House is also looking ahead, ensuring that these actions have long-lasting impacts on policy, law enforcement, and public consciousness. As the House takes leadership in the fight against gender-based violence, it serves as a reminder that this is not just a legislative matter, but a societal responsibility.

Gender-based violence continues to devastate families and communities across Nigeria. The 10th House of Representatives, however, remains steadfast in driving systemic reforms, fostering collaboration, and championing accountability to address this pervasive issue.

Nigeria's House of Representatives has sent a clear message: it is time for an end to gender-based violence. But as Speaker Abbas Tajudeen rightly noted, *"We in the parliament must unite—more than ever before—to ensure that we curb this dangerous trend."* The House has not only raised its voice but is taking bold, decisive action. While the fight against GBV is far from over, Nigeria is at a turning point, and with continued vigilance, determination, and action, the future can be brighter—safer—for women and girls across the nation. Together, let us take a decisive stand for justice, equality, and the protection of human rights, paving the way for a safer, more equitable Nigeria.





HOUSE CONFIRMS LT. GENERAL OLUYEDE AS CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF

... Removes Danladi Umar from office as Code of Conduct Tribunal Chair

By Temidayo Taiwo-Sidiq

The House of Representatives on Thursday confirmed the appointment of Lt. General Olufemi Oluoyede as the substantive Chief of Army Staff (COAS).

The approval, granted during plenary in the Green Chamber, followed the consideration of a report by the Committee of the Whole, chaired by Deputy Speaker Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu.

Rep. Babajimi Benson (APC, Lagos), Chairman of the 10-member Ad Hoc Committee on the Screening and Confirmation of the Acting Chief of Army Staff, co-chaired by Rep. Aminu Balele Kurfi (APC, Katsina), presented the report.

He noted that the committee was constituted on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, to screen the Acting Chief of Army Staff following his nomination by **President Bola Ahmed Tinubu**, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. The screening session served as a platform to discuss a collaborative approach to addressing Nigeria's pressing security challenges, while evaluating the nominee's qualifications and readiness for this critical role.

"We reviewed his CV, we questioned him on various issues, including inter-agency synergy and civilian-military relations. Our observation is that General Olatunbosun Oluoyede is fit and proper and gave a very good account of himself. In conclusion, we urge that this House do approve his new position as Chief of Army Staff," he stated.

As noted in the report, "The Ad-Hoc Committee carefully and thoroughly engaged with the nominee for the position of Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen., and was satisfied with his academic and professional qualifications, exposure, conduct, character, experience, and general performance."

The Ad Hoc Committee further observed that the nominee displayed a wide and in-depth knowledge of strategies, tactics, and military operations, as demonstrated during his time in the acting capacity.

Consequently, the report concluded, "The Ad-Hoc Committee hereby recommends that Lt. Gen. Olufemi Olatunbosun Oluoyede be confirmed as Chief of Army Staff of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, having successfully undergone the screening process."

Upon being put to question during the consideration of the report, members unanimously voted in favour of its adoption during plenary and confirmed his appointment as Chief of Army Staff.





In another development, the House has approved the removal from Office of **Mr. Yakubu Danladi Umar**, as Chairman of the Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT).

This followed the adoption of a motion by the House Leader, **Rep. Julius Ihonvbere (APC, Edo)** on the need to invoke the Provision of Paragraph 17 (3), Part 1, Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Amended) for the Removal from Office of the Chairman of the Code of Conduct Tribunal.

Presenting the motion during plenary, the House Leader noted that the Code of Conduct Tribunal (CCT) is one of the key components of federal Institutions in the country, saddled with the statutory responsibilities of maintaining high standards of morality in the conduct of government business and ensuring the actions and behaviours of public officers conform with the highest standards of public morality and accountability. He further highlighted that a statutory institution of such magnitude is expected to be an epitome of moral rectitude and virtues of integrity, probity, and accountability,

He however, recalled the conduct of the Chairman, Code of Conduct Tribunal, who recently engaged in a public brawl with a security guard at the Banex Plaza Shopping Complex, which necessitated an invitation from the Senate Committee on Ethics, Code of Conduct, and Public Petitions.

The House Leader noted that after his first appearance, where he admitted to having been involved in the brawl, he refused to attend subsequent sittings, thereby frustrating the efforts of the Committee to investigate the allegations against him. Further pointing out that the official conduct of the CCT Chairman, Mr. Yakubu Danladi Umar, has fallen short of

the requisite standard of a public officer to conduct the affairs of such a tribunal;

He emphasised that by the virtue of the provisions of Paragraph 17 (3), PT 1, Fifth Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As amended) and Section 22(3) of the Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act Cap C15 LFN 2004, The President and Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces is mandated to act on an address supported by a two-thirds majority of the Senate and House of Representatives and praying that the Chairman be so removed for misconduct.

"Affirms that the invocation of the aforementioned constitutional provision in this circumstance seems to be the only way out to safeguard the sacred image of the Code of Conduct Tribunal, in line with the resolution of the 10th National Assembly to uphold the rule of law and sustain the ideals of corporate governance structure in Nigeria," he stressed.

In light of this, the House invoked and activated the relevant constitutional provision, by forwarding an address, supported by a two-thirds majority of the House of Representatives, which shall be acted upon by Mr. President for the removal of Mr. Yakubu Danladi Umar as the Chairman of the Code of Conduct Tribunal for misconduct.

Upon it being put to vote by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, Members affirmed the prayers of the motion concurring thus with the resolution of the Senate on the matter.

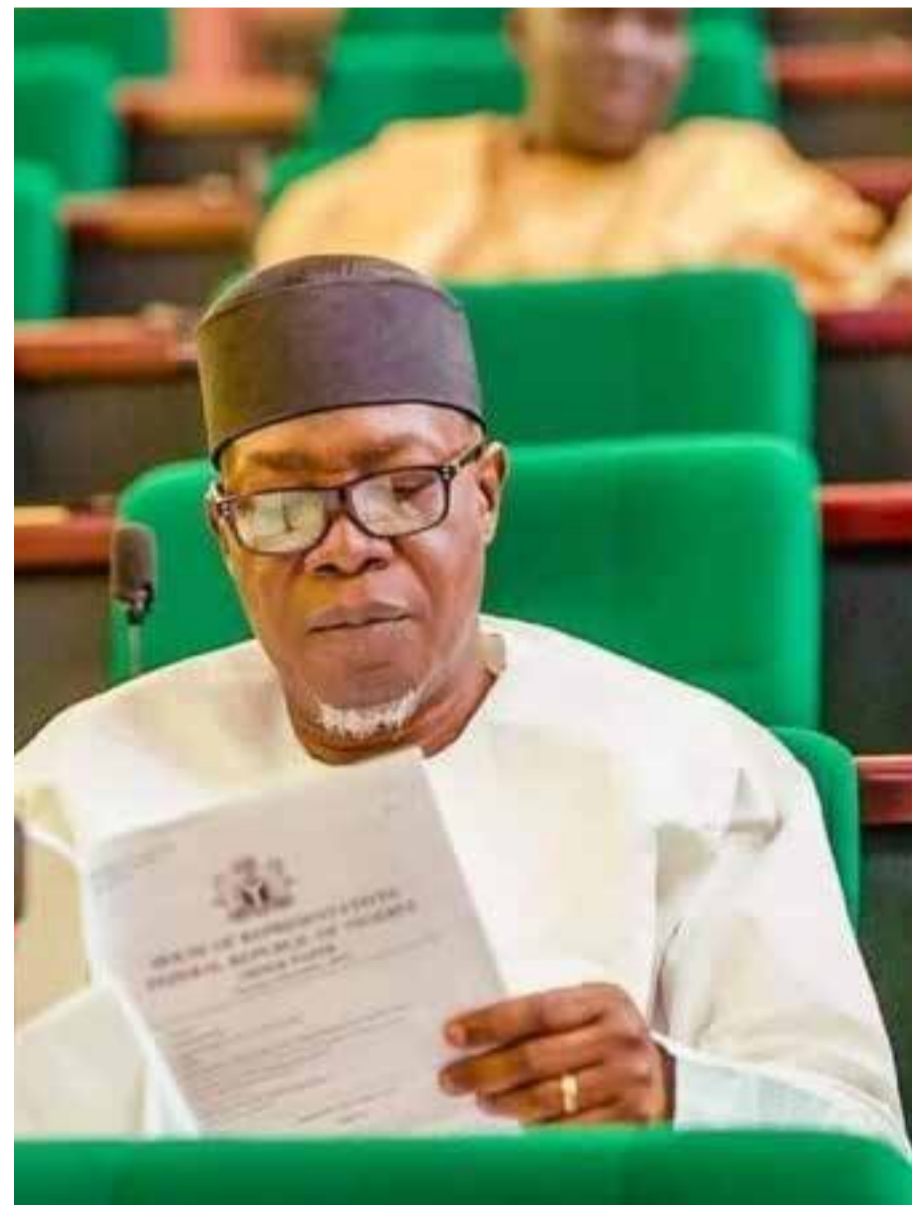


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Thursday, November 28, 2024

HEARING/SCREENING OF ACTING CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF (COAS) BY HOUSE JOINT COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE AND ARMY





HOUSE APPROVES 2025-2027 MEDIUM-TERM EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK

By Temidayo Taiwo-Sidiq

- *Projections for domestic crude oil production set at 2.06 million barrels per day for 2025, GDP growth rate projected at 4.6%.*
- *House adopts committee recommendations on quarterly investigative hearings with revenue-generating agencies to track compliance with the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA).*

Ahead of the passage of the Appropriation Bill for the 2025 fiscal year, the House of Representatives has approved the **2025-2027 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP)** of the federal government.

The approval was granted on Wednesday during plenary following the consideration of a report by the House Committees on Finance, National Planning, and Economic Development. The report, which was presented by **Rep. James Abiodun Faleke** (APC, Lagos), Chairman of the House Committee on Finance, detailed 15 recommendations that were unanimously adopted after a robust debate that lasted nearly an hour.

Deputy Speaker, **Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu**, who chaired the Committee of Supply, led the plenary session to adopt the committee's recommendations on the framework, which had been forwarded to the National Assembly by President Bola Tinubu on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

While the Minority Caucus, led by **Rep. Kingsley Chinda** (PDP, Rivers), argued that many of the projections were "over-ambitious" and not feasible, the Chairman of the House Committee on Finance clarified

that the parameters were "merely projections" and emphasised that "ambitious projections" can motivate agencies and investors to achieve better outcomes.

The key recommendations of the Committees include:

Oil Benchmark Prices: Projected at USD 75, USD 76.2, and USD 75.3 per barrel for 2025, 2026, and 2027, respectively. Domestic crude oil production is projected to increase from 1.78 million barrels per day (mbpd) in 2024 to 2.06 mbpd, 2.10 mbpd, and 2.35 mbpd in 2025, 2026, and 2027, respectively.

GDP Growth Rate: Projected at 4.6%, 4.4%, and 5.5% for 2025, 2026, and 2027, respectively. The exchange rate is set at N1400/USD for these years, subject to review in early 2025 in line with monetary and fiscal policies.

Inflation Rate Projections: Set at 15.75%, 14.21%, and 10.04% for 2025, 2026, and 2027.

In terms of the federal budget, the proposed 2025 budget stands at N47.9 trillion, with N34.82 trillion retained. New borrowings are projected at N9.22 trillion, comprising both domestic and foreign borrowings. Debt service is estimated at N15.38 trillion, pensions, gratuities, and retirees' benefits at N1.44 trillion, and the fiscal deficit at N13.08 trillion.

Capital expenditure is projected at N16.48 trillion, exclusive of transfers. Statutory transfers are set at N4.26 trillion, with a Sinking Fund of N430.27 billion. The total recurrent (non-debt) expenditure is pegged

at N14.21 trillion, with special interventions for recurrent and capital expenditures set at N200 billion and N7 billion, respectively.

The Committee of Supply also recommended the approval of the Promissory Note Programme and Bond Issuance to settle outstanding claims and liabilities of the federal government owed to states, high-priority judgments, and liabilities incurred by Federal Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) on behalf of the government.

Additionally, the Committee recommended that the National Assembly, through the Committees on Finance, National Planning, and other relevant committees, carry out thorough investigations of agreements entered into by the NNPC, NLNG, and Immigration Services, aimed at reconciling remittances to the Federation Account.

Other Recommendations:

Investigation of NNPC Subsidy Claims: The Committees on Finance, Petroleum Upstream, and Petroleum Downstream are tasked with investigating reports from the Revenue Mobilisation, Allocation, and Fiscal Responsibility Commission (RMAFC) that the NNPC withheld N8.48 trillion in claimed subsidies for petrol.

The investigation will also address the NEITI report that alleges the NNPC failed to remit \$2 billion (N3.6 trillion) in taxes to the Federal Government. The committees will verify the total cumulative amount of unremitted revenue (under-recovery) from the sale of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) by the NNPC between 2020 and 2023.

- **Quarterly Investigative Hearings:** The Committee recommends quarterly investigative hearings with revenue-generating agencies to track their compliance with the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) and penalise those found in clear contravention of the Act.

- **Nigerian Export Supervision Scheme (NIESS):** The Committee on Finance is directed to review and initiate an inquiry into the implementation of the Nigerian Export Supervision Scheme Act. This inquiry will focus on oil and gas exports by the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to ensure effective compliance and oversight mechanisms under the Act, identify challenges, and enhance revenue generation for the government through transparency and accountability.

- **Investigating IDEC Programme:** The Committees on Finance and Customs are tasked with investigating the operations of the Import Duty Exemption Certificate (IDEC) program, focusing on the administration of import waivers and their impact on revenue losses. The investigation will evaluate compliance, identify systemic gaps or irregularities, and recommend measures to enhance transparency and optimize revenue generation.

- **Independent Audits:** The Committee recommends that performance metrics be established for MDAs with poor financial reporting standards and mandates regular independent audits of their accounts to ensure compliance.

Several members raised concerns about some of the projections in the rolling plans, particularly the inflation rate, oil output, and growth rate.



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PERISCOPE: WHAT IS 'PERSONAL EXPLANATION' IN PARLIAMENTARY PARLANCE?



Personal Explanation in the Nigerian House of Representatives refers to a procedural right that allows a member of the Green Chamber to explain or clarify something personal related to their behavior, remarks, or intentions within the House or related to parliamentary matters.

Typically listed as the last item (Item 12) before the commencement of bill presentations on the Order Paper, it serves as a mechanism for members to maintain their dignity and clear their name when necessary. As outlined in **Order 8, Rule 6 of the House Standing Orders (Eleventh Edition)**, this explanation allows the member to address the issue in the House without engaging in a debate.

Key points about a **Personal Explanation** include:

- **Matter of Urgent Private Importance:** Similar to Matters of Urgent Public Importance, a Matter of Personal Explanation is considered so important to the member that they seek to be heard, even without a question being formally raised before the House.

- **Permission to Speak:** The member must first seek permission from the Speaker or the Presiding Officer before making the explanation. **No Debate Allowed:** It is not meant for general discussion or debate. The member can only explain their actions, statements, or position.
- **No Controversial Matters Entertained:** The explanation is typically used to clarify or respond to accusations or misunderstandings about the member's behavior, remarks, or intentions within the House. However, controversial matters are precluded from being raised.

As stated in **Order 8, Rule 6:**

"By the indulgence of the House and the leave of the Speaker, a Member may make a Personal Explanation although there be no question before the House; but no controversial matter may be brought forward or may debate arise upon the explanation."

This process ensures that members have an opportunity to clarify personal issues without opening the floor to debate or contentious matters.



REPS CONSIDER LEGISLATION TO REGULATE INSTALLATION OF CNG TANKS IN VEHICLES

By **Temidayo Taiwo-Sidiq**

• *Seeks to avert further carnage leading to loss of lives due to the production of locally fabricated CNG tanks by artisans.*

The House of Representatives has resolved to enact legislation that will regulate the production, installation, and use of CNG tanks and systems in vehicles. This move is aimed at ensuring that these processes meet internationally recognised safety standards and prevent the fabrication of substandard CNG tanks by unqualified individuals.

The House also mandated its Committees on Safety Standards and Regulations, Gas Resources, and Industry to investigate recent CNG cylinder explosions across the country that have resulted in tragic loss of lives and severe injuries, to identify the causes and prevent future occurrences.

This resolution followed the adoption of a Motion of Urgent National Importance raised by Rep. **Fuad Kayode Laguda (APC, Lagos)** during Wednesday's plenary, which addressed the need for the Presidential CNG Initiative to prevent further carnage due to the production of locally fabricated CNG tanks by artisans.

In presenting the motion, Rep. Laguda noted that the Federal Government's Presidential CNG Initiative seeks to promote the use of compressed natural gas (CNG) as a cleaner, more affordable alternative to petrol and diesel in vehicles. The goal is to reduce dependence on imported fuel, lower emissions, and make transportation more cost-effective for Nigerians.

"CNG has proven to be a sustainable and viable alternative fuel for transportation in many countries worldwide, but its safe use hinges on proper manufacturing, installation, and inspection of the CNG tanks and systems used in vehicles," he stated.

He expressed concern over a recent tragic incident in Edo State, where an explosion of a locally fabricated CNG cylinder led to the loss of lives, numerous injuries, and property damage. This highlighted the urgent need to address the safety and integrity of CNG tanks produced and used in Nigeria.

He further raised concerns over the lack of regulatory standards and legislation governing the local fabrication, installation, and inspection of CNG cylinders, which has led to a surge in the production of substandard tanks by unqualified artisans. This has resulted in avoidable explosions and loss of lives.

"...many CNG conversion workshops and artisans are operating without proper technical certification or oversight, creating unsafe conditions that endanger the lives of vehicle owners and passengers," he stated.

Rep. Laguda emphasised that without immediate legislative intervention to regulate the production, testing, and certification of CNG tanks and installation processes, more Nigerians would continue to face the risk of similar explosions, injuries, and fatalities.

Other concerns raised included: *"that the use of substandard materials, faulty installations, and inadequate testing of CNG cylinders before their deployment in vehicles could undermine the success of the Presidential CNG Initiative and lead to widespread public mistrust in CNG technology,"* and *"that the absence of mandatory integrity checks for CNG tanks and the vehicles they are mounted on further compounds the risks associated with the use of compressed natural gas for transportation."*

Acknowledging the significant benefits that could be derived from the widespread adoption of CNG technology—such as reduced transportation costs,

improved air quality, and a boost to Nigeria's domestic gas industry—the House commended the Executive for its ongoing efforts under the Presidential CNG Initiative. It emphasised the need to prioritise safety and compliance to maximize the benefits of CNG adoption for Nigerians.

The House also recognised the urgent need to address the safety concerns associated with CNG use in Nigeria to prevent further carnage, safeguard lives, and protect public confidence in CNG as a viable alternative fuel.

In response, the House urged the relevant departments of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL) and the Standards Organisation of Nigeria (SON) to collaborate on enforcing strict certification standards for the production and installation of CNG tanks, ensuring that only qualified and accredited workshops are authorized to carry out CNG vehicle conversions.

Other resolutions included urging the Nigerian Institute of Welding (NIW) and other relevant agencies to develop training and certification programs for local artisans and workshops involved in CNG tank

fabrication and installation, ensuring that only certified professionals handle such sensitive tasks.

The House also called on the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) to work in conjunction with relevant government bodies to monitor and enforce environmental safety standards in the manufacturing and use of CNG tanks. Furthermore, it urged the Nigerian Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDCC) to establish clear guidelines for the safe conversion of vehicles to CNG use and ensure these guidelines are adhered to by all workshops and vehicle conversion centers.

The House advocated for the creation of a mandatory inspection and certification program for all vehicles using CNG, including periodic integrity checks of both the CNG cylinders and the vehicles they are mounted on, to prevent dangerous failures.

It is important to note that the Presidential CNG Initiative is part of the palliative intervention by the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu administration to cushion the hardship resulting from the fuel subsidy removal.

REPS SEEK PILOT PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL LANGUAGES IN SCHOOLS TO BRIDGE EDUCATION-CULTURE GAP

By Emmanuel Tswam



In a move to promote local languages, the House of Representatives has called on the Federal Ministry of Education to launch a pilot programme in selected schools across various states to evaluate the feasibility and benefits of using local languages as a medium of instruction.

This decision followed the adoption of a motion titled 'Promoting Local Languages as Medium of Instruction in Primary and Junior Secondary Schools in Nigeria,' sponsored by Rep. Kalejaiye Adeboye Paul (APC, Lagos).

Presenting the motion during Tuesday's plenary, Rep. Kalejaiye emphasized that involving local communities in the education process is most effective when the language of instruction aligns with the culture,

fostering active participation and support for children's education.

"Nigeria boasts an extraordinary linguistic diversity, reflecting the rich cultural tapestry of the nation, yet the current education system primarily uses English as the medium of instruction, which has rendered local languages like Hausa, Igbo, and Yoruba ineffective and almost extinct," he said.

He argued that teaching in the mother tongue strengthens teacher-student connections, creating a more conducive learning environment and positive classroom dynamics.

Rep. Kalejaiye further explained that encouraging indigenous languages in Nigerian primary and junior secondary schools is crucial for promoting inclusive and culturally sensitive education. This approach, he said, would improve the educational experience for children across the country, bridge the education-culture gap, and ensure no child is left behind due to linguistic barriers. Additionally, it would foster academic success, empower communities, and strengthen the nation's social fabric.

In response to the motion, the House has mandated its Committees on Basic Education and Services and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance with the resolution and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

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Monday, 25th November, 2024

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT LOANS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCING PAYS OVERSIGHT VISIT TO THE NIGERIAN EDUCATION LOAN FUND (NELFUND)





REPS MOVE TO CURB FRAUD: PUSH FOR VERIFIABLE DOCUMENTATION OF POS USERS AND FUND RECIPIENTS

By Temidayo Taiwo-Sidiq

The House of Representatives is taking decisive steps to ensure the implementation of verifiable documentation for Point of Sale (POS) users and fund recipients in Nigeria.

In this regard, the House has mandated the Committees on Digital and Electronic Banking, Finance, Banking Regulations, and Financial Crimes to invite the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to appear before them. The Committees will also invite the Group Managing Directors (GMDs) of all commercial banks and other financial institutions that utilize POS services. This action is aimed at finding immediate and lasting solutions to address the challenge, with a report to be submitted within four (4) legislative weeks.

The resolution was adopted during plenary on Wednesday following the presentation of a motion titled 'Need to Implement Verifiable Documentation of Point of Sale (POS) Users' and Fund Recipients' Identities in Nigeria' by **Rep. John Chike Okafor** (APC, Imo).

In presenting the motion, Rep. Okafor highlighted the increasing challenges posed by the lack of verifiable identities for POS users and fund recipients in Nigeria, creating opportunities for fraudulent activities within the financial system. He emphasized the necessity of combating such illicit practices to safeguard the integrity of financial transactions across the country.

Rep. Okafor also expressed concern over the regulatory bias and enforcement challenges faced by relevant authorities, urging immediate intervention to prevent further criminal activities using the POS system.

"...undocumented POS transactions from both parties' identities create a loophole for fraudulent activities, such as identity theft, money laundering, and unauthorized transactions," he explained.

He further noted that enforcing the documentation of users' identities would significantly reduce fraud and enhance the security of financial transactions in Nigeria. Implementing stringent identity verification measures would protect consumers and businesses from becoming vulnerable to fraudulent schemes carried out via POS transactions. This process would also foster trust in the financial system and encourage greater participation in the growing cashless economy in Nigeria.

Rep. Okafor stressed that establishing a system for verifiable documentation of POS users' and recipients' identities would align with national and international financial regulatory standards, including anti-money laundering (AML) and know your customer (KYC) regulations.

"...proper documentation of POS users' identities fosters accountability among operators and users. This transparency will help trace transactions back to the individuals involved, holding them accountable for illegal activities conducted through the POS system and ensuring a lasting end to the criminal use of POS," he argued.



COMMITTEE WATCH

HOUSE COMMITTEES DEDICATED TO NIGERIA'S FOREIGN POLICY AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT



- Committee on Cooperation & Integration in Africa
- Committee on Diaspora
- Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Committee on Treaties, Protocols & Agreements

This week on *COMMITTEE WATCH*, we focus on the Standing Committees in the House of Representatives that are dedicated to foreign affairs and multilateralism.

As part of its 8-point Legislative Agenda (2023–2027), the 10th House of Representatives has outlined **INFLUENCING AND DIRECTING FOREIGN POLICY** as **AGENDA 7**. This reflects the recognition that the legislature plays a significant role in influencing, shaping, and directing foreign policy, despite foreign policy traditionally being within the purview of the Executive.

The 10th House aims to implement a robust framework to strengthen Nigeria's foreign policy, enhance diplomatic relations, promote economic interests, advance security cooperation, and position Nigeria as a leading player on the global stage. Other key areas of intervention include ensuring foreign policy safeguards the interests of Nigeria and its citizens, both domestically and abroad, while guiding Nigeria's diplomatic relations with other countries and international bodies.

Below are four Standing Committees dedicated to these issues and their core mandates:

House Committee on Cooperation and Integration in Africa

The Committee's jurisdiction covers all matters relating to:

- The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the African Union (AU)
- Oversight of the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD), African

Development Bank, and the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution in Africa

- Other relevant bodies like the Directorate for Technical Co-operation in Africa (DTCA) and The African Union Development Agency (AU-DA).



Rep. Bitrus Laori

Chairman, House Committee on Cooperation & Integration

The Committee is chaired by Rep. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori (PDP, Adamawa), with Rep. Dennis Nnamdi Agbo (LP, Enugu) serving as Deputy Chairman.

House Committee on Diaspora

This Committee is tasked with:

- Promoting exchanges of ideas between Nigeria

and its Diaspora.

- Collecting and maintaining data on Nigerians abroad through consulates and other relevant agencies.

- Initiating policies to harness the potential of Nigerians in the Diaspora to support development both in their home and host countries.

- Engaging in dialogues with governments on Diaspora-related matters, ensuring the welfare and protection of Nigerians abroad.



Rep. Tochukwu Okere
Chairman, House Committee on Diaspora

The Committee is chaired by **Rep. Tochukwu Chinedu Okere** (LP, Imo), assisted by **Rep. Bala Rabilu** (APC, Bauchi) as Deputy Chairman.

House Committee on Foreign Affairs

This Committee oversees:

- Relations between Nigeria and foreign nations, international conferences, and measures related to the diplomatic service.
- International economic policies, trade relations, and safeguarding Nigerian business interests abroad.
- Diplomatic and consular matters, including repatriation, South-South cooperation, and the promotion of a **New International Economic Order (NIEO)**.
- Oversight of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and related parastatals.

The Committee is chaired by **Rep. Busayo Oluwole Oke** (PDP, Osun).



Rep. Oluwole Oke
Chairman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs

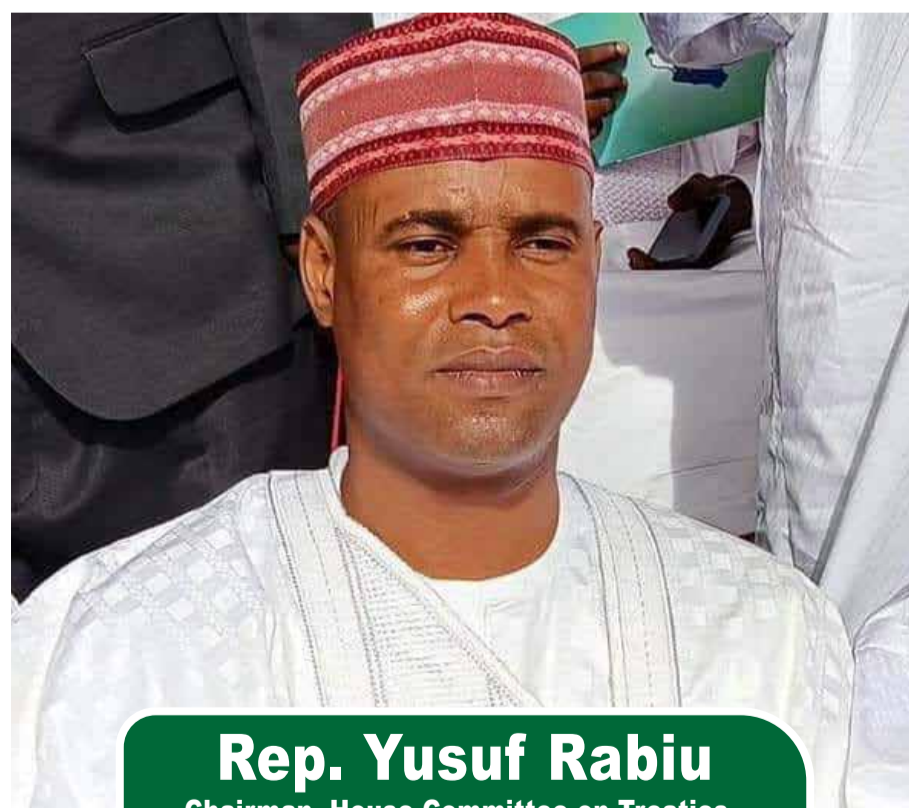
House Committee on Treaties, Protocols, and Agreements

This Committee's responsibility includes:

- Liaison with relevant Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) before treaties are entered into by the Federal Government, in accordance with Section 12 of the Constitution.
- Ensuring that treaties requiring ratification are laid before the House.

The Committee is chaired by **Rep. Yusuf Rabi** (NNPP, Kano), with **Rep. Yusuf Ahmed Doro** (APC, Katsina) serving as Deputy Chairman.

These committees play a critical role in advancing Nigeria's interests on the global stage, ensuring that foreign policy and diplomatic efforts are aligned with national priorities.



Rep. Yusuf Rabi
Chairman, House Committee on Treaties, Protocols and Agreements



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REPS MOVE TO BOOST AFFORDABLE HOUSING, DEMANDS FIX FOR HOUSING DATA CRISIS

By McDonald Ntui

In a bid to ensure access to decent and affordable housing, the House of Representatives has mandated its Committee on Housing and Habitat to collaborate with the Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to address the lack of credible, scientific, and verifiable data on the state of housing in the country.

This decision followed the adoption of a Motion on the Provision of Affordable Housing in Nigeria, moved by **Rep. Emmanuel Ukpong-Udo** (YPP, Akwa Ibom).

Emphasising that data is a crucial factor in the planning and execution of projects at both the federal and sub-national levels, Rep. Ukpong-Udo explained that the housing sector in Nigeria, facing a massive deficit, lacks reliable data for effective planning and implementation of housing policies and strategies.

“According to the World Population Review, over 24 million people in Nigeria are homeless, with no access

to proper housing or basic social amenities. Nigeria is among the top 10 countries with the highest homeless populations, leading with 24 million, followed by Pakistan, Egypt, Syria, and Congo,” he stated.

The lawmaker also expressed concern that Nigeria relies on World Bank reports for housing data, highlighting the need for a functioning market that provides decent shelter for citizens. He noted that for a nation to grow, achieve peace, and ensure stability, it must have accurate housing data and an efficient housing market.

Recognising that in December 2023, the Federal Ministry of Housing and Urban Development awarded 3,500 housing units under the Renewed Hope Cities initiative in selected states, the House has mandated its Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure adherence to this initiative and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.



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FROM THE HALLOWED CHAMBER

Tuesday, 26th - Thursday 28th November, 2024



PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS FIRST READING

Monday, 25th November, 2024 - Friday, 29th November, 2024



Rep. Cyril Hart Godwin (PDP, Rivers) & eight others

- Foreign Exchange (Monitoring and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1853)

- National Council for Arts and Culture Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1851)

Rep. Afolabi Moruf Afuape (APC, Ogun)



Rep. Alex Egbona (APC, Cross River)

- Health Development Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1879)

- Accountability and Transparency Bill, 2024 (HB.1906)

Rep. Ahmed Yusuf Doro (APC, Katsina)



Rep. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante (PDP, Rivers)

- Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Creation of Obolo State) Bill, 2024 (HB.1915)
- Town Planners (Registration, etc) Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1868)
- Nigerian Urban and Regional Planning Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1869)

PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS FIRST READING

Monday, 25th November, 2024 - Friday, 29th November, 2024



Rep. Aguye Suleiman Danladi (APC, Kogi) & one other

- Institute of Agriculture, Agric Business and Technology, Agassa (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1887)
- Federal Tourist Centre, Lokoja (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1888)
- Federal College of Technical, Entrepreneurship and Vocational Training, Karara (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1889)
- National Research Institute of Cassava Bio-Ethanol Value Chain Plant, Jamata, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1890)
- National Institute for Rice Mill Industry, Gegu Beki, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1891)
- Institute of Geology Science and Mining, Agbaja, Kogi State (HB.1892)
- Research Institute of Maritime Industrial Fisheries Resources, Kantonkarfe, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1893)



Rep. Afam Victor Ogene (LP, Anambra)

- Nigeria Customs Service Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1880)
- Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1881)
- Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1882)
- Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1883)

- Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1930)
- Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Special Seats for the Physically Challenged Persons) Bill, 2024 (HB.1931)

Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, PhD, GCON (APC, Kaduna)



Rep. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante (PDP, Rivers)

- Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Creation of Obolo State) Bill, 2024 (HB.1915)
- Town Planners (Registration, etc) Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1868)
- Nigerian Urban and Regional Planning Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1869)

- Universities and Development Studies, Iregbeji, Osun State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB.569)

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Rep. Umar
Muktar Zakari
(NNPP, Kano)

- Federal College of Health Science, Technology and Tropical Medicine, Tarauni, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1863)

- Quarterly Presentation of Budgets Implementation by Ministers on a Phone in Programme (Mandatory) Bill, 2024 (HB.1874)

Rep. Olusoji
Abidemi Adetunji
(PDP, Osun)



Rep. Chidi
Mark Obetta
(LP, Enugu)

- Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1899)
- Medical and Dental Practitioners Act (Amendment) (HB.1900)

- National Assisted Reproduction Technology and Surrogacy Board (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1902)
- Lawful Interception of Telecommunications and Subscriber Privacy Protection Bill, 2024 (HB.1903)

Rep. Uduak
Alphonsus
Odudoh
(PDP, Akwa Ibom)



Rep. Ajiya
Abdulrahman
(APC, FCT)

- Federal Polytechnics Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1916)

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS FIRST READING

Monday, 25th November, 2024 - Friday, 29th November, 2024



Rep. Emmanuel Ukpong-Udo
(YPP, Awa Ibom)

- Civil Aviation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1919)
- Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (Creation of a Multilayer Police Force in Nigeria) (HB.1920)
- Estate Surveyors and Valuers (Registration etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1921)
- Students Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1922)
- Trade Union Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1923)

- Crypto and Related Currencies (Regulation) Bill, 2024 (HB.1932)

Rep. Harrison Anozie Nwadike
(APC, Imo)



Rep. Martins Oke
(PDP, Enugu)

- Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Creation of Adada State, Bill, 2024 (HB.1716)

- National Agency for Revenue Generation Regulatory Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1376)

Rep. Mathew Nwogu
(LP, Imo)



PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS FIRST READING

Monday, 25th November, 2024 - Friday, 29th November, 2024

- Public Health Emergency Bill, 2024 (HB.1948)

Rep. Amos
Magaji
(PDP, Kaduna)



Rep. Ishaya
David Lalu
(APC, Plateau)

- Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Mangun, Plateau State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1748)
- Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1876)
- Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Increase the number of Judges) Bill, 2024 (HB.1877)

- Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1944)
- Grain Research Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1945)
- National Mushroom Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1946)

Rep. Joseph
Nwabosi
(APGA, Ebonyi)



REPS OKAY KEY BILLS TO REVITALISE FEDERAL ASSETS, BOOST SECURITY, AND FIGHT ORGAN TRAFFICKING

By Dahil Andy Jiwul

The House of Representatives has taken significant steps to address the mismanagement, misappropriation, and abandonment of federal government assets.

This initiative took centre stage on Tuesday during Plenary in the Green Chamber, when the House passed for Second Reading a bill to repeal and re-enact the Ministry of Finance Incorporated (Establishment Etc.) Act and for related matters.

Formally titled "**A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Ministry of Finance Incorporated Act, Cap. M229, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and any amendments thereto, and Enact the Ministry of Finance Incorporated (Establishment Etc.) and for Related Matters (HB. 986)**," the legislation is sponsored by Rep. Ademorin Aliu Kuye (APC, Lagos).

First read on Thursday, November 23, 2023, the bill aims to serve as an economic stimulus to strengthen the growth and effective utilization of federal government assets. The proposed legislation will provide the Ministry of Finance Incorporated (MOFI) with a clear organizational structure and corporate governance framework to enhance its efficiency. It will focus on increasing revenue, curbing financial leakages, and boosting the value of Nigeria's national asset portfolio.

Leading the debate on the floor, the Bill's sponsor emphasised that providing MOFI with a robust institutional framework will revitalize the establishment, originally founded in 1959 as the sole custodian of federal government assets.

Now referred to the House Committees on Finance and Public Assets for further legislative action, the bill, upon passage, is expected to increase revenue, curb financial leakages, and enhance the value of Nigeria's national asset portfolio. By ensuring better management of federal assets, the bill aims to contribute to economic growth, job creation, and the prevention of asset misappropriation or unauthorized sales.

In a related development, the House also passed for Second Reading a bill to include Okwangwo National

Park in Cross River State as part of Nigeria's existing National Parks.

Sponsored by Rep. Victor Abang (APC, Cross River), the bill is formally titled "*A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Park Service Act, 2004 to Make Provision for the Inclusion of Okwangwo National Park, Cross River State, as Part of the Existing National Parks in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 575)*."

The bill, first read on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, has now been referred to the House Committee on Environment following its second reading.

Other key bills passed for Second Reading on Tuesday include:

"**A Bill for an Act to Establish Special Security Trust Fund to Provide Funding for Security-Related Issues, Apart from Usual Budgetary Provisions from the Federation, Intervene in Combating Security Issues in Nigeria, and for Related Matters (HB.1584)**," sponsored by Rep. Ahmed Satomi (APC, Borno). First read on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, the bill has now been referred to the House Committee on National Security and Intelligence.

"**A Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. C40, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Provide for the Comptroller-General of Prisons to Make Monthly Returns to the Chief Justice of Nigeria and Chief Judges of the States to Order the Release of Persons Detained in Prisons in Circumstances Specified in the Act and Proffer More Effective Prisons Decongestion Solutions and for Related Matters (HB. 176)**," sponsored by Rep. Matthew Nwogu (LP, Imo). The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Justice.

"**A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Health Act, 2014 to Prohibit and Penalize Organ Trafficking in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1284)**," sponsored by Rep. Fuad Kayode Laguda (APC, Lagos). First read on Wednesday, March 28, 2024, the bill has been referred to the House Committee on Healthcare Services.

PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS (SECOND READING)

Monday, **November 25** - Friday, **November 29, 2024**

■ **Tuesday, November 26, 2024** ■



A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act No. 63 of 2023 to make the Corporation more effective, ensure its Independence and Autonomy in line with section 1(3) of the Principal Act, to bring it in line with current Realities and Best Practice and for Related Matters (SB. 277)

Bill Sponsor: Senate

First Reading: Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee of the Whole

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Ministry of Finance Incorporated Act, Cap. M229, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and any amendments thereto and Enact the Ministry of Finance Incorporated (Establishment etc.) and for Related Matters (HB. 986)



Bill Sponsor: Rep. Ademorin Aliu Kuye (APC, Lagos)

Key Objective: The proposed legislation will provide MOFI with a clear organizational structure and corporate governance framework to enhance its efficiency. It will focus on increasing revenue, curbing financial leakages, and boosting the value of Nigeria's national asset portfolio.

First Reading: Thursday, October 10, 2024.

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Finance, and Public Assets



A Bill for an Act to Establish Special Security Trust Fund to Provide Funding for Security Related Issues, apart from usual Budgetary Provisions from the Federation, Intervene in Combating Security Issues in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1584)

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Ahmed Satomi (APC, Borno)

First Reading: Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on National Security and Intelligence

A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Institute of Technology Ikpoba-Okha, Edo State charged with the Responsibility, amongst other things, for the Conduct of Research into any branch of Technological and Management Sciences Courses and for Related Matters (HB. 636)



Bill Sponsors: Rep. Murphy Osaro Omoruyi (LP, Edo)

First Reading: Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology

PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS (SECOND READING)

Monday, **November 25** - Friday, **November 29, 2024**

■ **Tuesday, November 26, 2024** ■



A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act No. 63 of 2023 to A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Health Act, 2014 to Prohibit and Penalize Organ Trafficking in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1284)

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Fuad Kayode Laguda (APC, Lagos)

First Reading: Wednesday, March 28, 2024

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Healthcare Services

A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Park Service Act, 2004 to make Provision for the Inclusion of Okwangwo National Park, Cross River State, as part of the existing National Parks in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 575)

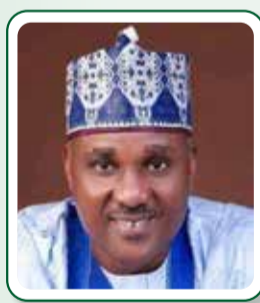
Bill Sponsor: Rep. Victor Abang (APC, Cross River)

First Reading: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Environment



■ **Wednesday, November 27, 2024** ■



A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Cap. C23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Expand the Scope and Meaning of Judicial Office to include the Magistrate Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and the Magistrate Court of a State and for Related Matters (HB. 1663)

Bill Sponsors: Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, PhD, GCON (APC, Kaduna) and Rep. Makki Yalleman (APC, Jigawa)

First Reading: Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Constitution Review



PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS (SECOND READING)

Monday, **November 25** - Friday, **November 29**, 2024

■ **Wednesday, November 27, 2024** ■



A Bill for an Act to Provide for incorporation of Risk Management functions in all Governmental Bodies in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1625)

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Zakaria Dauda Nyampa (PDP, Adamawa)

First Reading: Thursday, July 18, 2024

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Justice

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education, Ididep, Ibiono Local Government Area, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters. (HB.972)

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Uduak Alphonsus Odudoh (PDP, Akwa Ibom)

First Reading: Thursday, November 23, 2023

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Federal Colleges of Education



A Bill for an Act to Amend the River Basins Development Authorities Act, Cap. R9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 20004 to Provide for Establishment of Oji –Ebonyi River Basin Development Authority and the Lower Nigeria River Basin Development Authority and for Related Matters (HB. 1497)

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Anayo B. Onwuegbu (LP, Enugu)

First Reading: Thursday, July 11, 2024

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Water Resources

PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS (SECOND READING)

Monday, November 25 - Friday, November 29, 2024

Wednesday, November 27, 2024



A Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Justice (Release From Custody) (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. C40, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Comptroller General of Prisons to make monthly returns to the Chief Justice of Nigeria and Chief Judges of the States to Order the release of persons detained in Prisons in circumstances specified in the Act and proffer more effective Prisons decongestion solution and for Related Matters (HB. 176)

Bill Sponsor: Rep. Matthew Nwogu (LP, Imo)

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Justice

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 Establishment of Federal College of Food Technology, Alu, Yagba East, Kogi State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1289)



Bill Sponsor: Rep. Abejide Leke Joseph (ADC, Kogi)

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions



A Bill for an Act to Establish National Commission for Technology Transfer, Acquisition and Promotion to monitor, on a continuous basis, the inflow of foreign products/technology to Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 591).

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Clement Jimbo (APC, Akwa Ibom)

Key Objective: To harness Nigeria's vast and dynamic population to generate employment opportunities for youth, drive the transformation of raw materials into value-added products, and boost the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), while also facilitating the transfer and adoption of advanced technologies.

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS



Tuesday, 26th November, 202

- Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal National Planning Commission Act, Cap. N66, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; Establish Budget and National Planning Offices Ensure greater Accountability and Transparency in National Planning and Budget Implementation and for Related Matters (HB.1302)

- (Referred: 5/6/2024)

- Report on a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Planning, Preparation, Passage and Execution of the Budget of the Government of Federation, and for Related Matters (HB.23)

- (Referred:2/7/2024)

Presented by: Rep. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka
Chairman, House Committee on National Planning And Economic Development

Wednesday, 27th November, 2024

- Report of Committees on Finance and National Planning, and Economic Development on the 2025–2027 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP)

- (Referred:19/11/2024)

Presented by: Rep. James Abiodun Faleke
House Committees on Finance and National Planning, and Economic Development

Thursday, 28th November, 2024

- Report on the Confirmation/Screening of the Acting Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General Olufemi Olatubosun Oluyede as the Chief of Army Staff of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria

- (Referred: 26/11/2024)

Presented by: Rep. Babajimi Benson
Chairman, House Ad-hoc Committee on Confirmation/Screening of the Acting Chief of Army Staff

- Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish North Central Development Commission charged with the Responsibility, among other things, to Receive and Manage Funds from Allocation of the Federation Account for the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Roads, Houses and other Infrastructural Damages Suffered by the Region as a result of the effect of the Communal Crises as well as tackle the Ecological Problems and any other Related Environmental or Developmental challenges in the North Central States and for Related Matters

Presented by: Rep. Ahmed Idris Wase,
Chairman, House Conference Committee

- Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act, Cap. N30, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters

Presented by: Rep. Abbas Adigun,
Chairman, House Conference Committee

- Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish South – South Development Commission charged with the responsibility to receive and manage funds from the Federation Account allocation and other sources, Donations, Grants, Aids for the Integration, Development, Resolution of Infrastructural Deficit, Militancy, Communal crisis as well as tackle Ecological, Environmental problems and for Related Matters

Presented by: Rep. Frederick Agbedi
Chairman, House Conference Committee

- Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend Federal Medical Centres Act and to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Afam, Rivers State, and for Related Matters (HB. 1191)

- (Referred 11/7/2024)

- Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend Federal Medical Centres Act and to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Mallam Madori, Jigawa State, and for Related Matters (HB. 1594) (Referred 9/7/2024)

- Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend Federal Medical Centres Act and to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Epe, Lagos State, and for Related Matters (HB. 1449)

- (Referred 11/7/2024)

Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend Federal Medical Centres Act and to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Okehi, Kogi State to provide Primary to Tertiary Healthcare Services in all ramifications; and for Related Matters (HB. 776)

- (Referred 20/12/2023)

- Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Sciences, Damagun, Fune, Yobe State, and for Related Matters (HB. 1022) (Referred 6/6/2024)

- Report on a Bill for an Act to provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing, Midwifery, Hawul, Borno State, and for Related Matters (HB. 280) (Referred 22/5/2024)

Presented by: Rep. Adesola Adedayo Samuel
Deputy Chairman, House Committee on Health Institutions

- Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Polytechnics Act, Cap. F17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal Institute of Technical and Vocational Education, Imeko, Ogun State for the purpose of Providing Qualitative Education in Technical Education and Vocational Education and for Related Matters (HB. 506)

- Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish National Polytechnics Commission to Supervise, Regulate and Coordinate Polytechnics Education In Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 673) (Referred: 20/2/2024)

- Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Institute, Okota/Oshodi, Lagos State, to Provide Qualitative Education in Vocational and Entrepreneurship and for Related Matters (HB. 226)

- Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College Yankaba, Kano State to Provide for Research, Teaching, Instruction and Training on Vocational and Skills Acquisition and for Related Matters (HB.592)

Presented by: Rep. Fuad Kayode Laguda
Chairman, House Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education



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CONSOLIDATION OF BILLS

Thursday, 28th November, 2024

- **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the National Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Robotic Studies, Somolu, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB.143)**

Rep. Ademorin A. Kuye (APC, Lagos)

- **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the National Artificial Intelligence and Robotic Sciences Regulation Commission and for the Related Matters (HB. 601)**

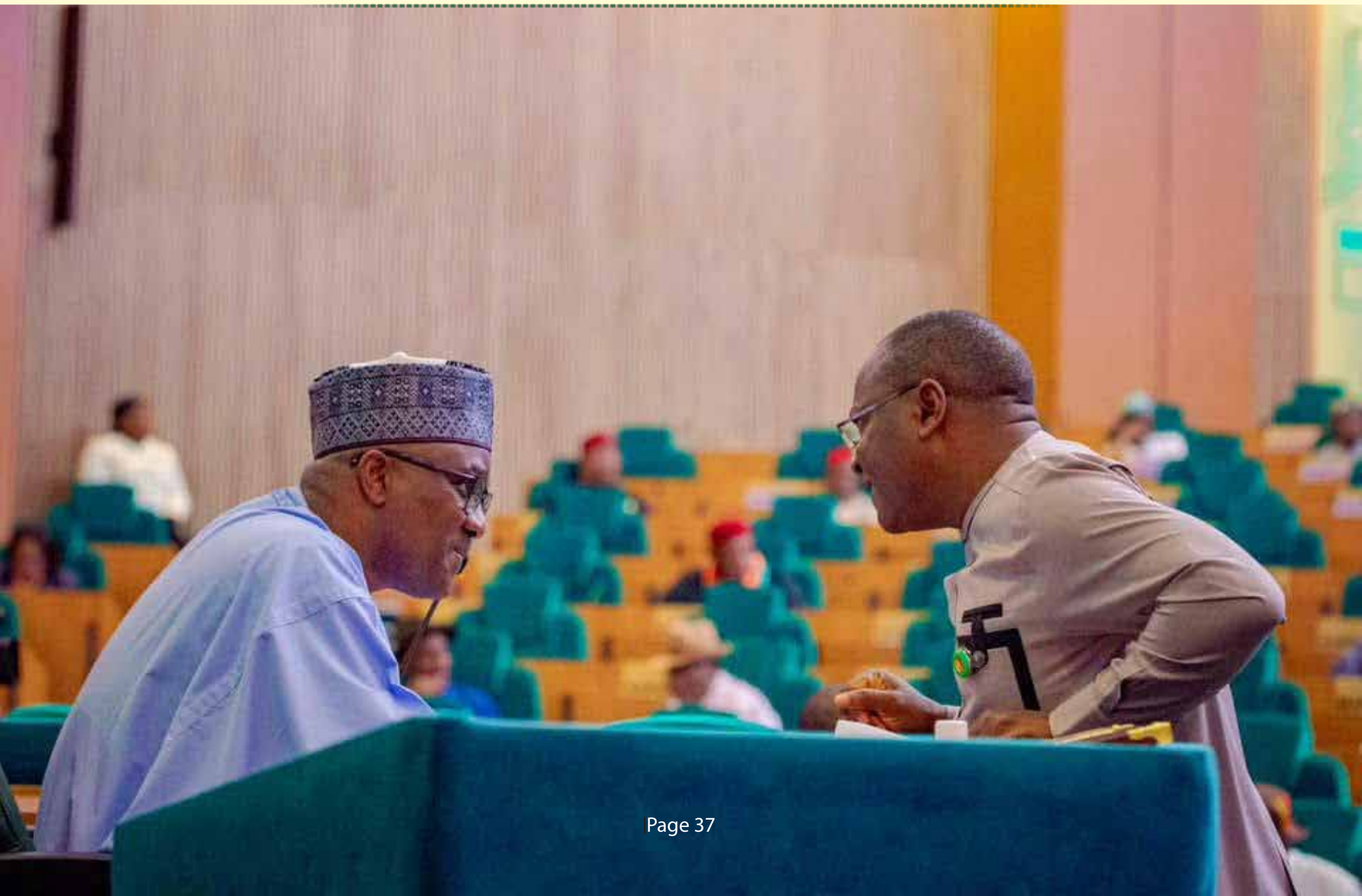
Rep. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka (APC, Ogun) and Rep Benjamin O. Kalu (APC, Abia)

- **A Bill for an Act to ensure Proper Control of Usage of Artificial Intelligence (Ai) Technology in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 942).**

Rep. Sada Soli (APC, Katsina)

- **A Bill for an act to Regulate the Development, Deployment, and use of Artificial Intelligence in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 1810)**

Rep. Akintunde Rotimi (APC, Ekiti)





HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Presents



Activities in Commemoration of 16 DAYS OF GLOBAL ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

Beginning on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (November 25th) and culminating on Human Rights Day (December 10th), this period underscores the urgent need for coordinated efforts to address gender-based violence.

1.



SYMBOLIC WALK AGAINST GBV

(Led by Mr. Speaker)

Date: Monday, 25th November 2024

Time of Convergence: 8:00 AM

Venue: National Assembly to Police Force Headquarters

2.



SASH DEMONSTRATION CEREMONY

Date: Tuesday, 26th November 2024

Time of Convergence: 11:00 AM

Venue: Green Chamber, White House, National Assembly Complex

3.



CONVERGENCE OF STATE HOUSES OF ASSEMBLY SPEAKERS

Date: Monday, 9th December 2024

Time of Convergence: 9:00 AM

Venue: Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja

4.



NATIONAL CITIZENS' SUMMIT ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM / THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE GBV CONFERENCE 2024

Date: Tuesday, 10th December 2024

Time of Convergence: 9:00 AM

Venue: Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja

This campaign aligns seamlessly with the 10th Assembly's Legislative Agenda, particularly our commitment to advancing human rights, promoting gender equity, and strengthening legal frameworks to protect vulnerable populations.

Join us, let us champion the cause of eliminating gender-based violence and foster a safer, more equitable society.



THE INDEPENDENT CANDIDACY BILL

What you need to know

What if capable Nigerians could run for office without being affiliated with a political party?

The Independent Candidacy Bill is here to redefine Nigeria's democracy. This well-thought-out legislation seeks to amend the Constitution, enabling individuals to contest elections at all levels without the need for party affiliation.

This is a legacy bill from previous assemblies, revisiting and reintroducing the vital issue of independent candidacy. It empowers citizens by offering qualified, community-supported individuals an opportunity to lead, fostering inclusivity, breaking barriers, and ensuring fair representation for underrepresented groups.

Key Features of the Bill:

- Builds a fairer, more inclusive democracy.
- Ensures accountability and integrity in governance.
- Does not weaken political parties, but rather complements existing democratic systems.
- Includes stringent criteria to prevent a proliferation of candidates, ensuring that only those with substantial backing can qualify as independent candidates.

Be Part of the Movement!

Learn more, track the Bill's progress, and show your support, visit:

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Bill Sponsored by: **Rep. Akin Rotimi Jr.** | Supported by: **ElectHER**

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