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## SOKOTO STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY DEBATES

OFFICIAL REPORTS

### FIRST MEETING OF THE FIRST LEGISLATURE OF SOKOTO STATE OF NIGERIA

First Session 1979-1980

COMPRISING PERIOD 2nd OCTOBER TO 14th DECEMBER, 1979

SOKOTO  
LEGISLATURE PRINTING SECTION, SOKOTO STATE  
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LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE SOKOTO STATE  
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

ACCORDING TO THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY TOOK THE OATH  
OF ALLEGIANCE

(at the General Election, 21st July, 1979)

A

1. Abarshi, Alhaji Andarai ..... Andarai
2. Abdu, Alhaji Dantagogo ..... Gulma
3. Abdu, Alhaji Maifilo ..... Gwadabawa
4. Abdu, Alhaji Mai-Zamfara ..... Faru
5. Abdu, Alhaji Majidadi ..... Wonaka
6. Abdu, Alhaji Marafa ..... Bashire
7. Abdullahi, Alhaji Kangiwa ..... Kangiwa
8. Abdu, Alhaji Gusau ..... Wanke
9. Abubakar, Alhaji Altine Shugaba ..... Birnin Kebbi
10. Abubakar, Alhaji Mainasara Zagga ..... Bagudo Zagga
11. Abubakar, Alhaji Shu'aibu Gigane ..... Gigane
12. Abubakar, Alhaji Tsoho Anka ..... Anka
13. Ahmadu, Alhaji Aliyu Binji ..... Binji
14. Ahmadu, Alhaji Akawu ..... Bunza
15. Ahmadu, Alhaji Majidadi Goranyo ..... Goranyo
16. Ali, Alhaji Abbas ..... Durbawa
17. Ali, Alhaji Na-Mani 'Yankuzo ..... 'Yankuzo
18. Aliyu, Alhaji Dankcibi ..... Achida
19. Aliyu, Na Alhaji Mallam Balarabe ..... Rimawa
20. Alti, Alhaji Tangaza ..... Tangaza
21. Atiku, Alhaji Zurmi ..... Mayasa

B

22. Badamasi, Alhaji Salame ..... Salame
23. Bala, Alhaji Ahmed Shuni ..... Tsamiya
24. Bala, Alhaji Gusami ..... Modomawa
25. Barmo, Alhaji Galadima ..... Danchadi
26. Baraya, Alhaji Yahaya ..... Shuni
27. Bawa, Alhaji Ka'oje ..... Illo 'Ka'oje
28. Ūuhari, Alhaji Garban Yandi ..... Gusau

D

29. Dandare, Alhaji Saminu ..... Koko
30. Dan Tanin, Alhaji Argungu ..... Lailaba
31. Dodo, Alhaji Aliero ..... Aliero

LIST OF MEMBERS *continued*

G

32. Garba, Alhaji A. Mohammed ..... Sabon Birni  
 33. Garba, Alhaji Doka ..... Tilli  
 34. Garba, Alhaji Ganta ..... Danko  
 35. Garba, Alhaji Kanwa ..... Zurmi  
 36. Garba, Alhaji Kyabe ..... Kyabe  
 37. Garba, Alhaji Nagodi ..... Gandi  
 38. Garba, Alhaji Na Liman ..... Chafe  
 39. Garba, Alhaji Yabo ..... Silame

H

40. Haliru, Alhaji Dogon Daji ..... Dogon Daji/Jabo

I

41. Ibrahim, Alhaji Dangata ..... Tudun Wada  
 42. Ibrahim, Alhaji Dan Nahuce ..... Nahuce  
 43. Ibrahim, Alhaji Tukur Gwandu ..... Gwandu  
 44. Ibrahim, Alhaji Na Alhaji Labbo ..... Yelwa  
 45. Isa, Alhaji Wauru ..... Gada

J

46. Jeli, Alhaji Sarkin Sudan ..... Marnona

K

47. Kalla, Alhaji Tela Gummi ..... Gummi

L

48. Lahbo, Alhaji Gayi ..... Kalgo

M

49. Maccido, Alhaji Maradun ..... Maradun  
 50. Alhaji Ahmadu Kadasaka ..... Kadasaka  
 51. Alhaji Umaru Abubakar ..... Kilgori  
 52. Mammadamma, Alhaji Lanas ..... Sokoto/Garka  
 53. Mammadamma, Alhaji Tela ..... Illela  
 54. Maiki, Alhaji Maiyama ..... Maiyama  
 55. Mamman, Alhaji Augi ..... Augi  
 56. Mamman, Alhaji Bukkuyum ..... Bukkuyum  
 57. Mamman, Alhaji Dan Ladi ..... Unguwar Lalle  
 58. Mamman, Alhaji Dan Tsamaye ..... Kaddi

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LIST OF MEMBERS *continued*

59. Mamman, Alhaji Giyawa ..... Giyawa  
 60. Mamman, Alhaji Nomau Gummi ..... B Tudu  
 61. Mamudu, Alhaji Shehu Yabo ..... Shagari  
 62. Marafa, Alhaji Ladan Kalmalo ..... Kalmalo  
 63. Mohammed, Alhaji Bello Sani ..... Bakuwai  
 64. Mohammed, Alhaji Maigujiya ..... Chimmola  
 65. Mohammed, Alhaji Magaji Yalauko ..... Yabo  
 66. Mohammed, Alhaji Lawal Adamu ..... Ngaski  
 67. Mohammed, Alhaji Mori ..... Fakai  
 68. Mohammed, Alhaji Sanusi Shanga ..... Shanga  
 69. Mohammed, Alhaji Sambo Tambuwal ..... Tambuwal  
 70. Mohammed, Alhaji Sani Kamba ..... Dendi  
 71. Mohammed, Alhaji Sarkin Fawa ..... Bakura  
 72. Mohammed, Alhaji Gidan Goga ..... Kaya  
 73. Mohammed, Alhaji Gidado Kware ..... Kware  
 74. Mohammed, Alhaji Sani Galadi ..... Jangeru/Galadi  
 75. Mohammed, Alhaji Tukur Dikko ..... Gande  
 76. Mohammed, Alhaji Wakala K/Daji ..... Kurya  
 77. Musa, Alhaji Isa Kakaka ..... Kotorkoshi  
 78. Musa, Alhaji Lauya Rabah ..... Rabah  
 79. Musa, Alhaji Usman Shinkafi ..... Shinkafi  
 80. Musa, Alhaji Bawa Sarkin Fada ..... Wasagu

N

81. Noma, Alhaji Tangaza ..... Balle

S

82. Sadi, Alhaji Isa ..... Isa  
 83. Sama'ila, Alhaji Nabame ..... Argungu  
 84. Sama'ila, Alhaji Sani Dabai ..... Dabai  
 85. Sambo, Alhaji Wonaka ..... Mada  
 86. Sani, Alhaji Lamanci Talata Mafara ..... Talata Mafara  
 87. Shafi'u Salisu, Alhaji Dansadau ..... Dansadau  
 88. Shehu, Alhaji Abdullahi Bayero ..... Dalijan  
 89. Shehu, Alhaji Abdullahi Kaura ..... Kaura  
 90. Shehu, Alhaji Mutawalli ..... Ambursa  
 91. Shu'aibu, Alhaji Gidan Hamma ..... S. Gari  
 92. Sule, Alhaji Dan Inna ..... Sabon Birni  
 93. Sule, Alhaji Moriki ..... Moriki  
 94. Sirajo, Alhaji Jangebe ..... Jangebe

T

95. Tambari, Alhaji Dingyadi ..... Bodinga  
 96. Tambari, Alhaji Hamma'ali ..... Hamma'ali  
 97. Tukur, Alhaji Kalambaina ..... Gumbi

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## SOKOTO STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

### LIST OF MEMBERS *continued*

#### U

- |      |                                   |                 |
|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 98.  | Umaru, Alhaji Maidamma .....      | Besse           |
| 99.  | Umaru, Alhaji Na Kigo .....       | Dakin Gari/Giro |
| 100. | Umaru, Alhaji Sanda Dange .....   | Dange           |
| 101. | Umaru, Alhaji Shehu Usman .....   | Dundaye         |
| 102. | Umaru, Alhaji Yakubu Maru .....   | Maru            |
| 103. | Usman, Alhaji Sa'adu Sakaba ..... | Sakaba          |
| 104. | Usman, Alhaji Sarkin Kabi .....   | Alelu           |

#### Y

- |      |                                   |             |
|------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 105. | Yahaya, Alhaji Bungudu .....      | Bungudu     |
| 106. | Yahaya, Alhaji Magarya .....      | Wurno       |
| 107. | Yakubu, Alhaji Mai Arewa .....    | Yeldu       |
| 108. | Yaro, Alhaji Mari-man Shell ..... | Sokoto Gagi |
| 109. | Yusufu, Alhaji Birnin Yauri ..... | Jega        |
| 110. | Yusufu, Alhaji Sarkin Gulbi ..... | Tureta      |

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|---|-------------------------------|
| His Excellency, Governor .....                            | Alhaji Shehu Mohammed Kangiwa |
| Deputy Governor, .....                                    | Dr. Garba Nadama              |
| Commissioner for Works, .....                             | Alhaji Muhammadu Sokoto       |
| Commissioner for Local Gov. & Comm. Dev., .....           | Muhammadu Bello               |
| Commissioner for Agric & Nat. Resources, .....            | Alhaji Shu'aibu Shinkafi      |
| Commissioner for Water & Electricity Supply, .....        | Alhaji Bala T. Yauri          |
| Commissioner for Education, .....                         | Alhaji Ibrahim Birnin Tsaba   |
| Commissioner for Finance, .....                           | Alhaji Muhammadu Lugga        |
| Commissioner for Economic Planning, .....                 | Musa Habib Jega               |
| Commissioner for Trade & Industry, .....                  | Alhaji Abubakar Tunau         |
| Commissioner for Health & Social Welfare, .....           | Alhaji Yahaya A. Nasarawa     |
| Commissioner for Housing & Environment, .....             | Alhaji Usman Sani             |
| Commissioner for Special Duties, .....                    | Alhaji Umaru Dahiru           |
| Commissioner for Youth, Sports & Culture, .....           | Alhaji Ladan A. Shuni         |
|   |                               |
| The Special Adviser (Security), .....                     | Alhaji Aliyu Maisango         |
| The Director of Information, .....                        | Alhaji Shehu Usman Aliyu      |
| The Special Adviser (Political & Economic Affairs), ..... | Alhaji Mohammed Jekada        |
| The Legal Adviser, .....                                  | Alhaji Umar Abubakar Yabo     |

## OFFICERS OF THE LEGISLATURE

<i>Speaker of the House of Assembly:</i>	Alhaji the Hon. Shehu Abdullahi Bayero
<i>Deputy Speaker:</i>	Alhaji Umaru Yakubu Maru
<i>Clerk to the Legislature:</i>	Alhaji Abubakar Daniya
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### SOCIAL SERVICES:

Alh. Abubakar Shu'aibu Gigane	(Chairman)	Alhaji Dodo Aleiro	Member
Alh. Garba Na Liman	Member	Marafa Ladan Kalmalo	"
Alh. Garba Gauta	"	Alhaji Labbon Gayi	"
Abubakar Shu'aibu	"	Alhaji A. Kangiwa	"
Alh. Abdu Dantagogo	"	Alhaji M. U. Abubakar	"
Alh. Jeli S/Sudan	"	Alhaji Umaru Yakubu Maru	"
Alh. Bala Gusami	"	Malam Musa Lauya	"
Alh. Yaro Mamman Shell	"	Alhaji Usman Sa'adu	"
Alh. Maidamma Lanas	"	M. Abubakar Yabo	"
Alh. Sirajo Jangebe	"	Alhaji Abdu Majidadi	"
Alh. Mamman Danladi	"	Alhaji Sule Moriki	"
Malam B. Salame	"	Alhaji Ibrahim Nahuce	"
Alh. Abdu Maizamfara	"	Alhaji Maccido Maradun	"
Yahaya Magarya	"	Alhaji Abdu Maifilo	"
Shu'aibu G/Hamma	"		
Nomau Gummi	"		
Alhaji Bala Ahmed Tsamiya	"		

### HOUSE SERVICES

		Alhaji Umaru Yakubu Maru	(Chairman)
		Alhaji Musa I. Kakaka	Member
		Malam Wakala D/Daji	"
		Alhaji Y. S. Gulbi	"
		Malam Musa B. S/Fada	"
		Alhaji Maliki Maiyama	"
		Umaru Maidamma Besse	"
		Alhaji Malam Balarabe	"
		Garba A. Mohammed	"
		Alhaji Maidamma Lanas	"
		Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame	"

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

		Alhaji Mamman Bukkuyum	(Chairman)
		Ali Dankobi	Member
		Alhaji Shehu Mutawalli	"
		Alhaji Shafi'u Dansadau	"
		Alhaji Ahmadu Akawu	"
		Alhaji Muhammed N. Tangaza	"
		Sama'ila Sani Dabai	"
		Alhaji Haliru D/Daji	"
		Alhaji Tukur Kalambaina	"
		Alhaji Maidamma Tela	"
		Alhaji Sadi Isa	"
		Malam N. G/Goga	"

### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Alhaji Bala Ahmed Shuni	(Chairman)
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COMMITTEES OF THE STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY *continued*

Alhaji Dandare Saminu	"	Abubakar M. Zagga	"
Alhaji Atiku Zurmi	"	Alhaji M. S. Fawa	"
Alhaji Ibrahim Dangata	"	Alhaji Mamman Nomau	"
Alhaji Baraya Yahaya	"	Alhaji Barmo Galadima	"
Alhaji Yusufu B. Yaro	"	Alhaji Mohammed Augi	"
Alhaji Mohammed S. Kamba	"	Mohammed Tukur Dikko	"
Alhaji Mamman Bukkuyum	"	Amađu Majidadi	"
Alhaji Mohammed Sanusi	"	Alhaji Buhari G. Yandi	"

**WATER AND ELECTRICITY COMMITTEE**

Alhaji Abdullahi Kangiwa	(Chairman)
Alhaji Umaru Nakigo	Member
Alhaji Barmo Galadima	"
Alhaji Mohammed Mori	"
Alhaji Abdu Maifilo	"
Alhaji Sadi Isa	"
Alhaji Abdu Kangiwa	"
Alhaji Uthman Abdullahi Kaura	"
Alhaji Mamman G. Goga	"
Alhaji Mamuda S. Yabo	"
Alhaji Abubakar Yabo	"
Alhaji Yaro Mamman Shell	"
Alhaji Muhammadu Maigujiya	"
Alhaji Mamman Giyawa	"
Alhaji Usman S. Kabi	"

Alhaji Muhammadu Gidado	"
Alhaji Dantanin Argungu	"
Garba Doka	"
Alhaji Magaji Yalauo	"
Malam Garba Kanwa	"
Alhaji M. S. Galadi	"

**HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Alhaji Bawa Ka'oje	(Chairman)
Alhaji Abarshi Andarai	Member
Alhaji Ahmed Aliyu Binji	"
Alhaji Mohammed S. Kamba	"
Alhaji Abdu Maizamfara	"
Alhaji Isa Wauru	"
Alhaji Mamman Giyawa	"
Alhaji Tukur Kalambaina	"
Alhaji Sirajo Jangebe	"
M. Mohammed S. Tambuwal	"
M. Mohammed Danladi	"
Alhaji A. Gusau	"
Alhaji Sambo Wonaka	"

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Alhaji Mamudu S. Yabo	(Chairman)	Alhaji Garba Kanwa	(Chairman)
Alhaji Muhammadu Bello Suru	Member	Aliyu Dankobi	Member
Alhaji Yahaya Bungudu	"	Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame	"
Alhaji S. U. Dange	"	Mohammed Bello Suru	"
Alhaji Ali Abbas	"	M. Tamba ri Dingyadi	"
Alhaji Ala Gusau	"	Alhaji Shafi'u Dansadau	"
Alhaji Maidamma Tela	"	Alhaji Sule Daninna S. Birni	"
Alhaji Bawa Ka'oje	"	Alhaji Aliyu Abbas	"
Alhaji Usman Sa'adu	"	Alhaji Garba Ganta	"
Alhaji Atiku Zurmi	"	Alhaji Mamman Dantsamaye	"
Alhaji Sani Limanci	"	Maliki Maiyama	"
Alhaji Ahmadu Majidadi	"	Alhaji Muhammadu Lawal	"
Alhaji S. Sudan	"	Alhaji Alt ine Tangaza	"
<b>RURAL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE</b>		Alhaji Ibrahim Dangata	"
Alhaji Buhari G. Yandi	(Chairman)		
Alhaji Usman S. Kabi	Member		
Alhaji S. U. Dange	"		

COMMITTEES OF THE STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY *continued*

Garba Kanwa	"	Alhaji I. Na Alhaji Labbo	"
Alhaji Altine Shugaba	"	Yakubu Mai-Arewa	"
Alhaji Dandare Saminu	"	Alhaji Abdu Majidadi	"
Alhaji Kalla Tela gummi	"	Shehu A. Kaura	"
Alhaji Magaji Yalauo	"	Alhaji S. Na-Liman	"
Alhaji Mamman G/Goga	"		

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

<b>APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE</b>		Alhaji Tambari Hamma'ali	(Chairman)
Alhaji Sama'ila Sani S.S. Dabai	(Chairman)	Alhaji A. M. Tambuwal	Member
Alhaji U. S/Kabi	Member	Mohammed Maigujiya	"
Alhaji S. Mutawalli	"	Alhaji Abdu Dantagogo	"
Alhaji Umaru Maidamma	"	Alhaji Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu	"
Alhaji A. Aliyu Binji	"	Alhaji Tambari Hamma'ali	"
Alhaji Bawa Dan'Ali	"	Alhaji Isa Kakaka	"
Alhaji Mamman Bukkuyum	"	Malam Musa Lauya	"
Alhaji Sama'ila Sani Dabai	"	Garba A. Mohammed	"
Alhaji Umaru Nakigo	"	Alhaji S. U. Dange	"
Alhaji U. Abubakar	"	Alhaji Yusufu S. Gulbi	"
Alhaji Mamman Mohammed Lawal	"	Alhaji Ibrahim Nahuce	"
Alhaji Garba Nagodi	"	Alhaji Ibrahim Na Alhaji Labo	"
Alhaji B. C. Yandi	"	Alhaji Sule Moriki	"
Alhaji Tambari Hamma'ali	"	Alhaji Yakubu Mai-Arewa	"
Alhaji M. S. Galadi	"		
Alhaji Uthman Ladan Kalmalo	"		
Alhaji Dantanin Argungu	"		
Alhaji Maccido Maradun	"		
Alhaji Tambari Dingyadi	"		
Alhaji Garba Kyabe	"		

**APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE**

Alhaji S. A. Bayero	(Chairman)
Alhaji Bawa Dan-Ali	Member
Alhaji Sule Dan Inna S/Birni	"
Alhaji Kalla T. Gummi	"
Alhaji Yusufu B/Yaro	"
Alhaji S. Wonaka	"
Mohammed Tukur Dikko	"
Alhaji Shafi'u Dansadau	"
Alhaji Ahmadu Akawu	"
Badamasi Salame	"
Alhaji Mohammed Gidado	"
Alhaji Yahaya Magarya	"
Malam Magaji Ahmadu	"
<b>TENDERS BOARD COMMITTEE</b>	
Alhaji S. A. Bayero	(Chairman)
Alhaji N. M. Balarabe	Member
Alhaji G/Hamma	"
Alhaji Musa Bawa	"
Alhaji Musa Usman	"
Alhaji S. Limanci	"
Alhaji S. Tambawal	"
Alhaji Altine Tangaza	"

# PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

## OFFICIAL REPORT

IN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIRST SOKOTO STATE LEGISLATURE APPOINTED TO MEET IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1979, IN THE AUDITORIUM, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### FIRST SERIES

### VOLUME 1

FIRST VOLUME OF SESSION 1979

#### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SOKOTO STATE

#### FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Tuesday, 2nd October, 1979

The House met at 9.00 a.m.

#### PRAYERS

(Conducted by the Grand Khadi)

#### ROLL CALL

**Clerk:** Gentlemen, the next item is roll call. If your name is called, you can answer by saying yes, raising your hand or standing up, whichever you wish

**1st Clerk Asst:** I will call the name of the person and his Constituency.

**Clerk:** Order! Gentle men, I wish to welcome you and at the same time to congratulate you for your success in your elections. The purpose of this meeting today is to make you legally Members of the Sokoto State House of Assembly. Section 88 of the Constitution has empowered me to conduct the election of the Speaker and his Deputy, also to be sworn in before me. The question I wish to propose is to nominate for the office of Mr. Speaker of this Honourable House.

#### ELECTION OF SPEAKER

**Alh. Muhammadu Augie (Augie):** I beg to move that Alhaji Shehu Abdullahi Bayero to

take the Chair of this House as Mr. Speaker.

**Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu (Gwandu):** I beg to second.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*And there being no counter proposal, the House unanimously called Alhaji Shehu Abdullahi Bayero to the Chair. And he was taken to his seat by the Clerk to the House.*

**Clerk:** The question I wish to propose is to nominate a candidate for the Office of Deputy Speaker of this Honourable House.

#### ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

**Alh. Ibrahim D/Gata (T/Wada):** I rise to propose that Alhaji Umaru Yakubu Maru to be Deputy Speaker of the House.

*And there being no counter proposal, Alhaji Umaru Yakubu Maru is unanimously elected the Deputy speaker of the House.*

**Clerk:** I now call your Lordship, the Chief Judge of Sokoto State, Mr. Justice Khalid Hassan to administer the Oath of Allegiance and Membership to the Speaker and his Deputy.

#### OATH

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND MEMBERSHIP administered to the Speaker, Alhaji Shehu Abdullahi Bayero and his Deputy, Alhaji Umaru Yakubu Maru, by the Chief Judge of Sokoto State, Mr. Justice Khalid Hassan.

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2nd OCTOBER, 1979,

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(Oaths)

**Speaker:** Your Lordship, the Honourable Members of the House and the staff of the Legislature, I seize this opportunity to thank all for this election of mine for the post of the Speaker. It is a great honour responded on me and it is a heavy task as well, but I believe with your co-operation I will find the task easy. May I also seize this opportunity to congratulate all the Members and hope that their smooth co-operation given to me, the House will be the best in the nineteen States and may Almighty Allah guide us to the right path. Amen.

Thank you all.

#### OATHS

Oaths of Allegiance and Membership was administered to the following Members:

#### Sokoto State House of Assembly Debates

Oath      OCTOBER 2, 1979      OATH

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|-----|----------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| 1.  | Aliyu Dankobi              | 26. | Alhaji Umaru Nakigo           |
| 2.  | Alhaji Usman S. Koli       | 27. | Alhaji Barmo Galadima         |
| 3.  | Alhaji Dodo Aliero         | 28. | Alhaji Sanda Umaru Dange      |
| 4.  | Alhaji Shehu Mutawalle     | 29. | Alhaji Garba Gauta            |
| 5.  | Alhaji Abarshi Andarai     | 30. | Alhaji Shafi'u Dansadau       |
| 6.  | Alhaji Abubakar Tsoho Anka | 31. | Alhaji Mohammed Sani Kamba    |
| 7.  | Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame     | 32. | Alhaji Haliru D/Daji          |
| 8.  | Alhaji Muhammadu Augie     | 33. | Umaru Shehu Usman Dundaye     |
| 9.  | Abubakar Mainasara Zagga   | 34. | Alhaji Aliyu Abbas            |
| 10. | Alhaji Muhammadu S/fawa    | 35. | Alhaji Mohammed Mori          |
| 11. | Mohammed Bello Suru        | 36. | Alhaji Audu Maizamfara        |
| 12. | Muhammadu Noma Tangaza     | 37. | Malam Isa Wauru               |
| 13. | Alhaji Abdu M. Tambuwal    | 38. | Mohammed Tukur Dikko          |
| 14. | Alhaji U. Maidamma         | 39. | Alhaji Garba Nagodi           |
| 15. | Alhaji Aliyu Binji         | 40. | Alhaji Sule Dan'inna S/Birni  |
| 16. | Alhaji Abubakar A. Shugaba | 41. | Abubakar Shu'aibu             |
| 17. | Alhaji Mamman Nomau        | 42. | Alhaji Mamman Giyawa          |
| 18. | Alhaji Bawa Dan-Ali        | 43. | Alhaji Ahmadu Majidadi        |
| 19. | Malam Tambari Dingyadi     | 44. | Alhaji Abdu Dantagago         |
| 20. | Alhaji Mamman Bukkuyum     | 45. | Alhaji Tukur Kalambaina       |
| 21. | Alhaji Yahaya Bungudu      | 46. | Alhaji Kalla T. Gummi         |
| 22. | Alhaji Ahmadu Akawu        | 47. | Alhaji Buhari Garban Yandi    |
| 23. | Alhaji Garba Na-Liman      | 48. | Alhaji Abdu Maifilo           |
| 24. | Mohammed Maigujiya         | 49. | Alhaji Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu |
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As we have come to conclusion of the proceedings, what remains now is signing the Oath Register and that will be made later. At this moment, we shall go out for light refreshments and report back for the proceedings.

*Sitting Suspended* 11.30 a.m.

*Sitting Resumed* 12.30 p.m.

**FORMAL OPENING OF THE SOKO STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY BY EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR ALHAJI SHEHU MOHAMMAD KANGIWA**

*His Excellency, the Governor, entered the Chamber in a procession and took his seat.*

**Speaker:** Your Highness, your Lord Members, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen: On behalf of the entire Members of this House, I welcome your Excellency and all the Distinguished Guests present at the opening of the House of Assembly. My hope and indeed the hope of a Honourable Members of this House Section ninety-four (94) of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria was observed without having to have resort to sub-section five (sec. 5). It is your Excellency's co-operation and that of your executives that will be the main pillar for the efficient discharge of our functions. I will assure and inform your Excellency that we will do all within our powers to live up to the expectation with God's guidance. I will call on your excellency to declare open the Sokoto House of Assembly. Your Excellency.

**Deputy Governor**

**Mr. Speaker**

**Your Highness, the Sultan of Sokoto**

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2. Your status as members of the State Assembly is unique one. It is unique in the sense that whatever you do and say in this Chamber will have far reaching effects on the life of the ordinary citizens of this State. In view of this, therefore, it is important that whenever you are considering a legislation on any subject, you should take considerable pain to examine both the positive and the negative sides of the issues involved before arriving at a final decision. I have raised this point because I want to drive home to you the fact that you are operating in a purely civilian setting where you have to account to members of your constituencies for any legislations you have passed. And whether or not you will be re-elected will depend, to a very large extent, on the kind of impact which the electorate think you have made during your tenure of office. It is important, therefore, that the quality of your debate be high and any legislation passed by you be sound.

3. Further more, since you are the link between your communities and the Government, my administration will expect you to keep it informed of the problems facing your respective areas. This, I must say, is by no means an easy task because you can only know the problems confronting your areas by paying regular visits home and undertaking extensive tour of your constituencies. You are all, undoubtedly, aware that there is a financial provision for you to tour your entire constituencies thrice a year. May I suggest therefore, that you endeavour to take advantage of that provision. Often, people

are being neglected by Government for the simple reason that no public functionary is aware of the problems they face. It is this gap that you are expected to eliminate: that no part of this State is deprived of the good things of life due to lack of sufficient knowledge of what that particular part of the State lacks.

4. Whether as members of the majority or minority party, you have a duty to aggregate the problems of your constituencies and pass them to my Government which will endeavour to find lasting solutions to them. My Government, as I have repeatedly reiterated, will be responsive and shall ensure that all genuine problems brought before it are tackled expeditiously. You should, therefore, feel free to knock at the doors of my Commissioners and other public functionaries if you want to find out the rationale of any policies we have made. We will welcome responsible and constructive criticisms. And since we are fallible, we are prepared to make amends where we are genuinely convicted we have erred.

5. Having so far limited my speech to what I may regard as Government - Legislators relations, I think I should mention a word or two on your Constitutional role. I have heard it often said that we have two parties in Sokoto State — the Government and the opposition. Let it be noted that there is no opposition as such under the Presidential System of Government. What only exist are the majority and minority parties. Whatever legislation you pass should be seen as the collective responsibility of all whether you were elected on the N.P.N. or the G.N.P.P. ticket. I personally would be sad if whatever legislative proposals my Government submits to this House are sheepishly passed. It is your constitutional right to agree or disagree with us and you are free to do so.

6. In conclusion, may I wish you a happy and successful tenure of office and pra

that God, the Almighty will guide you in all your deliberations, Amen.

7. With these remarks, I declare this Honourable House formally open.

*Thank You.*

*Sitting suspended at 1 p.m.*

*Sitting resumed at 1.48 p.m.*

**Deputy Speaker:** Honourable Members, I will like to inform you that Mr. Speaker has been invited by His Excellency, the Governor of Sokoto State, Alhaji Shehu Kangiwa. Therefore, I have to take his seat.

**Deputy Speaker:** Honourable Members, it is in the standing orders that nobody should talk without the permission to do so.

**Alh. Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker, who will make arrangements for my swearing?

**Deputy Speaker:** The Clerk to the House will make the arrangements. Is there anybody wishing to speak?

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Alh. Moh. (Augi):** I beg to propose that the House be adjourned till tomorrow.

**Alh. Ibrahim (Gwandu):** I beg to second.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Deputy Speaker:** Honourable Members, the House now adjourns till tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

*House adjourned at 4.05 p.m.*

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

*Wednesday, 3rd October, 1979*

*The House met at 10.00 a.m.*

**PRAYERS**

(The Speaker presided)

**OATH**

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AND**

**OATH OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Speaker:** The next item on the Agenda is oath of Allegiance and Membership by those who were absent yesterday, so we await the arrival of the Judge. Luckily he is around so let us rise on his arrival.

**Speaker:** Order.

May I call on the honourable Member, Alhaji Abdullahi Kangiwa to come forward and take his Oath.

May I now call on upon the Honourable Member Alhaji Dantanin Argungu to come and take his Oath.

*Thereupon, the Honourable Members took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Membership.*

Alhaji Abdullahi Kangiwa.

Alhaji Dantanin Argungu.

**Speaker:** On behalf of the Honourable House, I thank Justice Kalgo for the services rendered to us today.

Thank you, your Lordship.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**Speaker:** The next item on the Agenda is a Message from His Excellency, the Governor. The Governor instructed me to tell you that the quarters which were anticipated for the Members had already been assigned to be auctioned but the consideration has been given and that is why the delay. During this period of delay, decisions are being taken as to how to avert the problems contained in finding quarters for the Honourable Members to stay.

Even though the quarters are to be allocated they will not be enough for all the Members, as such some other official have to be evacuated which is contrary to the manifesto of the National Party of Nigeria of providing shelter to all. So as we break from this sitting, you will all go back home and then we will use the time in your absence to see as to what could be done. Even though it is the responsibility of the House Committee which will be appointed later, nonetheless, some ground work has to be done for it. That is the end of the message and explanation today.

**Speaker:** Any question on the Government Quarters? What we want should be relevant to the message of the Governor.

**Alhaji Moh. Sanusi (Shanga):** Mr. Speaker, my comments on the message is that it will be better before we depart, some members should be appointed to see that necessary provisions for accommodation to the Members have been made.

**Speaker:** As to the appointment of the House Committee there should be a Special Committee. I will rather give time for all the Honourable Members to go over the Standing Orders to know their rights and duties before we embark fully on our deliberations.

**Alh. Ibrahim T/Gwandu (Gwandu):** Mr.

**Speaker,** may I suggest if the House agree, instead of providing us with free quarters may I suggest the Government should provide that particular quarters to us for rentage. I hope to be supported Members.

**Speaker:** In response to what many suggested I had already said it in the message that some directives have been given that the houses should be auctioned, and considerations were given and a lot is contained there in.

**Sama'ila Nabami (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, my comment on the message of the governor is that these house were not only inadequate in number but also unsuitable for our staying. I will like the Honourable House to know that we are Muslim Community and leaders of our society. We are supposed to lead practically and theoretically, and if the ordinary people visiting us will see the dangers we are facing, we only to use them on temporary measures.

**Alhaji Atiku (Zurmi):** Mr. Speaker, I do not agree with what the previous Speaker Hon. Member, Sama'ila Nabami (Argungu) has said because there are workers living in such houses and they are also Muslims. This, however does not affect their religion we only want remedy so that things will be easier for us.

**Speaker:** May I remind the Honourable Members the importance of sitting on the centre seats in order to facilitate recording of the speeches. So when we come back after a recess the centre seats should be utilised.

**Alhaji Muh. Augi (Augi):** Mr. Speaker, on the issues of the houses, those from far away should be allocated with the houses and we that are near can stay in our houses or rent any place.

**Speaker:** Honourable Members may I remind us of two things that are officials. We are all here for official and important duty

which has to be recorded in writing and on tapes, unless the provisions are used, it will appear that we have done nothing. May I also remind us that we are all responsible people subjects to thinking of the promises within the society and within us and being representatives of thousands of our brothers and sisters. I will like to leave this matter to the Committee to be appointed, and with this I close the motion on recommendation. I hope you will accept the decision.

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Resolved:** That this motion on accommodation be referred to a Committee to be appointed later.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Speaker:** In view of our failure to provide accommodation, it is agreed that each Member will be treated as top government official by giving him ₦30.00 a day until such a time that we get proper accommodation.

I hope this is accepted to all.

**Alhaji M. Bukkuyum (Bukkuyum):** Mr. Speaker, I proposed that this amount should be increased to ₦40 or ₦60.

**Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I think we should accept ₦30 just as Senior Civil Servants.

**Alhaji I Dangata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to propose the motion that the proceedings of the House should continue in Hausa language.

**Speaker:** Point of correction! I am not aware of such resolution, and after all it is in the constitution that English and any other language you may approve are to be used in the House. English is the official language of the House. The House cannot change the constitution.

**Alh. S. Limanci (Talata Mafara):** Mr. Speaker, I oppose the motion that ₦30 is too small for accommodation. Members should remember they were elected to present our people and not accumulate wealth. If we have sufficient accommodation we are satisfied.

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**Well, one thing is certain that you have all seen in the Standing Orders that you are to have one Leader, but thinking that you did not have time to discuss it does not arise.**

**DEPUTY GOVERNOR** (arrives) 1.12 p.m.

*Standing ovation as the Deputy Governor enters.*

**Speaker:** Honourable Members, as I have told you earlier that we have agreed with the Governor that his Deputy will come to explain the Bills before us, I am pleased to have with us here the Deputy Governor so as to explain the two Bills more especially number one. Your Excellency, you are welcome here and we expect the explanation as agreed.

#### **DEPUTY GOVERNOR IN THE CHAMBER**

**Mr. Speaker,**  
**Honourable Members,**

I come here in order to give explanation on two issue brought before you before you start discussing them.

We have taken necessary steps together with the Party Leaders and taken enough considerations on the first issue to be brought before you. I believe all of you know the task ahead of you. What you should see and consider are services to the people, trustworthiness and faithfulness of each person who has been considered for the task. There are a lot of things we have considered and we would like you to look into them again. Such things include admiration of the people, loyalty to the Party and peace for the Sokoto State and the Country in particular. My explanation will be based on the people you don't know whose names you may hear for the first time. I will try as much as possible to explain to you the type of offices they held before they were appointed into the Executive Council.

1. **Alhaji Muhammadu Sokoto:**— He was formerly known as Wakilin Ayukka. He is now the Chairman of the Sokoto State Public Service Commission. He hails from Sokoto Local Government area.
2. **Alhaji Abubakar Tunau Gusau,** Assistant General Manager, Nigerian Cotton Board Funtua - Abubakar Tunau is from Gusau Local Government area.
3. **Alhaji Ibrahim Birnin Tsaba** — is at present the Principal of the Sokoto State Collage of Arts and Science. He comes from Kaura Namoda Local Government area.
4. **Alhaji Muhammadu Lugga** — Area Manager of the first Bank of Nigeria, in charge of Bauchi, Kano and Kaduna. He hails from Maru in Anka Local Government.
5. **Alhaji Usman Sani** — is a Member of the Federal House of Representatives before he joined us, he was a Custom Supritendent. He is now in Lagos. He is from Zuru Local Government area.
6. **Alhaji Bala Tafidan Yauri** — You all know him. He is here with us. Before he engaged politics, he was the Chairman of the State's Sports Council. He is from Yauri Local Government area.
7. **Alhaji Musa Habib Jega** — He was formerly a Principal, later a Zonal Education Officer. He is now working with a Company in Abuja. He comes from Jega Local Government.
8. **Alhaji Muhammadu Tilli Wakilin Magani Gwandu** — is the NPN Chairman in that Area. He is from **Bunza Local Government.**
9. **Alhaji Yahaya Aliyu Nassarawa** — He is a Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Sokoto State Civil Service. He comes from Gwandu Local Government.

10. **Alhaji Isa Mutawalli, Argungu** — is now a Secretary in one of the Local Government areas. He hails from Argungu Local Government area.
11. **Alhaji Ladan Abdullahi Shuni** — is the State's Liaison Officer in Lagos. He is from Bodinga Local Government.
12. **Alhaji Shu'aibu Shinkafi** — is an official of the State's Water Board. He is from Isa Local Government.
13. **Alhaji Umaru Dahiru Tambuwal** — Most of you know him. He is the Legal Adviser of the Party at the Headquarters. He is from Yabo Local Government.

On the second Bill, the names are not required, but what is wanted from you is to approve the number of the Advisors. I hope you are satisfied with the explanation and if there is anyone who wishes to as question, he can do so.

**Deputy Governor:** Honourable Member Alhaji Ibrahim Dangata.

**Alh. I. Dangata (T/Wada):** Your Excellency, Deputy Governor, Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members. The Deputy Governor has now fully explained what we have not understood, but I want to know from the Deputy Governor whether all these nominated Commissioners have their tax clearance and if they can contest in the next coming elections.

**Deputy Governor:** These people will be interviewed on the requirements, because according to the regulations on person should take such responsibilities unless he meets the requirements established by law. As regard to this, investigation has been ordered into the issue.

**Deputy Governor:** Alhaji Yaro Mamman Shell.

**Alh. Y. M. Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** My question to Deputy Governor is that these four Advisors, are they going to be appointed like Commissioners or is it the responsibility of the House to appoint them?

**Deputy Governor:** Honourable Member, if you go through the Constitution, you will discover that there is a provision for five of these Advisors, but for the meantime, our requirement is four. It is the number you are being asked to approve. These Advisors are specialists in the fields (Professionals), as such they will be helping the Governor in their fields.

**Alh. Y. M. Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** I ask this question because not all of us have read the STANDING ORDERS.

**Deputy Governor:** Alh. Muhammadu Augi.

**Alh. Moh. Augi (Augi):** Your Excellency, Deputy Governor, the names of the nominated Commissioners presented to us contain some loopholes which I think we must clear. These are qualification and experience. This is because we were told that their nomination was based on service and political contribution. In my opinion, I don't think that it would be appropriate for an area which had a Commissioner in the former regime to have it again now. This will mean things will never move forever.

**Deputy Governor:** I want the Honourable Members to understand that I only want to make explanation on the names presented before you. After I leave, you can discuss on each name.

Honourable Members, I will like to seize this opportunity to congratulate you on your success. I want you to bear in mind that the task before you is not an easy one. We do not want you to rubber stamp what is before you but you should seriously deliberate over these issues and at the same time take into

account the weight of the matter and the urgency of the situation. May I wish you a very productive sitting and also safe journey back to your respective constituencies.

*Deputy Governor leaves: 1.48 p.m.*

*Standing ovation as the Deputy Governor leaves.*

**Alh. Muhammadu Augi (Augi):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask for recess so that Members may have time to deliberate among themselves on Bill No.2.

**Mr. Speaker:** What amount of time do you need?

**Alh. Muhammadu Augi (Augi):** Half an hour, Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** The question I have to put is that this House be adjourned for thirty minutes.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*House adjourned at 2.00 p.m.*

*House resumed at 2.45 p.m.*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, we are back from recess. We should now be ready to deliberate the Bills starting with the first bill. May I now call upon the Majority Leader to present Bill No.1 and also defend the Government. Before I go on, I would like to remind Members that these Bills are very important as such, it is necessary that we have previous and complete records of our deliberations. Therefore, anybody wishing to speak must have the microphone so that his voice can be heard and recorded properly. Now, I call upon the Majority Leader.

**PRESENTATION OF BILL**

BILL No. 1

**Majority Leader (Alh. Moh. Augi) (Augi):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Honourable Members, you have all gone through the list of some important people of the State origin nominated by His Excellency, the Governor, Alhaji Shehu Mohammed Kangiwa for your consideration to be appointed as Commissioners and form Members of his Executive Council.

You can see from the list that His Excellency made a very wise selection. All the people selected are responsible people and experienced in their spur of profession. I have no doubt, if they are appointed they will help the Governor to conduct the running of affairs of this State with honesty, sincerity and dedication. With these few remarks, I call upon Members of this Honourable House to consider and approve this Bill No. 1.

**Mr. Speaker:** Members, you have heard the presentation of the Majority Leader, is there anybody wishing to second him?

**Alh. Garban Mammam (Zurmi):** Mr. Speaker, in connection with motion brought by the Majority Leader with the list of people nominated by His Excellency, I beg to second.

I agree with the Leader of the Majority that the people nominated by His Excellency are responsible people and I think His Excellency has made a wise selection.

**Mr. Speaker:** May I draw your attention to the fact that all the Honourable Members, should follow the provision of the Standing Orders. Any Member wishing to speak is to wait until called upon to do so. Now that the Bill is presented by the Majority Leader and is seconded by the previous Speaker, I now call that Bill to be read the second time for debate.

*Order for second reading read.*

I assent this.....day of October, 1979.

ALHAJI SHEHU MOHAMMED KANGIWA,  
Governor,  
Sokoto State of Nigeria.

**SOKOTO STATE OF NIGERIA**

1979, No. 1

**A LAW TO APPOINT COMMISSIONERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOKOTO STATE OF NIGERIA**

(.....October, 1979).

WHEREAS by sub-section 1 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1978 the Governor may establish such offices of Commissioners of the Government of the State;

AND WHEREAS the Governor has given notice of his intention to establish such offices of Commissioners of the Government of the State, by the appointment of the following persons to wit:

1. Alhaji Muhammadu Sokoto
2. Alhaji Abubakar Tunau
3. Alhaji Ibrahim Birnin Tsaba
4. Alhaji Muhammadu Lugga
5. Alhaji Usman Sani
6. Alhaji Bala Tafidan Yauri
7. Alhaji Musa Habib Jega
8. Alhaji Muhammadu Bello Tilli
9. Alhaji Yahaya Aliyu Nassarawa
10. Alhaji Isa Murawalli Argungu
11. Alhaji Ladan Abdullahi Shuni
12. Alhaji Shu'aibu Shinkafi
13. Alhaji Umaru Dahiru Tambuwal.

Enactment. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the House of Assembly, Sokoto State of Nigeria:

Short title. 1. This Law may be cited as the Commissioners of the Sokoto State (Appointments) Law, 1979.

Confirmation of appointment. 2. The appointments to the office of Commissioners of the Govern-

ment to post and  
remuneration

ment of Sokoto State of the following persons are confirmed.

1. Alhaji Muhammadu Sokoto
2. Alhaji Abubakar Tunau
3. Alhaji Ibrahim Birnin Tsaba
4. Alhaji Muhammadu Lugga
5. Alhaji Usman Sani
6. Alhaji Bala Tafidan Yauri
7. Alhaji Musa Habib Jega
8. Alhaji Muhammadu Bello Tilli
9. Alhaji Yahaya Aliyu Nassarawa
10. Alhaji Isa Mutawalli Argungu
11. Alhaji I'adan Abdullahi Shuni
12. Alhaji Shu'aibu Shinkafi
13. Alhaji Umaru Dahiru Tambuwal.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed the House of Assembly and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

Clerk to the House of Assembly,  
Sokoto State of Nigeria.

**Speaker:** Any supporter for the motion?

**Umaru Yakubu Maru (Maru):** I second the Motion.

**Speaker:** Is that the opinion of the Members that we follow the names one by one? Listen! Order! What is now brought before you is instead of going over these things, we pick each name in order and discuss them.

So we agree that we follow them name by name. Well, the first name is Alhaji Muh. Sokoto. Any comments on that? Anybody from anywhere provided he is an elected Member. We want to know something that will convince us or will make us to reject it.

**Alhaji Yaro Mamman Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** In connection of this appointment of Alhaji Muh. Sokoto from Sokoto Local Government, we are satisfied.

**Speaker:** Well, is there any comment against the said Alhaji Muh. Sokoto. So it is agreed that Alhaji Muh. Sokoto should be confirmed.

Next is Alhaji Abubakar Tunau. What I want to know is that if there is any comment against him which will make the House reject him. Any comments against him? It appears also that Alhaji Abubakar Tunau is agreed to be confirmed.

*Next is Alhaji Ibrahim B/Tsaba.*

Any adverse comment about him? So he too, is agreed.

*Next to him is Alhaji Muh. Lugga.*

Any comment that will make us to reject him?

So he too is agreed.

*Following is Alhaji Usman Sani from Zuru.*

Any comment that will make us to reject his appointment?

**Alh. Ahmadu Akawu (Bunza):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, when we were given time to discuss the appointment of the Commissioners, we did so and we have agreed with all of them except two - as a result I would suggest that we go ahead without wasting too much time on the rest.

**Alh. S. S. Dabai (Dabai):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I get up to oppose the appointment of the Commissioner from Zuru Local Government, because of his unsuitability, inability and poor relation with people. So far, he lacks these qualities and his service is going to be for the masses, I don't think he is suitable for this appointment. Although it is said that he has made enough contribution to the Party, he was elected because of the Party's popularity.

**Alh. Ibrahim T/Gwandu (Gwandu):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Honourable Members, I stand up to oppose the motion or to defend the proposal brought to us for the appointment of Alhaji Usman Sani as Commissioner, before I say anything about Alhaji Usman Sani, I followed the list of the thirteen people nominated to us. In my view, there is wisdom in their nomination. With Mr. Speaker's permission, I would like to highlight Honourable Members. If we can remember when His Excellency, the State Governor, Alhaji Shehu Kangiwa visited this House, he explained to us the provision in the Constitution which empowers him to appoint Commissioners who will serve Sokoto State in particular and the country in general. With regard to this, I would like to say Alhaji Usman Sani is suitable for the post of Commissioner.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to this motion?

**Alh. Sadi Isa (Isa):** Mr. Speaker, I stand up to oppose the motion that was brought up by the Honourable Member (Alhaji I. T. Gwandu) (Gwandu). In my opinion, I think

it is appropriate to appoint this person from Zuru to become a Commissioner. Since the people have already shown their support at the Federal House election I think it is proper for this House to approve him as Commissioner. He has recorded two remarkable achievements for Zuru. After being Commissioner, in the long-run, they will fill the vacant seat and there is very hope that this will come from the same Party. It will be a good idea if the House approves his appointment.

**Speaker:** Well, we have heard for and against. Are there more with comments other than these reasons? Or those at most?

**Speaker:** Well, not you Honourable Member, Ahmadu Akawu (Bunza).

**Shafi'u Salihu Dansadau (Dansadau):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I stand up in order to oppose what Honourable Member (Alhaji Sadi Isa, (Isa) has said. I would like to let him know that those who know this man are the people who oppose his nomination. If at all they know he can do something tangible, they will not in the first instance oppose his nomination. May be you don't know him and his general behaviour. What we are trying to avoid here is we have promised our people that politics has not ended therefore whatever we are going to do we should try and approve those we think are suitable and make use of any advises from the Honourable Members.

**Speaker:** Honourable Member, Isma'ila Nabame (Argungu).

**Alh. Isma'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I get up in order to support Honourable Member from Zuru. We should remember that each one of them is representing people and this man is their brother. All of us have sworn that we are going to work honestly to the Party and the people. In my opinion, if members oppose the appointment of their own people because their electorate don't like them, it is improper to force them. It is only proper if we elect another.



**Alhaji Majidadi (Goronyo):** Mr. Speaker, I stand up to oppose Honourable Member (Alhaji S. Nabame - Argungu) who said that the appointment of Alhaji Usman Sani is not suitable. In fact, he is famous in this State and if he were hated he wouldn't have been elected to the Federal House. It was important personalities who nominated him for Commissionership. Because of this, I beg to support the appointment of Alhaji Usman Sani.

**Alhaji Ibrahim Dangata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, although I do not intend to speak on the issue, I am compelled to. His Excellency, the Governor has sent us a list of thirteen nominated Commissioner, but we have nineteen Local Government areas. What is the fate of those areas who haven't got a Commissioner? What I want Honourable Members to understand is that this Commissioner from Zuru Local Government area is not staying there, because he is for the whole State. I beg to move that election be held for those in favour and against.

**Speaker:** May I know those who are in favour of Alhaji Usman Sani to be a Commissioner.

The next is Alhaji Bala Tafidan Yauri, any objection to his appointment? We will say that his appointment is accepted.

**Honourable Members:** Yes, we agree.

**Speaker:** Next is Alhaji Musa Habib Jega.

**Honourable Members:** Yes, we agree with him all.

**Speaker:** Next is Alhaji Muhammadu Bello Tili.

**Honourable Members:** No objection.

**Speaker:** Next is Alhaji Yahaya Nassarawa.

**Honourable Members:** No objection.

**Speaker:** Next is Alhaji Isa Mutawalli Argungu, any objection?

**Alhaji Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the reason why I oppose the nomination of Alhaji Isa Mutawalli as a Commissioner from Argungu Local Government is because we Members from Argungu Local Government have discovered that anything good for the area goes to Kangiwa. We know there are seven districts in Argungu Local Government, that is why we oppose his nomination. If at all it should be Argungu Local Government Area, the Commissioner must come from another part of the area, not necessarily from Kangiwa.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the objection?

*Any counter motion? Is there anybody who wants to say something about Isa Mutawalli?*

**Alhaji Muhammadu Dantani (Lailaba):** Mr. Speaker, I want to comment on what the Honourable Member (Alhaji Abdu Kangiwa (Kangiwa) said opposing the appointment of Alhaji Isa Mutawalli. I want the Honourable Members to note the time when Chairmen were invited to submit six names from each Local Government. Mutawalli was among those names I submitted. Those who nominated him did so because of his suitability. We selected those names from different parts of Argungu. We did not nominate from Kangiwa only, those who nominated him did so because of his suitability.

**Alhaji Samai'la Nabami (Argungu):** In the manifesto, the National Party of Nigeria, (NPN) has promised to see to the development of each area. In this case, the oath I subscribed to, is on behalf of the area I represent. Therefore, nominating this man is a cheat to any area and because of this, there will be uneven development in Argungu Local Government. It can be seen that Argungu area has no representation in the Government. This is just a warning I am sounding so that Party's Organisation is not distorted. In conclusion, I do not support the appointment of anybody from Kangiwa.

Argungu is a very large area and it has many people who are suitable. Commissioners brought to us, twelve (12) have been confirmed and one (1) rejected?

**Speaker:** So of the thirteen (13) list of the *Question put and agreed to.*

I assent this..... day of October, 1979.

ALHAJI SHEHU MOHAMMED KANGIWA  
Governor,  
Sokoto State of Nigeria.

**SOKOTO STATE OF NIGERIA**

1979, No.2

**LAW TO APPOINT SPECIAL ADVISERS TO ASSIST  
THE GOVERNOR OF THE SOKOTO STATE IN THE  
PERFORMANCE OF HIS FUNCTIONS.**

Title

(.....October, 1979)

Date of Commencement.

WHEREAS by sub-section 1 of section 177 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1978 the Governor may appoint any person as a Special Adviser to assist him in the performance of his functions.

WHEREAS the Governor has indicated his attention to appoint such Advisers for the time being to fill the following posts:

- (a) Adviser on Security,
- (b) Adviser on Economics,
- (c) Director of Information,
- (d) Director of Budget

Enactment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the House of Assembly Sokoto State of Nigeria —

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Special Advisers of the Sokoto State (Appointments) Law, 1979.

Confirmation of Appointments.

2. The appointments of Special Advisers to the following posts for the time being are confirmed and their remuneration shall be at the rate of ₦..... per person per annum.

- (a) Adviser on Security
- (b) Adviser on Economics
- (c) Director of Information

(d) Director of Budget.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed the House of Assembly and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

Clerk to the House of Assembly,  
Sokoto State of Nigeria.

**Speaker:** May I now call upon the Majority Leader to introduce and defend Bill No. 2 where the Governor is seeking our permission to establish four departments or institutions to advise him.

**PRESENTATION OF BILL**

**BILL No. 2**

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I am hereby urging you to approve the appointment of four advisers to the Governor.

These are Advisor on Security, Advisor on Economics, Director of Information and Director of Budget. They are professionals and specialists in these particular areas. Their names need not be mentioned here. All that is wanted from you is to approve the Offices.

**Speaker:** Bill No. 2 introduced by Majority Leader and he has as well brought a motion that it should be approved. Any secondment?

**Alh. Mamman Bukkuyum (Bukkuyum):** Mr. Speaker, I second the motion.

**Speaker:** Any counter motion? Anybody against this? So it appears you all approve the proposal.

**Sama'ila Nahami (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I agree with the Bill No. 2 presented by the Majority Leader, but if you check carefully you will discover where a mention of post and remuneration is made. What we want is when these people are appointed, their salaries should be forwarded to the House for consideration.

**Speaker:** Very good observation. Yes, Leader.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I have discovered that the Governor did not indicate amounts these Directors are to be paid. What is required of you at this stage is to approve the four posts. It is there in the Constitution and the posts are of Commissioners Status each. I hope this is clear and well understood.

**Speaker:** Honourable Members, you have heard of what two Members have said. Their appointments have been approved, and it is also clear that these appointments are of Commissioners Status. The Constitution is clear and that I believe you too are clear now. The question is whether you, the House have any objection or not to those four posts as submitted by His Excellency.

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Speaker:** We have come to the end of our deliberation on the two Bills. They have now been approved by the House. What we have come to do here now, is to be sworn-in and witness the handing over of the Administration. Despite that we have done some urgent important job. Usually some time is spared to discuss problems, before I allow you that time, I would like to bring certain information to your notice, first of all, about your payments. A cheque has already been prepared, but the Bank has closed. Secondly, time for prayers has approached, but that of deliberations is short. If you insist, we can continue until dawn.

Order! Order!! Order!!! Sit down except the one that I have given floor to. Order please, Order please.

**Alh. Bala (Modomawa):** Mr. Speaker, I

beg to move that we conclude everything today and return to our various areas tomorrow.

**Speaker:** All right. Order. What I have said is we have come to the end of the public business. If there are any businesses from you, we deal with such. If there isn't, somebody will move that we adjourn. But don't forget if we adjourn it will be some days before we come back and a notification to that effect will be issued and sent to you. Any other business?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have some problems to discuss. None of us (Honourable Members) has a car of his own. I therefore beg to move the motion that the ban on vehicle loan be lifted so that we can get loans to purchase our own private transport, but we can not continue rushing and squeezing ourselves in the public transport. Members are honoured, so therefore, we should keep that honour.

Secondly, as Mr. Speaker has earlier said, it will be a good idea to select a representative from each Local Government to form a Committee which will discuss the accommodation of Members.

**Speaker:** Point of correction. Where have I said so?

**Majority Leader:** Outside.

**Speaker:** Not as Speaker and I don't say so even.

**Majority Leader:** I beg to withdraw the motion. Now on our salary, what I have seen in the Estimates is ₦7,000 per annum (₦583.33). If tax and loan are deducted we may possibly end up with either ₦400 or ₦330.00. Honourable Members, it is up to you to decide how you wish your salaries to be paid; whether by cash or in your Bank Accounts.

**Resolved:** That Members' salaries should be paid through Banks.

**Speaker:** Order please, wait I haven't finished with you, Mr. Leader, I want to know whether the motions brought are the opinion of the Majority or yours. Whether they are yours or that of the majority, I want to get them one by one.

**Majority Leader:** Please somebody write them down.

**Speaker:** I am writing them, follow them one by one.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, the first motion is that Members would like the Government to assist us by finding any possible means whereby we can secure loans to purchase our own private cars. This should be done as soon as possible. If the loan is to be granted, we want about ₦7,000 so that we can purchase the vehicles without taking a second loan.

Mr. Speaker, the second motion is on accommodation. Before next session resume, we want the 80 houses to be allocated to Members who are far away from home and those of us who are living around should be paid an allowance equal to any Civil Servant who has not been allocated a house.

The third motion, Mr. Speaker, is that Members should be summoned through letters and radio announcements, but what is preferred is official letter because radio may not be listened to.

**Speaker:** I suggest we use the two channels. Is that all you have to say? All that was brought before me was on behalf of all of you. Does anyone of you wish to say anything moved?

**Alh. S. Wonaka (Mada):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to explain to the House what happened yesterday when we were being sworn-in. I discovered that during ceremony, the list of our names, (GNPP Members) was turned upside down and after all we have sworn that we are going to work as a team forgetting our political

differences. From the time we were sworn-in, there are three instances where clear favour and political differences were shown. That is why I decide to voice this out. We put a complaint sometime ago, but we were told it was a mistake. My first complaint is about the Daily Hansard where our names are excluded. If this is a mistake, it should be corrected.

**Speaker:** Order . . . Order . . . Order, please.

It is not gentle, Hon. Members, for you to go out while the proceeding is going on, but if you think it is, you go ahead. As the Hon. Member (Alh. S. Wonaka (Mada)) complained, I told you that I have not seen the Hansard report and I know that we have done our best, but in the interest of all of us, I would say it is not good always to magnify small things. If this is done, the magnified will not fit in the right place. I hope the Hon. Member understands the explanation? I will now ask the Clerk to explain to you better how it all happened.

**Clerk:** Hon. Members, the mistake made in publishing this Report is that we had tried to get a list of all Members from the FEDECO, but when the list was brought, it came in two parts: One with a list of the NPN Members separate and the other with that of the GNPP. If you go through the first list, you will discover that it is in that order given from FEDECO which should not be used by Legislature. In that, you will also notice that the number is not in serial with that of the Constituencies. By the time this Report was going to be published, the names of Members of the NPN was used and the Roll Call made by the Clerk. So it is a mistake created only by using the wrong list earlier printed. So I wish to apologize for the mistake made by the staff which I would want to explain that it is not intentional and I hope you would accept. Furthermore, I believe each of you now might be in receipt of a revised list which consists of your names serially according to the Constituencies.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I want to draw our attention to the Governor's address. It is

true that everyone of us here is under the ticket of one Party or the other, but we should not forget that we cannot always harass others because of different political ideology.

Whether we like it or not we are one body and all out to accomplish one task. Unless we forget some minor differences, otherwise we will wind up nowhere. I pray this will not happen. There are many gentle ways of asking somebody to correct his mistakes. You should remember that any Member who speaks or does any action, it will go into record. Anything he says or does, provided it makes sense, will not make any difference. A Member is a Member, he is representing masses and the Government is for the people. I therefore appeal to you once more to rid your minds of your differences when you are in the field. I, who is here, am for all of you. It is you who elected me, it is not the NPN alone that brought me here. If there is anybody solely for the NPN, it is the Majority Leader. I hope this is understood. I am reminding you that time is still short, although I can see one Member who wishes to speak.

**Usman Sa'adu Zuru (Sakaba):** Mr. Speaker, on what you have said, we were a bit irritated, the reason is that we are all Nigerians and indigenes of Sokoto State. We are here on crusade to save the State without showing any political difference. On the mistake that was made, we agree as nobody is above mistake. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

**Alh. B. G. Yandi (Gusau):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to move for adjournment.

**Speaker:** As I have earlier told you, if adjourned we shall not resume until Monday, October 15, 1979, but letters will be sent to you and announcements would be made over the Radio.

*Prayers were offered*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*House adjourned 4.40 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, October 15, 1979.*

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Monday, October, 15, 1979

The met at 12.15 p.m.

**PRAYERS**

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**Mr. Speaker:** The third item on the order paper is message from the Governor: There isn't a specific message to deliver, but nevertheless, there is something like that.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mr. Speaker:** Last meeting, I delivered a message about the houses to be allocated to you. It has now been resolved that the 80 houses available will be given to you until such a time when the balance will be available, but it will be far away. As for the distribution, we are going to appoint Committees, one of them will be House Services

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Alhaji Shehu Bayero (Speaker)	Chairman
Alhaji Umaru Yakubu (D. Speaker)	Member
Alhaji Mamman Augi (Majority Leader)	" "
Alhaji Sambo Wonaka (Min./Leader)	" "
Alhaji Ciroma Sama'ila (Zuru)	" "
Alhaji Muhammadu Sanusi (Yauri)	" "
Alhaji Mamudu Shehu (Yabo)	" "
Alhaji Aliyu Na M. Balarabe (Wurno)	" "
Alhaji Abbas (Yabo)	" "
Alhaji Ahmadu A. Binji (Silame)	" "
Alhaji Macido Maradum (T/Mafara)	" "
Alhaji Usman B/Kebbi (Jega)	" "
Alhaji Muh. Bukkuyum (Gumi)	" "
Alhaji Audu Mai-Filo (Gwadabawa)	" "
Alhaji Shafi'u Salisu (Anka)	" "
Alhaji Ibrahim T/Gwandu (B/Kebbi)	" "
Alhaji A. Mai-Nasara (Bagudo)	" "
Alhaji Galadima (Bodinga)	" "

Committee. It will distribute the 80 houses and its decision is final.

Well, this is what we have for items 3 and 4. As for item 5, you have been given what we have on the papers. So we go to item 6.

**Alh. Mamman Augi (Majority Leader):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to stand as Leader of the Majority to bring a Motion for the appointment of the Select Committee. I therefore bring the names of the Members.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Point of Order. You have brought a Motion which has not been seconded.

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the Motion.

**Majority Leader:** I wish to bring the names of the following Members from various Local Governments. The first on the list is the Hon. Speaker who is also the Chairman of the Committee, both the Deputy Speaker and the Leaders of the Majority are also Members.

- Alhaji M. S. Galadi (Isa)
- Alhaji Buhari Garba (Gusau)
- Alhaji Garba Kaura (K/Namoda)
- Alhaji Umaru Na-Kigo (Bunza)
- Alhaji Audu Kangiwa (Argungu)

**Majority Leader:** All these names of the Members mentioned are capable to hold this post. I therefore appeal to the House to accept them.

**Question put and agreed.**

**Mr. Speaker:** So now we have got the Committee on selection of 23 including the Chairman. It is the duty of Selection Committee to select the eight other Committees that we have in this paper given to you. Now it remains the selection of the other two or rather the first two Committees on the papers. The Motion is still that of the Majority Leader.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I rise to present the names of those to be in the Standing Committee. In this Committee the Speaker is the Chairman. The Deputy Speaker, the Leader of the Majority and the Leader of the Minority are also members. Three members will also be elected, thus making seven members in the Committee.

**Alh. Abubakar Anka (Anka):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second.

**Mr. Speaker:** The motion has been seconded. Any opposition?

**Question put and agreed to.**

**Mr. Speaker:** So it appears you have all agreed as to the Standing Order Committee. You still have three people to appoint to make the Committee complete. May I have nominations?

**Alh. Aliyu Abbas (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to nominate Umaru S. U. Dundaye (Dundaye).

**Mr. Speaker:** Any seconder?

**Alh. Mamman Bukkuyum (Bukkuyum):** Mr. Speaker I beg to second.

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**Mr. Speaker:** Any more nominations?

**Alh. Audu (Gwadabawa):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second.

**Speaker:** Any nomination?

**Alh. Majidadi (Goronyo):** Mr. Speaker I beg to nominate Alh. Yahaya Magarya (Wurno).

**Mr. Speaker:** Any seconder?

**Alh. Muhammadu Nomau (Birnin Tudu):** I beg to second.

**Speaker:** Any more nominations?

**Alh. Dandare Saminu (Koko):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to nominate Alh. Sambo Wonaka.

**Speaker:** He is automatically in the Committee because he is the Leader of the Minority.

**Speaker:** Any more nominations?

**Umaru Yakubu Maru (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to nominate Alh. Muhammadu Dikko.

**Speaker:** Any seconder?

**Alh. Muhammadu Gidado (Kware):** Mr. Speaker, I nominate Alhaji Muhammadu Sani Kamba.

**Speaker:** Any seconder?

**Umaru Yakubu Maru (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second.

**Speaker:** Any more nominations?

**Alh. Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to nominate Alhaji Baraya Shuni).

**Speaker:** Any seconder?

**Alh. Garba Yabo (Silame):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second.

**Mr. Speaker:** We want three people, so far we have five nominations. Are there anymore nominations?

**Alh. Garba Yabo (Silame):** I support the nomination of Tambari Dingyadi.

**Speaker:** We want three people but we have five nominations. Are there any more nominations?

**Alh. Abubakar Altine (B/Kebbi):** I nominate Alh. Shehu Mutawale.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Usman S/Kebbi (Jega):** I beg to second.

**Speaker:** Any more nominations?

**Ladan Marafa (Kalmalo Dantsamaye):** I nominate Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Maidamma Tela (Illela):** I beg to second the motion.

**Speaker:** Any more nominations? I draw your attention to the fact that besides this Committee, we have nine more Committees, so I suggest if you do accept the suggestion to deal with the seven nominations now and then when we come to the next we will bring these nominations we have, otherwise we continue the nomination. Which do you choose to continue with the nomination? Those for the seven hands up? Alright, thank you. Those we have now are:

- Alh. Umaru Usman
- Alh. Yahaya Magarya
- Alh. Muh. Tukur
- Alh. Muh. Sani Kamba
- Alh. Tambari Dingyadi
- Alh. Shehu Mutawalli
- Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye.

Out of these seven, we want only three

as Members of the Standing Committee. Is there any body with any objection as to the nomination of these seven people? Well, may I know from the nominations whether they all accept to be selected? May I ask them to stand up. Those seven to the stand up. Anybody withdrawing?

**Mutawalli**  
**Alhaji Usman Dundaye, withdraw.**

So now we have five and may I ask them to stand up for at least a minute? Well, now we have to divide our votes of one hundred and ten into five. What do you suggest? The time we came into the House with or what?

**Ali Abbas (Durbawa):** I will like to suggest that before the voting commence, the five people nominated should, please stand up.

**Speaker:** Any seconder?

**Alh. Bawa Dan-Ali (B/Magaji):** I support the motion.

**Speaker:** Any objection? Let us vote for the people.

**Speaker:** Those for the motion raise hands. Those against should raise hands. We still have to ask them to stand up before the process of the election. Please stand up.

**M. Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga):** I beg to withdraw.

**Speaker:** So we have four to nominate three out of. Well, as I have said earlier, what we will do is to have all the votes of the Members divided according to their choice among the four remaining candidates.

Magarya Wurno	18 votes No.4
Muh. Tukur Dikko	42 votes No.1
Muh. Sani Kamba	27 votes No.2
Alh. Muh. D/Tsamaye	21 votes No.3

So numbers one, two and three are elected as Members of the standing Committee.

**Speaker:** The next is the Business Committee.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to suggest on the appointment of the Business Committee. This Committee is going to be led by the Majority Leader as Chairman and Manority Leader should also be in the Committee and then I suggest the election of six other Members to the Committee.

**Alh. Mohammodu Dantanin Argungu (Lallaba):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second Alhaji Mahammad Augi.

**Speaker:** Any objection? Is the motion seconded?

**Umaru Na-Kigo (Dakingari/Giro):** Mr. Speaker, we want to understand clearly the appointment of these Committees, for instance, this Business Committee, I suggest that you should be explained to us before we select the Committee.

**Speaker:** Well, Hon. Members, I have taken things for granted. Well, you need explanations. So I will ask the Clerk to explain.

**The Clerk:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members. The Importance of these Committees as we have them is as follows:

**Standing Orders Committee:**

You have been with a copy of the Standing Orders. This has been provided in the Constitution in order to bring up some issues you may approve or reject. Those you approve will stand whereas you can change the ones rejected. This is among them (STANDING ORDERS). It is the one used by the past Civilian Governments in Ibadan, Kaduna, Enugu, Binin and the then Federal Government. The only correction is that where we have Kaduna we put Sokoto instead. The function of this Committee is to go through this 'Standing Orders' and see if there is any correction or should be accepted as it is. Because of this reason, it is important that Members of this Committee know this book

(STANDING ORDERS) thoroughly. After going through it, Members will submit their report to the House after which it will be dissolved.

**Business Committee**

Any business (Bills, Agenda, Announcements etc.) for the House, should come through this Committee.

**Committee of Selection:**

This Committee is responsible for appointing the remaining Committees. It is difficult for you to know the behaviour of one another. But as one Member explained, if this Committee finds time to deliberate, they will know every individual whether he first to be a Member of a certain Committee or not.

**Appropriation Committee:**

The Committee is responsible for the Budget i.e. reviewing the estimates where possible.

**Public Accounts Committee:**

Responsible for the employees and those to be employed in the House pertaining to their daily activities and needs.

**Committee on Education:**

Responsible for Education in the State. The Committee will utilise the information gathered and the data submitted and submit report to the House.

**Local Governments Committee:**

Any motion or Bill pertaining to Local Governments will come through this Committee. Members may be experts in Local Government affair's and after deliberation on the subject, submit report to House.

**Committee on Agriculture:**

Responsible for all Agricultural Revolution which may consist of farmers, breeders, ex-Agricultural officers. Any motion or Bill on Agriculture will pass through this Committee.

*Committee on Rural Development:*

This Committee will look after the development of the Rural Areas particularly the supply of water, electricity, Health Services etc.

**Speaker:** I have some explanation for the two Committees. Social Services Committee is for the Government services, such as Health, Social Welfare and all those pertaining to such services, such as Water and Electricity. As for number eight (8) this is a very important Committee for it is the Committee that deal with us here. Anything pertaining to the house is the responsibility of this Committee to see that everything is done. So, when selecting to the members, please think before selecting a Committee. When you go to select the House Committee make sure you have selected those people who are honest at heart greatly. I know we are all such but some are more than others, so let us take those who have that more at heart. Now the Committee has been explained to you. Our next is to select the Business Committee, well, the Majority Leader once is to propose his motion.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to bring a motion concerning Business Committee, Majority Leader is Chairman of the Committee, Minority Leader is also a member, I suggest that six more people be included.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Mohammed Gidado (Kware):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to second the motion.

**Speaker:** As the Business Committee stands, it deals with the meeting of the

House and nothing more appears, I hope this is clear. Well, any objection to the motion?

**Alh. Ibrahim Dan-Gata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, is it compulsory that the Majority and Minority Leaders should be included in each and every Committee?

**Speaker:** Well, I do not know why you are not happy about including them.

**Alh. Ibrahim Dan-Gata (T/Wada):** I do not expect the Hon. Speaker to say this to me.

**Speaker:** I would want them as Leaders of the two Parties, except for the heavy responsibilities I would rather see them in all the Committees because they are your eyes and ears, and you selected them. There are some Committees that it is by the Standing Orders. Some, it is the prerogative of the Speaker, so the two are combined here. I believe we are to go by the Standing Orders. So it is what pertains in the Standing Orders which brought such nominations. We nominate and elect those as required by the Standing Orders and I hope it is clear.

**Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, I stand up to bring the Motion. I would like the Speaker to tell us who is the Majority Leader, I remember last time it was said that the duty of the Majority Leader is to present and defend Government Bills, May I know who is the Majority Leader and his exact duty?

**Speaker:** Though the question is a surprising one, yet I have to ask the Majority Leader to tell who he is and to tell how he has become the Majority Leader.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, my name is Alhaji Muhammadu Augi and you know that NPN is a Majority Party and it has ninety-two (92) Members in

the House. The Ninety-two (92) Members gathered to elect somebody who is responsible to bring up a Bill to the House for approval and I am elected to become the Leader of NPN in the House. Every-body was here by the time I was elected. It was with effect to that time I started my job. In connection with explanation of Members Committee, I leave that to Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Every Hon. Member has a right to ask a question and every other Member has a right to answer. Well, I believe the answer is adequate. Let us leave it.

**Alh. Audu Majidadi (Wamakko):** Mr. Speaker, I nominate Alhaji Tukur Kalam-baina.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the Motion?

**Sani Moh. Galadi (Jangeru-Galadi):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the Motion.

**Speaker:** Any other nominations?

**Moh. Sambo (Tambuwal):** Mr. Speaker, I nominate Sambo Gayi.

**Speaker:** Any seconder?

**Alh. Abdu Dantagago (Gulma):** Mr. Speaker, I nominate Sama'ila Nabame.

**Speaker:** Any seconder?

**Garba Kanwa (Zurmi):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second.

**Speaker:** Any other nomination?

**Alh. Usman S. Koli (Alelu):** Mr. Speaker, I nominate Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu.

**Alh. Sule Dan Inna S/Birni (Gatawa):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the Motion.

**Speaker:** Any nomination?

**Moh. Bello Suru (Bakuwal):** Mr. Speaker, I nominate Alh. Mainasara Zagga.

**Speaker:** Is there any seconder for Mainasa Zagga?

Hon. Member, sit until you are asked to stand. Now, the floor is open for you.

**Alh. Noma Tangaza (Balle):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the Motion.

**Speaker:** Any nomination?

**Alh. Garba Na Godi (Gandi):** Mr. Speaker, I nominate Jeli S. Sudan Wurno.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the Motion?

**Umaru S.U. (Dundaye):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second.

**Speaker:** Well, any nomination?

**Ali Abbas (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, I nominate Tambari Dingyadi.

**Alh. Muhammed Gidado (Kware):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second.

**Speaker:** Any nomination?

**Marafa Ladan (Kalmalo):** Mr. Speaker, I nominate Abubakar Shu'aibu Gigane.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the Motion?

**Alh. Mamman Dan-tsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second.

**Speaker:** Any nomination?

**Alh. Dan-Dare Saminu (Koko):** Mr. Speaker, it has been said that only six (6) Members are needed and Members nominated now are so many. I wish we can continue with another topic.

**Speaker:** This is a Motion and not nomination. Any seconder to the Motion?

**Alh. Muhammed Muri (Fakai):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second.

**Speaker:** We go and pray before we get light

*The House adjourned at 1.50 p.m.*

*The House re-assembled at 2.33 p.m.*

*Sitting resumed at 2.35 p.m.*

**Clerk:** In the absence of the Speaker, his Deputy will take the chair.

**Speaker:** I wish to continue from where Mr. Speaker stopped, in accordance with Section 89 Sub-section 1. Already, eight Members were nominated for the Business Committee. The Majority Leader said that the Committee will consist of six Members including him and the Leader of the Minority. We now have eight nominees from whom we are going to elect six Members. How do you want the election to be conducted?

**Alh. M. S. Galadi (Jangeru Galadi):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the election be conducted by raising up hands.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the Motion?

**Alh. Ibrahim Dangata (Tudun Wada):** I beg to second.

*Question put and agreed.*

**Speaker:** I am going to read the names first before I call on the Clerk to the House to conduct the election.

Alhaji Tukur Kalambaina  
Labbo gayi  
Sama'ila Nabame  
Alhaji Ibrahim T/Gwandu.

**Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu (Gwandu)** Mr. Speaker, point of correction, my name should read Alhaji Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu and not Alhaji Ibrahim T/Gwandu

**Speaker:**

Abubakar Mainasara  
Jeli Sarkin Sudan  
Tambari Dingyadi  
Abubakar Gigane.

Honourable Members, do you like to see the nominated members in person?

**Alh. Aliyu Abbas (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the motion that the nominated members should stand up so that we can see them.

**Speaker:** Any seconder?

**Alh. Sule Moriki (Moriki):** These nominated members should stand up so that we can see them.

**Speaker:** Any seconder?

**Alh. Sule Moriki (Moriki):** These nominated Members should be called one by one.

**Speaker:** Order! May I remind the Hon. Member Alh. Sule Muriki that the Motion has already been put to the House and what we want is a seconder.

**Alh. Mohammed Sani Galadi (Jangeru/Galadi):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second Alhaji Ali Abbas.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, the Motion, has been put to the House, any objection?

*Question put and agreed.*

**Speaker:** I am going to call on the nominated Members so that the Hon. Members of the House will see them.

Alhaji Tukur Kalambaina  
Alhaji Labbo Gayi  
Sama'ila Nabame  
Alhaji Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu  
Abubakar Mainasara  
Jeli S. Sudan

Tambari Dingyadi  
Abubakar Gigane.

Is there any of the nominated Members who wishes to withdraw his candidature?

**Alhaji Tukur Kalambaina (Gumbi):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to withdraw my candidature.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I wish to inform you that Alhaji Tukur Kalambaina has withdraw his candidature, so we will now have seven nominated Members.

I now call on the Clerk to the House to conduct the election.

*Business Committee:*

Name	Withdrawn	Votes	Rank
Alh. T. Kalambaina	11	11	3rd
Alh. Labbo Gayi	36	36	1st
Sama'ila Nabame	9	9	6th
Alh. I. T/Gwandu	6	6	7th
Abubakar Mainasara	10	10	4th
Jeli Wurno	13	13	2nd
Tambari Dingyadi	10	10	4th
A. Shu'aibu Gigane			

**Speaker:** The next item from the Order of Business is the sixth item. The seventh will be Induction Course. Do you all have the Order Business for the day? As the majority are having it you will share with your neighbour. You will soon get a copy each. As it is in the order of business Induction Course for the Hon. Members of the house, may I call on the Majority Leader to say something about it.

**Majority Leader:** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I move the motion of Induction Course, which majority of us do not know until tomorrow. I will like to make some comments also.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Abubakar Mainasara (Bagudo):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion.

**Speaker:** May I call upon the Majority

Leader to know if the House can close till tomorrow.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, as we have chosen the House Committee, they should continue with the allocation of house to those who have no houses.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Muh. Sani (Kamba):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, any objection to that? As there is no objection to this, may I remind you that up till now, we have not received any message or report of the houses. May we please hold till tomorrow when the House is on session and when we receive message from His Excellency about the houses.

**Alh. Abdullahi K/Giwa (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker, from the first deliberation this morning, it appears we have already got the 80 houses and if the Committee is going to decide then it can do so.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, as there is no objection to this, I think the Committee can continue with its work from now to any time it thinks suitable.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Majority Leader** Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the motion to adjourn the House till tomorrow.'

**Alh. Mamman Noma (Tangaza):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second.

**Speaker:** Any objection to that? Those in favour are the majority so we adjourn till tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

*House adjourned at 3.18 p.m. till tomorrow  
October 16, 1979 at 10.00 a.m.*

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE**  
*FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA*

Friday, 20th October, 1979

The House met at 11.00 a.m.

(Mr. Speaker presided)

PRAYERS

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

**Mr. Speaker:** On this, we don't have any today.

ANNOUNCEMENT

**Mr. Speaker:** First I will have to apologise for my inability to attend the course. I hope my excuses have been accepted. Secondly, I should like to point out that I was thinking of finding a way of getting car loans for Hon. Members by some negotiations with Commercial Banks. It is when, I dropped the idea. I hope you will bear with me that we should allow some time for that to see the out-come of the speech of the President. Meanwhile, I am thinking of getting money to have more buses and more cars which will facilitate our movements.

PAPERS

**Mr. Speaker:** The next item is the Government Bill before us. Before the Bill is introduced I will very much like to refer to the Constitution which I will have the Clerk to the House to read.

**Clerk:** "Section 178 (1) There shall be established for each State of the Federation the following bodies, namely:-

- (a) State Civil Service Commission;
- (b) State Council of Chiefs;

- (c) State Electoral Commission; and
- (d) State Judicial Service Commission.

(2) The composition and powers of each body established by sub-section (1) of this section are as set out in Part II of the Third Schedule to this Constitution.

*Section 179.* Except in the case of *ex-officio members* or where other provisions are made in this Constitution, the Chairman and members of any of the bodies so established shall, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, be appointed by the Governor of the State, and the appointments shall be subject to confirmation by a resolution of the House of Assembly of the State.

*Section 180 —(1) A person who is a member of any of the bodies established as aforesaid shall, subject to the provisions of this Part, remain a member thereof:-*

- (a) *in the case of an ex-officio member, whilst he holds the office by virtue of which he is a member of the body;*
- (b) *in the case of a person who is member by virtue of his previously held an office, for the duration of his life; and*
- (c) *in the case of a person who is a member otherwise, than as an ex-officio member or otherwise than by virtue of his having held an office, for a period of 5 years from the date of his appointment.*

(2) A member of any of the bodies shall cease to be a member if any circumstances arise that, if he were not a member of the body, would cause him to be disqualified for appointment as such a member.

*"Section 181.* No person shall be



qualified for appointment as a member of any of the bodies aforesaid if:-

- (a) he is not qualified or if he is disqualified for election as a member of a House of Assembly;
- (b) within the preceeding 10 years, he has been removed as a member of any of the bodies or as the holder of any other office on the ground of misconduct.

(2) Any person employed in the public service of the State shall not be disqualified for appointment as Chairman or member of any of such bodies;

Provided that where such a person, not being an *ex-officio member* of the State Council of Chiefs, has been duly appointed, he shall on his appointment be deemed to have resigned his former office as from the date of the appointment.

(3) No person shall be qualified for appointment to any of the bodies aforesaid, if, having previously been appointed as a member otherwise than as an *ex-officio member* of that body, he has been re-appointed for a further term as a member of the same body.

*Section 181* (1) Any person holding any of the offices to which this section applies shall be removed from that office by the Governor of that State acting on an address supported by two-thirds majority of the House of Assembly of the State praying that he be so removed for inability to discharge the functions of the office (whether arising from infirmity of mind or body or any other cause) or for misconducts.

(2) This section applies to the offices of the Chairman and members of the State Civil Service Commission, the State Electoral Commission and the State Judicial Service

Commission.

*Section 183.* In exercising its power to make appointment or to exercise disciplinary control over persons, the State Civil Service Commission, the State Judicial Service Commission and the State Electoral Commission shall not be subject to the direction and control of any other authority or person.

*Section 184.* (1) The quorum for a meeting of any of the bodies established by section 178 of this Constitution shall not be less than one-third of the total number of members of that body at the date of the meeting.

(2) A member of such a body shall be entitled to one vote and a decision of the meeting may be taken and any act or thing may be done in the name of that body by a majority of the members present at a meeting.

(3) Whether such body is assembled for a meeting, the Chairman or other person presiding shall, all matters in which a decision is taken by vote (by whatever name such vote may be called) have a casting as well as deliberative vote.

(4) Subject to its rules of procedures, any such body may act or take any decision notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or the absence of any member".

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members you have heard the provisions in the Constitution as to the four bodies to be approved by you. Now you are required to deliberate on one of them and that is State Council of Chiefs, although they should have come together, but because of request from Lagos as to have a representative of the Chiefs, we have been asked to deliberate on this Council of Chiefs. The important thing to remember here is the establishment of the Council that we are to deliberate on today, as for the appointment of members that will come later when the Governor has got the names for the members. Now I call on the Majority Leader to present the Bill.

**PRESENTATION OF BILL**

I assent this..... day of October, 1979

ALHAJI SHEHU MOHAMMED KANGIWA  
Governor,  
Sokoto State of Nigeria.

SOKOTO STATE OF NIGERIA

**A LAW TO PROVIDED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL OF CHIEFS IN SOKOTO STATE**

Title

(15th October, 1979)

Date of Commencement.

- Preamble WHEREAS subsection I of section 178 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1978 there shall be established the bodies enumerated therein amongst which is the State Council of Chiefs;
- 1978 No. 25.
- AND WHEREAS it is desirable to establish in the State a Council of Chiefs;
- Enactment. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the House of Assembly, Sokoto State of Nigeria —
- Short title. 1. This Law may be cited as the State's Council of Chiefs Law, 1979.
- Interpretation. 2. In this Law:-  
"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council;  
"Council" means the State Council of Chiefs;  
"Governor" means the Governor of the State;  
"State" mean Sokoto State of Nigeria.
- Establishment and Composition 3.(1) There is hereby establishment a State Council of Chiefs which shall consist of the following:-

(a) Five ex-officio members who shall be:-

- (1) The Sultan of Sokoto;
- (2) The Emir of Gwandu;
- (3) The Emir of Argungu;
- (3) The Emir of Yauri; and
- (5) The Emir of Zuru.

(b) Not more than fifteen other members who may be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by a resolution of the House of Assembly.

(2) The Chairman of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor from among the ex-officio members and the appointment shall be subject to confirmation by a resolution of the House of Assembly.

Tenure of Office.

4. A person who is a member of the Council as aforesaid shall remain a member thereof:-

- (a) in the case of an ex-officio member, whilst he holds the office by virtue of which he is a member of the Council; and
- (b) in the case of a person who is a member otherwise than an ex-officio member, for a period of five years from the date of his appointment.

Remuneration.

5.(1) The Chairman or any other member of the Council shall be paid such remuneration, if any, whether by way of salary or allowances as the Governor may, at any time determine.

(2) Where at the time of his appointment to the Council any member is entitled to any pension or other retiring benefits payable under or in accordance with the provisions of any written Law, such pension or retiring benefits shall continue to apply as if the concerned had not been so appointed.

Vacation of Office.

6. A person shall not continue in office as a member of the Council if, after his appointment, he remains a holder of any of the following offices:-

Holder of the Office of President or Vice President.

Holder of the Office of Governor or Deputy Governor,

Holder of the Office of Federal Minister,

Holder of the Office of State Commissioner,

Member of the Senate,

Member of House of Representative,

Member of House of Assembly,

Removal of

Members.

7. The Governor may remove any member for inability to discharge the functions of his office (whether arising from infirmity of mind or by any other cause) or for misconduct.

Immunity of

Members.

8. No member of the Council shall be liable to any civil or criminal proceedings, arrest, imprisonment damages by reason of any matter or thing which he may have said in the Council or by reason of any matter or thing which he may have brought before the Council by petition, Bill, resolution, motion or otherwise.

Standing Orders.

9.(1) The Council may with the approval of the Governor make Standing Orders with respect to holding of its meetings, the notices to be given of such meetings, the proceedings thereat, the keeping of minutes of such proceedings and the custody and production for inspection of such minutes and any other matter that may be considered necessary or desirable.

Proceedings of

Council Quorum.

(2) Proceedings of the Council shall be in accordance with the Standing Orders to be made by the Council.

10. The Quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be one-third of the total number of members of the Council at the date of the meeting.

Secretary.

11.(1) The Governor shall appoint by name or by office Secretary to the Council who shall conduct the correspondances and keep the records thereof and perform such other duties as the Council may from time to time direct or which are assigned to him under the provisions of this Law or any other written

Law.

(2) The Secretary shall be an officer but not a member of the Council.

Function:

12.(1) The Council shall have power to advise the Governor on any matter relating to Customary Law or cultural affairs, international relations and chieftancy matters.

(2) The Council shall also have power to advise the Governor whenever requested to do so on:-

(a) the maintenance of public order within the State or any part thereof; and

(b) such other matters as the Governor may direct.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed by the House of Assembly and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

Clerk to the House of Assembly,  
Sokoto State of Nigeria.

**Majority Leader (Alh. Moh. Augi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am pleased with this responsibility given to me to present this Bill to the House. Hon. Members this Bill is for the establishment of the Council of Chiefs and according to our custom the Bill is very important and also it has been explained fully well, I know most of you have read it either in Hausa or English. It has also been shown the number of members needed on this Council, their functions and their tenure of office.

I suggest you should approve this Bill, because of its importance and the respectable people in the Council. I feel all that is in this Bill is proper and in order. For this reason I appeal to you to approve it. Pertaining to certain things which we said should be returned here, we hope to receive them for our deliberations. Although you have not been allowed enough time to go and study the contents, the short time you have been allowed is sufficient.

**Mr. Speaker:** Any seconder?

**Alh. D. Ibrahim (Nahuce):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the appointment of this Council of Chiefs, but there is an amendment. We want the tenure of office of this Council to be four years.

**Mr. Speaker:** Point of Order. We want secondment to the proposal not amendment. Any seconder?

**Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** I beg to second that this Bill be approved as presented officially by the Leader of the Majority, because of its importance being a Council of our fathers to advise certain matters concerning the welfare of our nation.

**Mr. Speaker:** Any objection? This Bill is now opened for comments, bearing in mind what you have just heard, read from the Constitution such as the tenure of office for five years.

**Ali Abbas (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my opinion and also to draw your attention to the provisions read to us from the Constitution. Because of the importance of the Council, I suggest that the Council be left to exist for five year as provided by the Constitution because it is the leading adviser in our day-to-day activities.

**Mr. Speaker:** As for the duration of the Council, that is fixed by the Constitution so we abide by the Constitution. Any more comment?

**Alh. Umaru Yakudu (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, I want to draw the attention of my fellow Hon. Members to the importance of this Council to us and the country in general. As we have already received this Bill a few moments from now, even though not much time was given to us, nevertheless we have gone through the Bill and also we have heard what the Constitution provided to this effect, I feel that this is not something that will have to take long to consider because of its importance and urgency.

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabamae (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, I beg the Speaker of the House that we should stop the debate on this particular matter and to put the question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Any seconder?

**Alh. Yahaya Bungudu (Bungudu):** Mr. Speaker, we cannot say we will not agree with the appointment of our leaders...

**Mr. Speaker:** Point of Order! we want seconder for the Motion.

**Alh. Yakubu Mai-Arewa (Yeldu):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Motion which sought for the appointment of the Council of Chiefs in this State. I agree. So Hon. Members, those who are in favour raise their hands. I raise mine.

**Mr. Speaker:** Point of Order. You are not the Speaker of this Honourable House as such, you cannot ask of anyone to vote.

**Abubakar M. Zagga (Bagudu/Zagga):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to propose a motion on amendment to the Bill, that the salaries and allowances to the members of this Council be returned to this House before it is finally implemented. We would also like all names to be brought here to the House so that we deliberate on them. We hope that we would be furnished with their background and biography which should include the type of posts that they had held previously. We have not yet deliberated on their salaries and allowances so we wouldn't like anybody to assume so as it has happened before.

**Mr. Speaker:** This is a Motion as to some amendments in the Bill! What is the actual amendment that the last speaker wants? What part of the Bill do you want us to omit and what do you want us insert?

**Abubakar M. Zagga (Bagudu/Zagga):** Mr. Speaker, what I said was that the salaries and allowances of the members should be brought to the House for discussion and necessary approval.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I rise to move an amendment, under Section 5-(1) of this Bill, delete from the first line, from "The Chairman", up to "determine". In the last line and insert "salary or allowances to be fixed by the Governor and approved by the resolution of the House of Assembly." The Governor will propose the salary to be paid to the Chairman and Members of this Council and then this should be brought down to the House for approval by resolution of the Members."

**Mr. Speaker:** Well, is there any seconder as to the amendment?

**Alh. U. Maidamma (Besse):** Mr. Speaker, I second the amendment brought forward by

my fellow Honourable, Alhaji Muhammadu Augi.

**Mr. Speaker:** I want the Clerk to the House to read the amended sub-section of the Bill.

**Clerk:** Remuneration Section 5-(1). "The Chairman or any other member of the Council shall be paid such remuneration to be fixed by the Governor and approved by the resolution of the House of Assembly."

**Mr. Speaker:** Now you have all heard the amendment proposal on Section 5-(1) of this Bill. So far alot has been said, so at this juncture I would now wish to put up the question. Those who are in favour of the amendment should please raise their hands.

**Alh. Muh. Sanusi (Shanga):** Mr. Speaker, before that I now rise to ask a question on the expiring period of the Council of Chiefs.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order! We are asking for an amendment not correction.

**Alh. Sanusi (Shanga):** Mr. Speaker, may I know the paragraph in the Constitution where it is said they should remain for five years?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order! Order!! What we want is only an amendment if there is any and not questions or suggestions.

**Alh. Dandare Saminu (Koko):** Standing up and starting to talk.

**Mr. Speaker:** What we want is amendment.

**Alh. Dandare Saminu (Koko):** Mr. Speaker, our tenure of office is four years. How can we then appoint someone whose tenure of office is for five years?

**Mr. Speaker:** Sit down, I will answer you.

You all know Hon. Members that we are

here by virtue of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and it is already stated in the Constitution that the duration of the membership of the Council is five years. Ealier it was read under section 180 sub-section (c) "in the case of a person who is a member otherwise than as *ex-officio* member or otherwise than by virtue of his having previously held an office, for a period of 5 years from the date of his appointment." So we have five years and we cannot change it here. We have no right whatever, to change any part of the Constitution and this is know all of you. We have got an amendment which has been agreed by all of you, and you have debated on the Bill or against the Bill as amended. So now I will put this question.

*Amendment put and agreed.*

**Resolved:** Remuneration — section 5-(1) "The Chairman or any other member of the Council shall be paid such remuneration to be fixed by the Governor and approved by the resolution of the House of Assembly.

**Mr. Speaker:** May I draw the attention of the Honourable Members that they should acquaint themselves with section 178 of the Constitution, before the names of the members of this Council are brought before us. These sections contain what is required in approving the membership of these persons to be brought to you.

**Leader of the Majority:** Mr. Speaker, as we have deliberated on the Bill and everything regarding it has been completed, I am seeking for permission to talk to the House on matters which affect us personally.

**Mr. Speaker:** That will be after adjournment.

**Sama'ila Nabamae (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to move for the adjournment of this House.

**Alh. Abubakar Tsoho (Anka):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second.

**Mr. Speaker:** May I know from the proposer if he wants the House to adjournment until Monday?

**Alhaji S. Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, I like the House to adjourn until Monday.

**Mr. Speaker:** Those in favour of the motion should please put up their hands.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Mr. Speaker:** I wish you a happy week-end.

*The House adjournment at 12.00 noon til Monday, October 22, 1979 at 10.00 a.m.*

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SOKOTO STATE

### FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Monday, 22nd October, 1979

The House Met at 10.30 a.m.

(Speaker in the chair)

### PRAYERS

#### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

**Speaker:** First I have to, with sympathy announce the death of the Governor's in-law in Kano. On this, I would like us to have a delegation to go and condole the Governor and before I continue, I would like us to settle that matter.

**Alh. Usman S/Kabi Jega (Aletu):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask how many people will go and condole the Governor.

**Speaker:** Let us have a suggestion from the Majority Leader.

**Majority Leader, (Alh. Muh. Augi) (Augi):** Mr. Speaker, I want to bring a suggestion that each Local Government will give one representative to go and condole Governor and anybody who wishes to go personally he can do so.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Bawa Dan Ali (Birnin Magaji):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion which says every Local Government will give one representative to go and condole the Governor.

**Speaker:** Any objection to that?

**Alh. Sambo Wonaka (Mada):** Mr.

Speaker, I want to suggest that there is a Committee that was appointed by the House with one Member from each Local Government.....

**Speaker:** What we expect is objection, not suggestion. Any objection? In that case I support the suggestion by Alhaji Sambo Wonaka (Mada) that the Selection Committee which comprises one Member from each Local Government to represent the House to condole the Governor.

#### Question put and agreed to.

**Resolved:** That the Committee of Selection which comprises one Member from each Local Government to represent the House to condole the Governor on the death of his in-law.

**Speaker:** Next announcement is an apology on the part of my failure to call names. I find it very difficult to recall the names and faces as I have neither the names here with me nor sitting arrangement, I asked them to draw a chart but I haven't got it yet. I have also observed that the arrangement is not being followed. So please my apology if I just point you without calling your name. I hope time will cure that disease out of me.

May I call on the Leader of the Majority to propose the motion.

**Leader of the Majority:** Mr. Speaker, I suggest that the House should confirm the appointment of the Clerk to the House. During the time he has been with us, he was serving as Clerk Designate, so I appeal to you to confirm this appointment.

The person to confirm has been to many countries to be trained for this purpose. He has been in government service for thirty years. He has served with former House of Chiefs and also the former House of Assembly. He has also served in the Sultan's

Palace as his Secretary, and also the former Central Office where he was dealing with over four million people. Here in government service he reached up to the rank of Deputy Permanent Secretary. I feel this rank to be confirmed on him, is equivalent to Permanent Secretary's rank. I beg Honourable Members of this House to confirm his appointment.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Jeli S. Sudan (Marnona):** Mr. Speaker, as the Majority Leader explained, and because of the fact that we have been working with this man, I think it is proper to confirm his appointment. Even though the Motion came to us today and it is said we should deliberate finally on it, I think the House should confirm his appointment. I beg to second.

**Speaker:** Any objection?

**Alh. Barmô Galadima (Danchadi):** Mr. Speaker, I don't support this Motion. First of all before we deliberate on this it is better to have about two or three names given to the House to approve. I am not aware of any provision in the Constitution which empowers the Speaker to suggest that we should confirm the appointment of this person alone. I suggest that certain matters brought before this Honourable House should not be continuously brought particularly those which are "heavy" for us to reject. Any thing coming to this House should be checked so that we would have enough information about it. Certain things should not just come anyhow later to be told that they are for implementation.

As the Majority Leader explained that this person was an experienced somebody and he had worked here and there, I think everyone of us here has done one job or the other and even if someone has not done so, so far as he is here now, he can do it. Because of this, I am sure when we have something to deliberate on, and it is brought in a different

way I will advise the House not to accept such Motions. Thank you.

**Speaker:** In replying to the Honourable Member (Alhaji Barmô Galadima, Danchadi) I have to refer to the Constitution for the Federal Republic of Nigeria which has empowered the Public Service Commission to appoint and train him so that he will be ready for the House. The provision is in section 269 of the Constitution.

**"Staff of the Legislative House":** Sub-section (1) "Until the National Assembly or House of Assembly has exercised its power to initiate Legislature in accordance with the provision of section 47 or 87 of this Constitution, the Clerk or other staff of the Legislature House shall be appointed in respect of each House of the National Assembly by Federal Civil Service Commission and in respect of House of Assembly, by State Civil Service Commission. In exercising its power in the provision of this section the Federal Civil Service Commission shall consult as appropriate the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House of Representative and State Civil Service shall consult the House of Assembly of the State."

So it is by virtue of this section 269 that we have only to confirm and not to appoint the Clerk given to us. It is not curtailed in our powers, but thinking of the training which is necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the House, I see as if we either go for a very long recess to train more people who have the ability and selecting from them or we do with the ones we have. I choose the second suggestion. It is now open to the House.

**Alhaji Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu (Gwandu):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to support the Motion brought by the Majority leader, I am happy with the explanation given by the speaker, because as far as recruiting staff for the House is con-

cerned, a provision has been made in the Constitution of the country and it is within this provision that we too are working here. If it has already been decided of what is to be done and brought before the House, then it is necessary we air our views. In the long run after making the necessary corrections we have to follow the right direction. As Mr. Speaker has earlier explained we know the difficulties encountered before employing any person and there are certain powers vested in those authorities whose responsibility is to give employment and they have used their powers to employ this officer. After employing this officer for about a year or two, he has been trained in order to work with us. In this case because of the training he has received, in my opinion, he is suitable to work here with us, and we haven't got anybody at this moment in this State who can do this job without taking a long time to be trained as Mr. Speaker had earlier said. I shall call on the Members to look into this matter and confirm the appointment of the Clerk to the House. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Thank you Members.

**Alh. Yaro Moh. Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to give my views on the issue of the appointment of the Clerk to the House and the rest of the staff of the House. My suggestion to the Members is that we cannot say that it is impossible to find the staff but it will take long time before we can get them and this means hindering our work.

**Alh. Bawa Dan-All B/Magaji:** Mr. Speaker, I feel as you have read out of the constitution, we have not been given any powers to appoint the Clerk. This is the responsibility of the Public Service Commission. It is said that his appointment is brought to the House to be confirmed only and not to be debated on the removal.

**Alhaji Moh. Sani Kamba (Dandi):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the motion of the previous member. Nigeria, as all of you

know, is being administered through the provisions of the Constitution. Since this post has been provided in the Constitution long before this house, I feel the only thing we can do now is to approve the person we have met and worked with. If you can remember, a few days ago, this kind of thing had happened in connection with "Hansard" where some errors were made. We made some suspicion about the issue, but we later discovered that when something is at its footing, there are bound to be certain problems. In this regard, if we continue looking into such, we will have to suspend the activities of the house. These workers cannot be bought from the market. If we are to take new ones they must under-go a training which may take three years or more. Now that we have been endowed with what we are in need of, I think the only thing we can do is to approved the appointment, but not suspicious.

**Alh. Ibrahim Dangata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, it is not proper to say that it is only one person that knows this job in this State. I am begging the Speaker that as all this time the Clerk has not been confirmed we should postpone it till tomorrow.

**Alh. Abdullahi (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker, I feel this is a very straight forward Motion. We have already heard so much from every Member, I therefore suggest you put the question.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion.

**Alh. Ali Abbas (Durhawa):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I support the Motion brought by (Alhaji Abdullahi Kangiwa) and my reason is that Honourable Members should note or I would like to remind you that whatever post you see in this House whether you are to appoint it or confirm it, it goes with the saying that "What you have built you can demolish it". Mr. Speaker, Sir, we can vote now so that in future if we see

any failure on his post we can change him.

**Speaker:** Honourable Members, I have to call your attention to the provisions in the Constitution. Once a provision is made in the Constitution it is just a must to abide by the provision. In the Constitution is as it says "This Constitution is supreme and its provision shall have a binding force on all authorities and persons throughout the Federal Republic of Nigeria" so we see that its provision is powerful so we have to abide by the provision in section 269. I have to also warn that if at all we are to reject him, we will have to take time to train another person and by so doing we are contravening two sections of the Constitution the fact that the provision in the Constitution is supreme in that we are disregarding it. Secondly, If we are to train somebody it means we have to go into recess for one year and the Constitution provides that we have to make at least 181 days in a year. As such, it means dissolving ourselves just because we want another Clerk. I would not want us to contravene any of the provision of the Constitution so now the Clerk is a confirmed Clerk. The House has got the privilege to send as many of its officers on course to anywhere the House thinks fit and that will be a welcome motion.

I would therefore wish to put up the question. Those who are in favour of confirming the appointment of Alhaji Abubakar Daniya as Clerk to this House will please put up their hands. Majority Members of this House raised their hands in support. So it is carried that Alhaji Abubakar Daniya has

been confirmed as Clerk to the House.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the House confirmed the appointment of Alhaji Abubakar Daniya as the Clerk to the Sokoto State House of Assembly.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Honourable Members, as we do not have any message from the Governor, I wish to propose the Motion on adjournment *sine die* for the sake of Sallah Celebration and other things ahead of us. I hope I will be supported.

**Alh. Usman Sa'adu Zuru (Sakaba):** Honourable Speaker, I rise to support the Motion raised by the Majority Leader because of the important things ahead of us.

**Speaker:** You either support or wait for a Motion. Well, those in favour for adjournment of the House are the majority. So we adjourn until a week after Sallah. I call on the Members of the Business Committee to get themselves ready to go to the Clerk to see that all the Motions submitted to him, to arrange for us when to meet, what to discuss and I believe that will satisfy all of us, for it is their sole responsibility. So the House adjourned until a week after Sallah.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*The House adjourned at 11.35 a.m. until a week after Sallah.*

### HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SOKOTO STATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Monday, 12th November, 1979

*The House met at 10.15 a.m.*

(Presided over by the Speaker)

#### PRAYERS

#### OATHS

**Mr. Speaker:** Well, Hon. Members, as I have said earlier we have invited the Chief Justice of the State to come and administer

1. Alhaji Aliyu Dankobi
2. Alhaji Usman S. Koli
3. Alhaji Dodo Aliero
4. Alhaji Shehu Muwatalli
5. Alhaji Abarshi Andarai
6. Alhaji Abubakar Tsoho Anka
7. Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame
8. Alhaji Mamman Augi
9. Alhaji Abubakar Mainasara Zagga
10. Alhaji Mohammed S. Pawa
11. Alhaji Mohammed Bello Suru
12. Alhaji Muhammed Noma Tangaza
13. Alhaji Abdu M. Tambuwal
14. Alhaji U. Maidamma
15. Alhaji Ahmadu Aliyu Binji
16. Alhaji Abubakar A. S.
17. Alhaji Mamman N. G.
18. Alhaji B. Dan-Ali
19. Alhaji Malam Tambari Dingyadi
20. Alhaji Mamman Bukkuyum
21. Alhaji Yahaya Bungudu
22. Alhaji Ahmadu Akawu
23. Alhaji G. Na Liman
24. Alhaji Mohammed Maigujija
25. Alhaji Sama'ila Sami Daba'
26. Alhaji Umaru Na-Kigo
27. Alhaji Barmo Galadima
28. Alhaji S.U. Dange

the Oath of Allegiance to our Clerk. So your Lordship you are welcome to the House and we are always grateful for your cooperation.

My attention has been called to a mistake done contrary to the Constitution by addressing the Chief Judges as Chief Justice. As to the Constitution, section 234, it is the Chief Judge of the High Court of the State. So I apologise for the mistake.

*The Clerk was therefore sworn-in by the Chief Judge.*

#### ROLL CALL

**Mr. Speaker:** Before we go on, I would like to have a roll call.

*The following Members were present:*

- (Acjda)
- (Alelu)
- (Aliero)
- (Ambursa)
- (Andarai)
- (Anka)
- (Argungu)
- (Augi)
- (Bagudo/Zagga)
- (Bakura)
- (Bakuwai)
- (Balle)
- (Bashire)
- (Besse)
- (Binji)
- (B/Kebbi)
- (Birnin Tudu)
- (B/Magaji)
- (Bodinga)
- (Bukkuyum)
- (Bungudu)
- (Bunza)
- (Chafe)
- (Cimmola)
- (Daba')
- (D gari-Giro)
- (Dancadi)
- (Dange)

29. Alhaji Garba Ganta
30. Alhaji S.A. Bayero
31. Alhaji Shafi'u Dan-Sadau
32. Alhaji Mohammed S. Kamba
33. Alhaji Haliru D/Daji
34. Alhaji Umaru S.U. Dundaye
35. Alhaji Ali Abass
36. Alhaji Mohammed Mori
37. Alhaji M. Abdu Mai-Zamfara
38. Alhaji M. Isa Wauru
39. Alhaji Muhammed Tukur Dikko
40. Alhaji Garba Na-Godi
41. Alhaji Sule Dan-Inna S/Birni
42. Alhaji Abubakar Shu'aibu
43. Alhaji Mamman Giyawa
44. Alhaji Ahmadu Majidadi
45. Alhaji Abdu Dantagogo
46. Alhaji Tukur Kalamaina
47. Alhaji Kalla Tela Gummi
48. Alhaji Buhari Garban Yandi
49. Alhaji Abdu Mai-Filo
50. Alhaji Ibrahim T. Gwandu
51. Alhaji Tambari H/ali
52. Alhaji Maidamma Tela
53. Alhaji Bawa Ka'oje
54. Alhaji Sadi Isa
55. Alhaji Sirajo Jangebe
56. Alhaji Mohammed Sani Galadi
57. Alhaji Yusufu Birnin Yaro
58. Alhaji Malam Magaji Ahmadu
59. Alhaji Mamman Dantsamaye
60. Alhaji Labbon Gayi
61. Alhaji Marafa Ladan Kalmalo
62. Alhaji Abdullahi Kangiwa
63. Alhaji Shehu Abdullahi
64. Alhaji Muhammadu Gidan Goga
65. Alhaji Garba Kyabbe
66. Alhaji Magaji U. Abubakar
67. Alhaji Dandare Saminu
68. Alhaji Musa Isa Kakaka
69. Alhaji Malam Wakala K/Daji
70. Alhaji Muhammed Gidado
71. Alhaji Dantani Argungu
72. Alhaji S. Wonaka
73. Alhaji Maliki Maiyama
74. Alhaji Maccido Maradun
75. Alhaji Malam Jelli S. Sudan
76. Alhaji Malam Umaru Yakubu Maru
77. Alhaji Atiku Zurmi

- (Danko)
- (Dalijani)
- (Dansadau)
- (Dandi)
- (D Daji Jabo)
- (Dundaye)
- (Durbawa)
- (E'akai)
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- (Gada)
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- (Goronyo)
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- (Gusau)
- (Gwaduhawa)
- (Gwandu)
- (Hamma'ali)
- (Illela)
- (Illo/Ka'oje)
- (Isa)
- (Jangebe)
- (Jangeru/Galadi)
- (Jega)
- (Kadasaka)
- (Kaddi)
- (Kalgo)
- (Kalmalo)
- (Kangiwa)
- (Kauran/Namoda)
- (Kaya)
- (Kyabbe)
- (Kilgori)
- (Koko)
- (Kotorkwashi)
- (Kurye)
- (Kware)
- (Lailaba)
- (Mada)
- (Maiyama)
- (Maradun)
- (Marnona)
- (Maru)
- (Mayasa)



78. Alhaji Bala Gusami
79. Alhaji Sule Moriki
80. Alhaji D. Ibrahim Nahuce
81. Alhaji Malam Mohammed Lawal
82. Alhaji Malam Musa Lauya
83. Alhaji Na Malam B'G.
84. Alhaji Garba A. Mohammed
85. Alhaji Shu'aibu G/Hamma
86. Alhaji Usman Sa'adu
87. Alhaji Malam Badamasi Salame
88. Alhaji Mamudu Shehu Yabo
89. Alhaji Mohammed Sanusi
90. Alhaji Malam Garba Yabo
91. Alhaji Musa Usman
92. Alhaji Baraya Yahaya
93. Alhaji Yaro Mamman Shell
94. Alhaji Maidamma L.
95. Alhaji Sani Limanci
96. Alhaji Malam Moh. Sambo Tambuwal
97. Alhaji Alti Tangaza
98. Alhaji Malam Garba Doka
99. Alhaji Bala Ahmed Shuni
100. Alhaji Malam Ibrahim Dangata
101. Alhaji Yusufu S. Gulbi
102. Alhaji Malam Mamman Danladi
103. Alhaji Abdu Majidadi
104. Alhaji A. Gusau
105. Alhaji Malam Musa B. Sarkin/Fada
106. Alhaji Malam Yahaya Magarya
107. Alhaji Malam Mohammed Magaji Yalauddo
108. Alhaji A. Na-Mami Y.
109. Alhaji Yakubu Mai-Arewa
110. Alhaji Ibrahim Na Alh. Labbo
111. Alhaji Malam Garba Kanwa

#### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, the next item is message from the Governor. The only message we have is the Governor will address the House sometime during the session, but the date is not yet fixed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mr. Speaker:** Today's announcement is on the attendance of Members of the House. We are all responsible citizen and Hon.

Members of this Hon. House, so punctuality should be our watch word. I should like to draw your attention to the provision in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which deals with attendance.

*Section (103 sub-section (1), 'A Member of the House of Assembly shall vacate his sit in the House if without just cause he is absent from the meeting of the House of Assembly for a period amounting to the aggregate of more than one-third of the total number of days during which the House*

(Modamawa)

(Moriki)

(Nahuce)

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*meets in any one year. Sub-section (2) of the section 'A Member of the House of Assembly shall be deemed to be absent without just cause from a meeting of the House of Assembly unless the person presiding satisfies in writing that he is satisfied with the absence of the member from meeting was for a just cause..*

*So Hon. Members, I draw your attention to this provision, and as such I expect punctuality and regular attendance to the meetings of the House.*

#### INTERRUPTION

**Alh. Dandare Saminu (Koko):** Mr. Speaker, I have just arrived.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Well, Hon. Members, I believe you have got copies of the constitution and I expect you will have read it from cover to over and know it Section by Section and act accordingly. Thank you.

#### PRESENTATION OF MOTION

**Mr. Speaker:** May I call on Hon. Member, Alh. Sama'ila Nabame to present the motion as in the order of the day.

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, my reason for moving this motion which is the adaption of Hausa Language as a second language in the House, is because the majority of us here are Hausas. Explanations done in Hausa will be understood more clearly by members. It is provided in Section 91 of the constitution that a second language should be adapted in the House. I hope I will be seconded.

**Mr. Speaker:** Any seonder to the motion?

**Mr. Speaker:** The floor is open for any comment.

**Alh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, I rise up to give my support to what Alh.

Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu) has said, in fact, it has been provided in the constitution that Hausa, Ibo and Yoruba may be used. If we take English, we must take a second language. Hausa language is what the majority of the Members understand fully well. In this respect, I suggest that any member wishing to speak, should do so in Hausa. I know there are some of us who understand English we prefer to speak in Hausa.

**Speaker:** As the provisions of the Constitution in section 91 says, English and any other language, so even if we adopt Hausa, everybody is free to speak either in Hausa or English that is a slight correction on your secondment.

**Alhaji Ali Abbas (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Honourable Members, I want to make more explanation on the languages to be used in the House. I would like to draw the attention of the Speaker that the changing or translation of language is time consuming, I am appealing to the House to conduct its business in Hausa.

**Speaker:** Well, Honourable Members, however much I want to agree with you, I cannot do away with the provisions of the Constitution which says in the section ninety-one (91) that the business of the House of Assembly shall be conducted in English, but the House may in addition to English conduct the business of the House in one or more other languages spoken in the State as the House by resolution may approve. So the provision of the Constitution in English is still the language of the Government but the House is allowed to adopt another language which means the two languages have to go concurrently if you approve the second one.

**Alhaji Bawa Ka'oje (Ka'oje-Ilo):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Honourable Members, we are very grateful as you have drawn our attention on what we are now discussing according to the constitution. We are all aware

that most of us understand Hausa better than any language because majority of us cannot speak English or understand it because those who can speak English or understand it are not up to a third of the House. I therefore suggest Hausa be adopted as the second language of the House.

**Speaker:** Honourable Members, I think we have very little comment on this provision. As the provision is one or more languages in addition to English, unless if you have any language than Hausa which you want us to adopt. Is there any other language you want us to adopt other than Hausa? In the absence of such a language then I put the question before you that we approve the adoption of Hausa as second language.

*Question proposed.*

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the House approves the adoption of Hausa as the second language of the Honourable House.

**Speaker:** Order, Order. Next item is the salary of the two Leaders.

**Speaker:** May I now call on Alhaji Umaru Yakubu Maru to present the motion.

**Alhaji Umaru Yakubu (Maru):** Honourable Speaker, Honourable members, why I forwarded this motion before you is that on the estimate book of this State, I saw that the Majority and Minority Leaders salaries must be discussed. Not only this, there is also the salary of the Honourable Governors which is provided in the Constitution Section 160. I have brought before you so as to discuss it or if there is a Committee supposed to discuss on this matter, the House can refer the matter to the Committee to discuss and find solution to that.

**Speaker:** Point of order. You are supposed

to give one motion but so far you have given two.

**Alhaji Umaru Yakubu (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, what I mean by Majority and Minority Leaders salaries is just a hint on the subject.

**Speaker:** Such is contrary to the standing orders. Just as it is before you, the motion is presented to consider what the pay of the Majority and Minority Leaders is. May I have a seconder to the motion?

**Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** I second the motion but I have to draw the attention of the Hon. Member who proposed the motion to the fact that what salary is he proposing them to get? I personally support him but I want him to raise up and tell us what their salary will be.

**Alhaji Mamman Dantsamaye (Kabbi):** I rise to bring the motion in connection with the salaries of the Majority and Minority Leaders. It is not the time to discuss the salaries of the two leaders of the parties but the salaries of His Excellency, the Governor, his Commissioners, Permanent Secretaries etc.

**Speaker:** Any comment?

**Alhaji Muhammadu Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, as the previous speaker said, salary gradings is not the work of the Governor but our work. It is right to increase the salaries of the two party leaders. There is no other State in the country which has started dealing on the issue of salaries of leaders of Majority and Minority Leaders. It could be better if the person who brought up this motion could first and foremost bring up a motion on the salaries of the members of the House. We are ready to support the increment of the two leaders but we better discuss the matter of that of the whole house. It is our right to confirm any salary. As now we have got Committees, it is better for the

Committee Members to discuss this and bring it to us. I therefore thank the honourable Speaker of the House.

**Mamuda Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Honourable Speaker, honourable members, I do not support the motion brought up by the Deputy Speaker. He made a statement that section 116 provide that increment of salaries and wages which I do not see it in the Constitution as such it is not the leaders that are supposed to bring the motion. It is our responsibility to discuss on the issue of members of the house any time we think it suitable, then we bring a motion. In fact, the majority if the members seconded the motion brought by the Deputy Speaker and I consider it improper to speak on the salaries now or any time while some are paid higher salaries which we do not know. It is better we know what they are paid right now.

**Alh. Umaru Yakubu (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, I want to bring a point of correction. I brought up the motion of salaries of Majority and Minority Leaders is what I have seen in the estimate book of the state. This is something to discuss on like the constitution as I said in section 116 on the salary of the Hon. Governor of the State, thank you.

**Garba Kanwa (Zurmi):** Mr. Speaker, as the previous speaker said it is better for the Hon. Members to listen. It is not appropriate that the salaries of Majority and Minority Leaders be brought up. These people want their salaries to be raised up higher than ours. They should know our own before theirs. As we should listen to other States in the Federation act of the 19 right from the Federal no State has yet discussed on this.

We can learn a lesson from what we hear from others States.

**Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu (Gwandu):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to say something on this

motion brought up. As I have seen this word, I felt being worried because the person bringing the motion started from the middle instead of starting from the top to the bottom. I am advising the Hon. Member from (Zurmi) to withdraw it and re-introduce it in the manner appropriate.

**M. Mamman Danladi (U/Lalle):** Mr. Speaker, my hope is to abide by the motion brought by Hon. Member Garba Kanwa (Zurmi) and for the time being there is no time.

**Alh. Umaru Yakubu (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, I want to emphasise that what I see in the estimate is that this motion concerning the Leaders of the Majority and Minority is something to be discussed. It is just written 10 means.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I think I have to come on here too. A lot have been said and so many suggestions given. There is one suggestion to withdraw and one suggestion to wait. I really feel in the deliberations there are some sensible suggestions given so I should like us to think and then finalise whether to discuss and fix salaries of the two leaders or wait until we bring a motion which covers all members. But one thing is certain, something has been brought for each of us except the responsibility of the two leaders while in our case we are thinking for more, in their case it is the initial. So which way do we go? Do you want us to deliberate on their salaries or do you want us to wait.

*Question proposed.*

**Mr. Speaker:** So it appears that you are not in favour of determining their salary?

*Question put and negatived.*

**Resolved:** That salaries of Majority and Minority leaders be fixed in future.

**BANK LOANS FOR HON. MEMBERS TO  
PURCHASE CARS.**

**Mr. Speaker:** I call on Alhaji Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu to propose the motion.

**Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu (Gwandu):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, as you must have seen in the Order Paper of today, you have seen the name of the person who proposed this motion — Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu. It is my intention to bring this in front of this House as it is written clearly and it is an issue in its own right. I have brought this motion so that we can get something which will facilitate our movements to and from. If we look at it that some one has motor car some people will say that a car is a luxury. All of you here will agree with me when I say that the type of car I am proposing is the one which will enable us to go and meet the people who elected us and bring their problems to the House and then take back the solution to them. As you have already heard from the Speaker that it is essential that we come to the House punctually. There is a provision for this in the Constitution of the country. If we don't come to the House today it is imperative that we come tomorrow. As for this our responsibility in the House is a continuity for the whole of the four years term that we are supposed to serve in it and I feel you will agree that even those who have elected us as Members when they hear that we are advocating to buy cars to serve them, they will be happy with this. They know that we are not seeking this loan to buy the cars for our own personal satisfaction. We are seeking this loans so that the cars will be used to work properly for them which is very important to us all.

If we go back to the issue of loans I am sure it is a matter which seeks for taking proposals and suggestions before we get to our intention. As for this I am appealing to all people responsible to give help in the process of this to give us the necessary help because I

have already indicated that the length of this House is a period of four-year term. Out of the 48 months in the 4 years we have already spent 2 months, now we have 46 working months in the term. Now if we are given the loans, we will be making payments out of the salaries that we have in the remaining 46 months. Because of this when deliberating on our salaries we would like the people responsible to consider on this loan issue, tax that will be deducted out of our salaries, rent if we are to pay on the electricity and water bills. With these deductions, when you look at it if we are not being paid sufficient amount that will take care of these deductions and our families altogether, I think it will be...

**Mr. Speaker:** I hope you are not bringing two motions at the same time.

**Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu (Gwandu):** I would like the Hon. Members to deliberate on this issue that I have brought.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, you have heard this motion requesting you to agree or to disagree. You have heard the necessity of having transport and the difficulty of paying for the transport. So it is now open to you whether to agree or disagree with the motion.

First, I want to know if there is any seconder to the motion.

**Alh. Mohammed Yaro Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the motion brought by the Member — Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu pertaining to Bank Loans. Cars or any means of transport is very important to us now because it has been said that we should come to the House punctually and there is no enough provision of transport by the Secretariat to bring the members down to the House. On a number of occasions after the sitting the buses have to be picking members to their homes and I feel that it is not adequate to us. As for this,

I am emphasising my support to whoever is capable of giving any help towards achieving this in time. I am sure most of us Members are tired of coming on foot or waiting for taxi to take us back to our houses.

**Mr. Speaker:** Well, the motion is seconded, Hon. Members may I know whether there is any objection?

I have earlier told you that I was thinking of such a thing then suddenly I heard the Head of State committing his Government that they will look into the question of loan on cars but unfortunately the Committee appointed started by adjourning for a long period. So I think that we should do something more especially that some others are doing likewise. Well, there are some problems to be faced here. We have to consider the interest that the Banks will demand on us and also we have to find out the Banks that will be ready to give us the loans. With the help of the Commissioner for Finance an old banker, if I may call him so, we are looking into the matter seriously. So it depends on whether you approve to get the loan or not even bother about it.

**Alh. Mamman Augi (Augi):** Mr. Speaker, we read it in papers about some houses that have already done so. Those who have asked for this loans asked up to ₦10,000 each. I am sure each one of them will pay up to ₦14,000 if the interest is included and they will repay this money within about ₦360 or ₦370 from each of this forty months. For this reason, I am suggesting first we should consider our salaries then we should consider the amount of money we are going to receive as loans, even though there are some people who do not want the loan. We have spent two months already out of forty-eight months. We should at least receive ₦8,000 if at all we want to purchase new cars. As we have to pay party fee, rent, electricity bill etc, you will also notice that the total of all these bills may be up to ₦356, and what is going to be salary each month. I do not want to go into the question of salary, but may I suggest that

Mr. Speaker should continue with his effort for seeing car loans of ₦8,000 to each member because we cannot wait for the Federal Government till February, because they will start deliberation in January which may end in February or March. We will like the bank to grant us the loan before the end of the deliberation of the Committee on car loans and afterward, the State Government can pay the bank, and we will in turn pay the government. In this way, I think we shall get a reduction in the interest rates.

Presently, I know some State Assembly Members have acquired motor car loans. I think if you will agree with me this is possible to us too. I am sure there are some members who do not need this loans. I suggest that those who do not need the loans should give in their names.

**Alh. Abdu Majidadi (Wamakko):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to support the motion brought by the Leader of the Majority (Alhaji Mamman Augi). I feel it is better we continue struggling for the loans through the banks and when it is finalised then we can arrange as he suggested. Some Members who don't have any means of transport are facing a lot of difficulties. For these reasons, I am suggesting that every member should agree with what the Majority Leader has proposed.

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to support the motion brought by the Majority Leader. Everyone in the House today is happy with what the Majority Leader said. Whenever this Honourable House meets you will see members walking on foot and they can be identified easily.

**Mr. Speaker:** To be object of example is unavoidable what we intended doing is good example and we will do all within our powers to be exemplary. I feel we have enough suggestions and possibly made up our minds whether to accept or to reject. Whether we

are accepting or rejecting I want us to realise it is not immediately that we can get loans. It may take time from one month or two months. It is not here that you will have the word go. Any bank which agrees to give the loans must refer this to its Head Office for clarification and approval.

The Loan will amount to about ₦1 million so consider it. I do not say it may not come within a short time, if it so happen that we do not get it in the quickest time we should not lose hope of getting it in good time.

*It seem somebody is having a comment.*

**Leader of the Majority:** Mr. Speaker, this matter of seeking loan from the bank, we should know that almost every bank has a Branch Area Manager in Sokoto which is responsible for the State and Northern part of the country. Our Commissioner for Finance is formerly the General Manager of Standard Bank and we are sure if we go through him every thing will be finalised within a week. Already the banks have started preparing. I think the Speaker should made arrangement with the Finance Commissioner and before they finalised forms should be brought to us for filling. If it happens that all of us want the same brand of cars we can send some of us to go to Lagos and get cars at controlled prices.

**Speaker:** Before you think of the Commissioner of Finance, let us deliberate and pass it.

**Speaker:** Do you all agree that we get loans from the banks to purchase cars?

*Question put and agreed.*

*Alright, I will see the Commissioner for Finance.*

**Alhaji Muhammadu S/Pawa (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker, I feel this is a very important issue. Members have been asked if there is

someone who do not need this loan.

**Speaker:** Order!

We have now come to the end of the Order of the Day as shown in the paper before us. I am appealing to the Business Committee that we have something to do tomorrow and also for the days that we will be sitting. They should make sure on how we will be sitting and to have statutory number of days.

I am also appealing to the verbatim translators to take interest in reading English novels whereby they will up-lift their grade which I term as very low. I also recommend 'Magana Jari' volume one to three to be read one-by-one.

We will have time if there are any matters to be discussed.

**Speaker:** We will have time. It isn't yet two o'clock, if there are matters, let us discuss.

**Alhaji Muhammadu Gidado (Kware):** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members. I want make an appeal on behalf of my people regarding the deadline set for the change of the old currency notes up to 3rd December, 1979. The notices and the announcement through broadcasting houses are not sufficient for village communities because most of them do not have radio set and they do not understand such announcement easily. I am appealing to the House to notify each Local Government for onward transmission to the people before the expiring date.

**Alhaji Ibrahim D/Gata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to say my mind on what the Hon. Member *Alhaji A. M. Gidado (Kware)* has just said. What he said was important but I think that it will be very difficult for each Member of this House to go to his area before the expiration of the date.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, if the Members have to go back, possibly it will be their time that will expire for, we have to sit for One Hundred and Eighty One Days (181) in a year. So, I do not see anytime for us to go back, but I would rather have the Local Governments to do the work and I hope all the Members do agree. Thus let us note and we shall communicate.

**Alhaji Garba Kanwa (Zurni):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I will like this House to make an arrangement for the Community tax. Because we have been hearing rumours that whether we shall abolish the Community Tax or leave it. As we are here, we have been elected by the people, and we represent them. It is better anything is done, we deliberate on it. Whether the Community Tax in this State should not be abolished, but should be reduced to two Naira (₦2.00). It is very important to us. Some of us work on the farms only for the sake of tax and it is only through this, they feel they belong to this country. In addition to this, there are certain facilities which somebody is bound to lose for failing to produce tax clearance certificates. We are not going to do what the PRP did.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, this is a very serious point. It needs a bill. Tax problem is a major problem. It is not just for a motion, but for a bill. I rather prefer you get your thoughts and put your thoughts in writing and present it to Draft Section of our Legal Draft Section of the Legislature and there we will have it as a Bill.

**Alhaji Abdu Mai Filo (Gwadabawa):** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, I just want to give explanations.

**Speaker:** We have finished with Bill. It will be written and re-introduced as a Bill.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I want to bring a motion which worries me. This is in respect

of the Police. I should like to draw the attention of the members that we are representing people for whom we are here to serve. The problems caused by the police are many and terrible. For example, vehicles owners can no longer allow their vehicles to go on the roads because of embarrassment. On one High Way, somebody will meet at least three teams of the Policemen. I do not oppose to checking particulars, but this should be minimised to about three to four times a year. They should be reasonable in the discharge of their duty. Instead of serving people and protecting their interest, they are commercialising the whole institution. I am sure most of the Members have had complaints about the police and I feel that in all the 19 States, there is no State that Policemen harrass people as in this State. I therefore appeal to this House to find a solution to this problem. I hope I will be seconded.

**Speaker:** May I draw the attention of the Hon. Members on the second schedule of the constitution, 'Legislative Powers. Exclusive legislative list, Item 43, 'It is solemnly the responsibilities of the National Assembly to legislate on the police', but alternatively, we may approach the Commissioner of Police on advisory basis.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I wish the House to be adjourned so that we go and get ready for tomorrow's work. I am appealing to members of Business Committee to meet at 4.00 p.m. My motion is to beg the House to adjourn until tomorrow.

**Sama'ila Nabame Argungu):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members. I second the motion brought up by the Majority Leader, to adjourn until tomorrow.

**Speaker:** Any objection as to the motion? We are here for a session it will take us for

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months depending on what Business Committee determines.

*Members started to stand up interrupting the House.*

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, the motion has not been carried. Do we all agree that we

should adjourn until tomorrow? But two Committees are required. House Service Committee and Business Committee.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*House adjourned accordingly at 1.15 p.m. until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.*

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SOKOTO STATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Tuesday, 13th November, 1979

The House met at 10.20 a.m.

### PRAYERS

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

**Speaker:** On this, we don't have any today.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Speaker:** The announcement I have today is that yesterday in the evening, I went round the houses allocated to us and to my own observation there is work yet to be done. Even though I explained to some members I met there, but I will explain it to all of you. The difficulties of fixing the furnitures in the house is due to the lack of enough workers. The section in the Ministry of Works which is responsible for this job has no enough workers. In case of minor things like electricity supply, will be left to the House Committee which will look in to the matter and find a solution. May I draw your attention to Section 97 of the Nigerian Constitution. Please I beg your pardon by drawing your attention to this section even though it is correct, but those having the Hausa version may refer to Section 60 not 97.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Speaker:** The workers that are repairing your houses need keys from you, so as to continue with the work. Please arrange the keys for them. Thank you.

### REPORTS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

**Speaker:** May I call the Majority Leader

to present the motion.

**Majority Leader (Alh. Muh. Augie):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, good morning. Today we are going to discuss about the Committee appointed on 8th and 9th of this month. Now I brought before you the reports of this Committee for any amendment and to deliberate on it

**Speaker:** Honourable Members, the motion brought before you was in connection to the Section 97 of the Constitution. Any Seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Musa Isa (Kotorkoshi):** I beg to second.

**Speaker:** Honourable Members this motion presented before you is very important, because our work depends on the reports submitted by the Committees to this House. Now the house will go on recess until 12.00 noon so as to enable you to go through the reports given to you. We shall continue with the deliberation on these Committees after the recess.

The House went on recess at 10.48 a.m.

**Speaker:** What I have understood is, either the recordist is faulty or his equipment. As I have said earlier we are going to discuss what is before us in Hausa in order to understand and for effective explanation. I am drawing our attention to consider what we have so far got of membership in the Committee and what has been presented according to what you have understood. I have said we are going to follow these Committees one by one. Let us start with the addition of these five Committees that we considered to be in the House. We have reached a decision that we agree with these five Committees. I suggest that we follow the Committees one by one and see where we can make necessary correction. A member from Kaddi has earlier aired his views, would he repeat what he had said?

**Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, what I have to say is that those that represented us from Local Government Areas that handled these important responsibilities have forgotten those who assigned them. Those who compiled this constitution did so on the basis of democracy. Therefore it is necessary that whatever we want to do, we have to refer to the sections as provided.

**Speaker:** Any, seconder to the motion that all what has been done be returned to the Committee for amendment? We want a seconder to the opinion that this should be returned to the Committee for amendment.

**Alh. Ibrahim Dan Gata (T/Wada Gusau):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I second Alhaji Mamman Dantsamaye that it should be returned to the Committee. Other Members said that all should be rejected, but this is not possible. I suggest we make amendments. What brought all these arguments is that some of the members who are specialised in a certain area, were not put in the right Committees.

**Alh. Majidadi (Goronyo):** My own advise is.....

**Speaker:** We have not started the deliberation yet.

**Alh. Majidadi (Goronyo):** My advise is to return the reports to the Committee to.....

**Speaker:** Does this mean you second the motion?

**Ahmadu Majidadi (Goronyo):** I beg to second the motion.

**Speaker:** You may sit down if you second.

**Mal. Jeli S. Sudan (Marnona):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to object the motion, which says to return the

reports back to the Committee for amendment. Any amendment to be done, is better to do it here, in the House, for example where the name of a member appears in four Committees it should be amended. It will be better if a person will be appointed only in two Committees, this will allow for efficiency.

**Speaker:** Here is another opinion. There is a point of correction that a person will not be elected in Committees, how many you said? Two? Any seconder to this motion? He who seconds that we go through the reports here in the House, will bear in mind that a person should only be elected in not more than two Committees.

**Alh. Abdu D/Tagago (Gulma):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members I beg to second this Member (Jeli S/Sudan) (Marnona) who said we should make amendments here. We will never progress if we do not come to agreement on this motion. If the reports are sent back to the Committee for amendment, it will take a long time before we get them.

**Speaker:** Any counter motion? At present we have two opinions, one is to return the work to the Committee to look into their report. Number two, to deliberate on it here in the House but with an agreement that no one shall be in more than two Committees. May I draw your attention to two things, first, not all things that shall your representatives do to please you. And secondly, if it is a must for everybody to be in these Committees, it is possible for someone to be appointed where he is not suitable. Not everyone can do every work. It is said in a proverb that an axe is more useful in cutting rather than farming. Is there a third suggestion?

**Alh. Abdullahi Gusau (Wanke):** Hon. Speaker, I second what the previous member moved (Alhaji Abdu D/Tagago) (Gulma) that no member should be appointed in more than two Committees.

**Speaker:** What we want is the third sug-

gestion, not supporting number one not supporting number two.

**Alh. Abdullahi Gusau (Wanke):** Speaker Sir, my own opinion is to return the report to the Committee to look again into the report.

**Speaker:** It was the first suggestion we have already got, so it shows that you are supporting it. Is there anybody with a different suggestion?

**Alh. Moh. Sani Kamba (Dandi): Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members,** My third suggestion is I want to draw the attention of this House or you members on what the Speaker of the House has said. It is improper to appoint somebody where he is not suitable. For example, those who have experience in agricultural sector should be appointed in such a Committee. The remaining members should have the right to participate in any Committee so as to contribute their quota. My opinion is that on any Committee to be appointed, the chairman of that Committee must have experience on such work.

**Alhaji Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Hon. Speaker, my suggestion is that in addition to these members, each Local Government should be represented. It is better we start doing what is expected of us. Already, the Senators have started criticizing us. These criticisms may likely be true if we don't act.

**Speaker:** What I don't understand, do you want to correct the mistake of the House or do you want to bring a separate suggestion? This is decision of the House that they brought back to resolve or leave it.

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Speaker Sir, if we dissolve this Committee it will bring confusion. The problem here is that members of this Committee have shown some degree of favouritism among them.

**Speaker:** Are you saying the House has no confidence in this Committee?

What I understand, as for you, you want the Committee to have 41 members.

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Speaker, it will be better if that is done.

**Speaker:** Are you saying that the House is made when it appointed 23 members?

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Speaker, I did not say that.

**Speaker:** This Committee has been appointed in this House.

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** I know that.

**Speaker:** All we want to know is what to do now, we have got three suggestions, the first to return to the Committee, second to make correction but agreed that each member should not be appointed in more than three Committees. The third is to appoint some one who is suitable. Is there any other suggestion beside these three?

**Aliyu Abbas (Durbawa):** Speaker Sir, I want this House to think over the kind of work it has asked this Committee to do. I am begging this House if it does not appreciate this report to appoint another 19 members, so that they do this work and return for ratification.

**Speaker:** Here is another suggestion. Is there anybody who second him? I don't support him because he is a member of that Committee. He shows that he is not happy since we did not appreciate their report. Is there anybody supporting for the dissolution of the Committee to appoint a new one? The person who brought the motion is the member of the Committee. Order! Is there anybody with a different idea apart from these three already proposed.

**Alhaji Amadu Akawu (Bunza):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, what I have discovered is that members of this Committee

tee did appoint themselves in three or four Committees. My suggestion here is that they should relinquish this two.

INTERRUPTION

**Alh. Umaru Mai-damma (Besse):** I am appealing to this house to reject the report submitted by this Committee because the report was not in order, and also the work should be cancelled. Then the Committee will meet again to do another work.

**Speaker:** We need only one idea not three at a time because we don't understand the one to refer to.

**Alh. Umaru Mai-damma (Besse):** The report of the Committee should be cancelled.

**Speaker:** Here is another suggestion, he said the whole report should be cancelled.

**Alh. Umaru Maida (Besse):** This is my suggestion.

**Speaker:** Yes, we know it is yours. We want to know if there are more suggestions, Order. As this Committee is being accused of not doing its work, I am among the members of the Committee and I want to serve on another Committee which I feel I am the most suitable, but I was not allowed to. This is the Committee on Education. Right from the beginning my business is on Education. All my studies are on Education. At last I read a special Diploma on Education. But because of some regulations, and being the Chairman, the Clerk of the House said "Get Out" and I was not appointed. As such, we didn't divide the Committees as we like, but we did it according to the number of members and the way we will do our work easily. I will emphasis here, that event if we spend a year on this deliberation, we will not conclude. Therefore I feel the suggestion I

gave is good to go through them one by one to see if they are suitable. First one is Committee of Selecton, the the one we are deliberating on now, when it finished its work which is the only one remains, then it will give every Committee what to do, and bring to the House. That will be the end of its work. There is appointment Committee through it is not all the time they are employing the people. At Public Service Commission you will see many people, but none of them is looking for employment. Therefore this Committee is just meant for employing workers for the House. We went thoroughly into these things and we worked on what we have. To say that each Local Government didn't do this or that, I never expect that. We are for the State. As such I feel if you don't agree with what they did, then you appoint a Special Committee to draw guidelines for them.

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabami (Argungu):** Members, on the comment made by Mr. Speaker, it is good to be patient as we are matured enough to know what we are doing. Not every time you will get what you want. Because of this, you better be patient, and read the report of Committees and we continue. It is not good to say all these Committees are to be cancelled.

**Speaker:** Order! Order! Who wants to speak?

**Alhaji Sambo Wonaka (Mada) (Minority Leader):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to give my suggestion and also a secondment to what last speaker (A.S. Nabami) said whenever a Committee is assigned to do a particular work it should report back to the whole House, if the work is approved it is O.K. but if not, the Committee will be ordered to correct it. Now the report should be sent back to the Committee for correction.

**Speaker:** Yes the House has power to do so but what the Honourable House is sup-

pose to do, is to say this is what it wants to be done to appoint another Special Committee which would show the selection Committee the ways to appoint the Committee.

**Minority Leader:** Mr Speaker Sir. I wish to explain further to you and the honourable members that the earlier explanation made by some members were contrary to the issue in question. If there is any mistake, a correction has to be made. The Committee Members may feel reluctant to make amendments here it is therefore advisable to make corrections outside the House if it is properly intended, and a day could be set aside for that purpose if necessary.

**Speaker:** I still stand on my point about this Committee, it is advisable to appoint another Committee which will be responsible for steering the Committee in question. For whatever the former Committee arranged to make, are for their appointed Committees or for the Committees they've appointed.

**Minority Leader:** Sir, I have a question. Is there any Committee that this House will appoint, which its decision is final?

**Speaker:** None is against constitution. There are different opinions on whatever is being said at this very moment. Some members are saying we should give-up the work done, while others are of the opinion of correcting it. What I want you to understand is that the job has already been done, and a lot of opinions were heard. If this Committee should go and amend or make corrections, we shall be *back to square one*. They will make the corrections through given guidelines or regulations which they will follow. As usual when a decision is not reached we vote.

**Speaker:** No one wants this to be cancelled but corrections will be made.

**Minority Leader:** Amendments should be made. that is O.K.

**Speaker:** My reason for saying that is because I am the Chairman of the Committee. What I understand that even if we amend this, the amendment may not be accepted I therefore suggest that Special Committee be appointed here, to give us guidelines on how this is to be done and when we go against the guidelines we should be told where we go wrong. We were left alone at the initial-stage.

**Minority Leader Right!** Let the Committee be appointed.

**Speaker:** Do you agree that a Committee should be appointed, to give guidelines to the selection Committee? Is there any seconder? I need a seconder.

**Alh. Barmo Galadima (Dincadi)** Stood-up and boasted into laughter.

**Alh. Musa Isa (Kotorkoshi)** I beg to second.

**Alh. Garba Na Liman (Chafe):** Mr Speaker, I oppose the motion brought by Hon. Member, Alh. Sambo Wonaka. If we want to make amendments, the best thing to do is to follow the names one by one and remove those not fit. But if we appoint another Committee which will give guidelines to Selection Committee, we shall be back to square one. I suggest we make the necessary amendments.

**Speaker:** I want those who support that we should follow the names one by one to put up their hands. And those who oppose the motion to do same. Do not raise your hands twice. The result is that 40 have supported the idea and 28 opposed it. The rest have no say at all. I want to draw your attention to the fact that we have reached a certain stage which will not be beneficial to all of us. It is unbecoming that only 68 of us have opinion. Forty supported and 28 opposed. Is this really a good thing? We better know what we are

doing and follow the regulations. Any Committee assigned, should be allowed to submit its reports to the House. Now that a Committee has submitted its reports, but the House has failed to say anything whether the report should be accepted or not. Are we going to continue this way or shall we cancel the report? We cannot cancel the report because we have to appoint Committees. We better think twice and do the correct thing. As I have discovered now, we are a little confused, if you agree, we better adjourn until tomorrow when we are back to normal, we continue. What do you say? Order. If we continue like this, definitely, we shall never progress

I gave you enough time to study the motion in order to avoid what is happening now, but all in vain. Because of this, we bet-

ter carry this report home and go through it carefully then see what we can do tomorrow. Committees must be appointed in order to avoid this situation. Any seconder to the motion that the House be adjourned until tomorrow? Those who are in favour should put up their hands.

The House will now adjourn until tomorrow when we shall continue with the same motion.

*Question put and agreed to.*

That the House should adjourn until tomorrow.

*House adjourned at 1.30 p.m. accordingly until tomorrow at 10 a.m.*



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE**  
*FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA*

Wednesday, 14th November, 1979.

*The House met 11.40 a.m.*

PRAYERS  
(*Speaker Presided*)

**ROLL CALL**

The Roll was called and all the Members answered their names except the following:

Alh. S.U. Dange (Dange) - *Hospital*  
Alh. Abdu Dan Ta Gago (Gulma) - *Hospital*  
Umaru Yakubu Maru (Maru) - *Hospital*  
Garba A. Mohammed (S/Birni) - *Hospital*  
Alh. A. Na Mami Yankuzo (Yankuzo) - " " "

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**Speaker:** Well, Hon. Members, today's message from the Governor is about the remaining houses for the legislators. In their yesterday's meeting of the Executive Council, they have resolved to find the remaining accommodation for the Members. The Commissioner for Housing have been instructed to see us for discussion.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Speaker:** As for the announcements, I apologise for the delay in opening the sitting and that is due to the business of the House for I had to see the Commissioner for Finance and the Governor on the question of Bank Loans for us. The Governor has okeyed the decision and is instructing the Commissioner for Finance for further action.

I hope that all of you that have repairs in their houses have given notice to the Clerk for that. Those that haven't should please do so after the sitting.

It should be brought to your notice that arrangements are underway for the attachment of the Speaker and Assistant Clerks overseas - in America to see the system. That will probably come within the recess for the New Year as for the Speaker. Then arrangement is also underway for seminars for the Members and that will be within the country when legislators from outside are available.

**ADVANCE OF ₦2,000.00 TO HON:  
MEMBERS**

**Majority Leader (Alh. Muh. Augi)** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I want to bring before you another motion before we go on to discuss yesterday's motion. I want you to approve this before we go into the report of the Selection Committee. If the Speaker agrees I should like to present this motion.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, due to hardship and problems we have been facing when we moved from our villages as Members of the state house of assembly, we are greatly disturbed because we are now maintaining two families one here and the other in our different villages. As such I should like the government to give us a loan of ₦2,000. each in order to get ourselves settled. I am sure many of us are now out of pocket. We shall pay this loan within a year. I hope this house will approved this.

**Speaker:** Well, you are all aware of t his motion: is there any seconder? That is, are we to discuss this motion before going on to discuss yesterday's motion?

**Alh. Mohammadu Sanusi (Shanga):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to second the Majority Leader, on the motion he has just brought, that is, the question of loan to be granted to each Member. I hope my other Honourable Members will agree to this. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Now, we have a motion and anyobjection to it.

**Alh. Sani Kamba (Dendi)** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to object what the Majority Leader has said. This is something we should not ask for, what Honourable Members should understand is that we are not here to be demanding each and every day. What will those who have elected us think of? Yesterday, we asked for loans and today we are asking for a loan for two thousand Naira. I think it is better for us to discuss what is on the papers before us.

**Speaker:** Now, we have a motion and an objection to it.

**Alh. Sule Dan-Inna (Gatawa):** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to support Alh. Sani Kamba (Dendi) that since we came here we have been seeking for things at our advantage and those from outside are watching us. Because there are some people who are not thinking that these loans are deducted out of our salary. It is a loan we are given out of our salary, so because of this I second Alh. Sani Kamba.

**Ibrahim Dangata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, on this motion brought on loan some people have agreed and some have not. Well what I want us to understand is that this loan will be given to us to be refunded. So if you can give me my salary for four years I will agree. So I am begging the Honourable Mr. Speaker to call for the vote on this issue.

**Muh. Sambo (Tambuwal):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to object the first member who spoke on this loan because of other arrangements. This is due to the fact that what we are given can be sufficient to feed our family as we are feeding them long before this time. It is better to be sincere, thank you.

**Speaker:** It is fortunate we do not have pressmen today or else they will make a very good joke on us. We vote. Those in favour of getting N2,000 advance should raise up

their hands? Those not in favour should raise up their hands. It appears almost all are in favour and that is the resolution of the house.

*Question on motion put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** that the House should seek for advance of (N2,000.00) to each Member of this Hon. House.

**Speaker:** Though it is resolved that we seek for the advance, those not in favour may yet withdraw. It has been resolved, what remains is when we get the advance, if we get it at all then those not in favour of getting it should return it to the treasury. Any more comments from Majority and Minority Leaders? Let us go into the business of the day.

#### **Report on Selection Committee.**

**speaker:** Where do we start. Let us have your comments and the we find a solution.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya)** Mr. Speaker Sir, Honourable Members, I wish to draw the attention of the Members of the House, that though most of them were not present, when we decided that there are alot of arguments, continued in the Report of the Selection Committee we found it reasonable to appoint a Committee to arrange resolutions relating to this issue. These people have already reported. I want this Hon. House to let the Secretary of this Committee to read what he has, that is, M. Tambari Dingyadi.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to it?

**Muhammadu Lawal Adamu Wara (Ngaski):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the motion on what the last speaker, Bala Shuni (Tsamiya) has said. This is due to the fact that it is good to give the Secretary a chance to tell the House what the Committee has already brought.

**Speaker:** Any objection to that?

**Alh. Barmo Galadi (Danchadi)** Honourable Speaker Sir, Honourable Members, I could remember that resolution was made, that no Committee should be selected, therefore, it is unfair for us to stand still.

**Speaker:** Well, as we were not able to reach a resolution yesterday, it is not unfair to start all over again, as such, I want those in favour of the motion that we hear from the self-appointed Committee or not to hear from it. Those in favour put up your hands. It appears you are in favour of hearing what the self-appointed Committee has arranged for us. Well, may I call on the Secretary of the so-called Committee to read what they have for us.

**Alh. Tambari Dingyadi (Dingyadi):** Mr. Speaker, I am the Secretary to the self-appointed Committee. That self-appointed committee which appointed itself has arranged some guidelines to be forwarded to the Selected Committee. They are as follows:-

#### **GUIDELINES FOR THE COMMITTEE ON SELECTION**

*Need for the increase of the Committees up to nineteen.*

1. It won't exceed more than one Chairman from each and every Local Government.

2. Anybody who needs Chairmanship should not hold any post in the House. Example: *Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader, etc,* as to simplify other assignments to them. Unless if these people want to head any of the Committees, they must withdraw from their post.

3. Each member of this Honourable House can be a member to no less than two or three committees and each Chairman of any established committee must not be a member in any committee.

4. On no ground, special advisers could not be appointed unless by the committee itself.

5. Let members of any established committee appoint their own Chairman to head their committee.

6. Education, Local Governments, Agriculture and Appropriation committees should consist each and every member from the number of the Local Governments we have within the State.

7. Committee on Tender Board: This must comprise of a member of each of the committees established.

**Speaker:** We have heard the points brought by the self-appointed committee's (Secretary). Although I am sorry to say that the members of the Committee seems to have ignored the standing order, nevertheless let us follow the points one by one and see which of them is to be approved and those to be rejected. The Secretary can bring them one by one.

**Malam Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker. I will start with No. 1 - no Local Government will have more than one Chairman in the Committees.

**Speaker:** Do you agree with it?

**AGREED**

**Malam Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga)** 'Whoever is seeking for the Chairmanship of one of the Committees.....

**Speaker:** There are Committees whereby the Speaker is the Chairman by virtue of the chair.

**Malam Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga);** Mr. Speaker 'Section 52 Sub-Section (2) of the Standing Orders stated that 'the Speaker can only be the Chairman of the Selection Com-

mittee' and the Constitution of Nigeria Section 58 and 97' did not indicate that the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker should be Chairman of Committees.

**Speaker:** The Section again, please.

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker: Section 58 and 97 of the Standing Orders.

**Speaker:** Right, it appears as you have said, by referring us to the Standing Orders, that the Chairman of all the Committees have to be appointed by the Speaker. That is how it is in the Standing Orders. Look at Section 59 Sub-section (6). What does it say? Read it.

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker shall appoint a Chairman for a Standing Committee, who shall exercise the same power as Chairman in committee of the whole House regarding to the closure of debates, acceptance of a dilatory motion and discretion in permitting strangers to be present. The Chairman of a Standing Committees shall not have an original vote if the votes are equally divided he shall have a casting vote'.

**Speaker:** The question is who appoints the Chairman?

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, it refers to only the Chairman who has the right to direct visitors in the House.

**Speaker:** What Standing Committee in your own idea?

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, I feel that the particular Committee you are referring to is not even among the Committees we are talking about.

**Speaker:** Sub-section (1) of Standing Order 59 says: 'At the beginning of every session the Committee of Selection shall ap-

point.....Standing Committee for the consideration of bills. And we have already decided on the number of Standing Committees. What remains is the Select Committees which are selected at random for special assignments. The very responsibility I am trying to bring your attention is that of appointing Chairman which is vested in the Speaker being the Chairman of the Selection Committee. I used this opportunity and appointed the Chairman of the Committees.

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, What we want to draw your attention to, is this provision given to these people, nobody gave it to them, they gave it to themselves. We are not saying that the Speaker has no right to say this and that should be the Chairman, but he himself holds so many Chairmanships.

**Speaker:** The section is struck out.

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** No. 3 — each Member can be a Member of two or three Committees and whoever is appointed a Chairman of a Committee can, in addition, be a Member of another Committee.

**Speaker:** Is that accepted to you?

**Speaker:** Do you mean that nobody should be in more than these Committees or what?

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, What I mean is that each Member should be in two or three Committees. I mean to say that each Member should hold membership of two or three Committees but I heard the House saying two, two.

**Speaker:** A maximum of how many Committees should a member be?

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, as I have said, two or three, it could either be two and if possible, three and

whoever is appointed the Chairman of a Committee could hold membership of just one Committee.

**Speaker:** Do you agree to the number of Committees each Member can be in?

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, can we continue with the reading of our guidelines?

**Speaker:** We have not yet resolved on the number of Committees that each Member can be in. Do you agree that the maximum is three and minimum is two or what do we agree on? Are you in agreement with the ruling that minimum two and maximum three?

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, No. 4. We do not accept any Committee Member as a Special Member, unless if the committees itself selected people as Special Members.

**Speaker:** Do you agree on leaving out special advisers on a committee?

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, what I mean is that there are some Committees with about 14 members and four additional Members are selected as their special advisers. What we require is that these Committees should be vested with the powers to select their Special Advisers.

**Speaker:** The first question: do you agree on abolishing Special Members of Committees?

**Speaker:** Those in favour of abolishing special members on committees should put up their hands.

*The motion was dropped.*

**Speaker:** The second question cannot stand as we did not have the first. We haven't agreed as to abolishing the first type of selection, so we cannot have the second.

Next point?

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Even though it is said that the question has been dropped, my fellow Honourable Members have not fully understood it.

**Speaker:** It is up to them to say on.

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker Sir, some members are asking for more explanation on the Special Advisers to Committees.

**Speaker:** The question on Special Members has been considered by the Committee and it has been put to the House and nobody has raised any objection.

You have all agreed on it and if there is anybody who is in favour of abolishing the first method should raise his hand.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** that Special Advisers to the Committees should stand as it is.

**Mr. Speaker:** The next item.....

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, I will like to continue with No. 5. Each Committee should be vested with the powers of electing its own Chairman by itself.

**Speaker:** The question of appointing Chairman is already on the Standing Orders. We have discussed it and passed it.

**Malam Tambari Dinyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, 'Committee on Education, Local Government Committee, Committee on Agriculture and Appropriation Committee, each Local Government should have a Member in these Committees'.

**Speaker:** Do you agree to this proposal?

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** that each Local Government shall have representative as a Member in the Committee on each Education, Local Government, Agriculture and Appropriation.

**Tambari Dingyadi (Dingyadi):** No. 7 Tender's Board Committee: This Committee on Tender's Board and each Committee set should have a Member in the Tender's Board Committee'. Additional information, 'what we mean with each Committee established either there are 14 to 19 or otherwise should have a Member in the Tender's Board Committee'. The reason why we do not indicate what each Local Government should have as a Member is because the previous Tender's Board set of each and every Local Government Member from the Local Government.

**Speaker:** Point of correction. I am sorry that the Members seem to misunderstand this Tender's Board Committee. The Committee is specifically to award contracts pertaining to Legislature and that is the only practical work of it. In addition to that, it is to approve awards of contract which will be determined later but will not be less than a quarter of a million before they are sent for approval to the Committee of the whole House. The actual work of State Tender's Board is Executive not Legislative and we can't have both. We can't be Executive as well as Legislative. So the Tender's Board Committee is a watch dog on the State Tender's Board and the Local Tenders Board for the Legislative. So you can carry on with your suggestions.

**Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga) Mr. Speaker,** although this committee is appointed by the Selection Committee which appointed it and we approve it notwithstanding that these Members which we say will come from each committee as Members they will accept the procedures we have just laid down. They will have to follow the procedure as you have expressed and they won't work on their initiatives.

**Speaker: Is that point accepted?**

**M. Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, that is all we have discussed on our issues, as the second has been cancelled.

**Speaker:** It is given note that you have finished with that right from the scratch. No Local Government should have more than one Chairman and that is done with the Chairmanship.

**Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga) Honourable Speaker,** Honourable Members, that is all I have to say

**Speaker:** The points as I have seen them, (1) No Local Government should have more than one Chairman. (2) Every member is entitled to be in two and not more than three Committees. (3) There should be Local Government representatives in each of Education, Local Government, Agriculture and Appropriation Committees. (4) Tenders Board Committee should comprise of Members, one from each of the other Committee. These are the points expected by you. The question now is do you want the Selection Committee to revise what they have done in the light of this Selection Committee. Those in favour of that should raise up their hands.

*Question and Motion put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the Committee on Selection will revise its deliberations in the light of these guidelines and then re-present it to the Whole House.

**Speaker:** Thank God that we have come to a resolution.

The question of the Chairman's Report on the Selection Committee is a closed motion. We will wait until the Committee is able to reproduce what is his done.

It there any other matter not in connection with this?

**Alh. Umaru Maidamma (Besse):** Mr.

**Speaker** Sir, Honourable Members, I am not happy that the discussion on this has been closed.

**Speaker:** I am sorry it is closed until the resumption of the Committee.

**Alh. Umaru Maidamma (Besse) Mr. Speaker** when the Report of the Committee is brought back, I will continue.

**Speaker:** Now, fresh matters.

**Mohammadu Bello Suru (Bakuwai):** Mr. Speaker, what I want to say is that whatever business we will have tomorrow we shall have the order paper of that business to day so as to enable us prepare on what we have to say tomorrow.

**Speaker:** Chairman Business Committee to note.

**Alh. Garba Na Liman (Chafe):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Honourable Members as we have already appointed that Committee that we go through the Standing Order...

**Speaker:** There is provisions to use the present one until such a time they have gone through it and brought it. You can go through your constitution and see how things are.

**Alh. Abubakar Altine Shugaba (B/Kebbi)** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to bring my view on the promises that we have done to the masses. What I want to say is pertaining to raw materials.

**Speaker:** Such motion should be submitted to the Clerk in writing.

**Muh. Maigujlya (Cimmola):** Mr. Speaker, I want to point out that this honourable

House is working satisfactorily. It would be a pride that we are being copied rather than copying other. I am appealing to Hon. Members to always say and do good work. I will be the happiest man if this House turns to be the best in the Country. Thank you.

**Buhari Garban Yandi (Gusau)** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, if this House agrees I should like to suggest that we should be provided with Identity Card.

**Speaker:** That has been done, arrangements are on the way. Right now, you are answered.

**Majority Leader** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Member, because of the responsibilities we vested on the Speaker I beg to move that we should adjourned this sitting so that Speaker will have time to do the job.

**Speaker:** It is unfortunate I will have to leave and my assistant is not well.

**Alh. Muhammadu S/Fawa: (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker, I feel that it is not proper to have meeting without provision for eating.

**Speaker:** Chairman, Business Committee to note.

I agree that we shall adjourn to enable me and the Clerk to pursue your matters, as regards to finance, and you can see that Deputy Speaker is sick, so we adjourn intill tomorrow.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** that this House do now adjourn.

*House Adjourned accordingly at 1.20 p.m. till tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.*

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE**  
*FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA*

Thursday, 15th November, 1979

*The House met at 12.55 p.m.*

PRAYERS

(The Deputy Speaker presided)

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

**Deputy Speaker:** There is no any message from the Governor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Deputy Speaker:** The Speaker of the House Alhaji Shehu Bayero has accompanied the Governor on the tour of the State Capital.

PRESENTATION OF MOTION

**Deputy Speaker:** I will now call on the Majority Leader to present the Motion.

**Majority Leader (Alh. Muh. Augi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I want to bring this Motion to you that we will appoint a delegation to go to Ministries and see on the following. We have to check these following things before we can make any provision for them in the House.

**Deputy Speaker:** Any seconder?

**Alh. Muhammadu S/Pawa (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the Motion. We have to know about things before we find the way to solve them and not just rush on things.

**Mr. Speaker:** Any objection?

**Mainasara Zagga (Zagga/Bagudo):** Mr.

Speaker, I oppose the motion because there is a Business Committee appointed here which is supposed to go to the House and if they go to the Ministries, they have to check every thing and not to leave anything behind.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the Motion brought by the Majority Leader has been seconded by the Hon. Member, Alh. Muhammadu S/Fawa (Bakura), and here it is being objected by the Hon. Member, Mainasara Zagga. Any seconder to the objection of Mainasara Zagga?

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the Hon. Member, Mainasara Zagga especially if there is any Committee for this purpose I think it is better to leave these things to the Committee to go and find out and bring it to the House.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the objection to the Motion has been seconded by Hon. Member Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu).

The Motion has been brought up by the Majority Leader and seconded by Hon. Member Alh. S/Pawa (Bakura). The motion was objected by Hon. Member Mainasara Zagga, seconded by the Alh. Sama'ila Nabame.

We have the proposal and objection. May I ask if there is any Members who wish to comment on either the proposal or the objection?

**Alh. Mamuda Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, the important thing I want to ask Mr. Speaker is that: are those motions brought by the Majority Leader the usual motions submitted by the Members? That's what I want to ask before I continue.

**Deputy Speaker:** May I call on the Majority Leader to answer the question?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, my answer to this question is this. Before we thought the Business Committee has been cancelled but later on we found that it was not cancelled. It is the duty of this Committee to do this.

**Deputy Speaker:** Order! The question put to you is: are these Members' Motions? How does it appear here??

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, these are Members' Motions which we selected. The selection was done in sequence.

**Deputy Speaker:** You have answered the question, thank you.

**Alh. Mamuda Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, about these motions, are they related to the former government or are they new matters entirely? I want to know before I continue.

**Deputy Speaker:** I will call on the Majority Leader to explain.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, these proposals were brought by Members here. We don't know whether these are the former governments' arrangements. What we want to check is if these things are included in the estimate. That is why we want to go to the;.....

**Deputy Speaker:** Order! you have answered the question.

**Alh. Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I want to call on the Hon. Members of this House. I have followed this paper page by page and have seen what the members need for their constituencies.

**Deputy Speaker:** I will remind the Hon. Member speaking, we are talking on the proposal and opposal. Are you seconding the

proposal or opposing it?

**Alh. Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, I am opposing the motion. We want the government Auditor to come and explain to us and explain what we have at hand because every one of us has proposals and problems in his constituencies. If we continued to bring proposals which are not urgent, I feel we will not come to a compromise, because everyone of us is a representative of his people, as sure, everybody....

**Deputy Speaker:** May I ask the Hon. Member from (Shagari) to please sit down.

Hon. Members, please, may I remind you that we are on the debate of proposal and opposal of this motion. So it is a ball set on roll on the proposal and opposal.

**Alh. Galadima Dacadi (Dancadi):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to support the motion which say that the Business Committee should go to Ministry by Ministry to check up and find out things. If the Business Committee find out that the government have already acted on the issue then the committee will bring back its report. It will be proper if we get a full report of the Business Committee before we take proper action.

**Deputy Speaker:** Order! Order!! Hon. Members please I am reminding you here, the motion has been brought by the Majority Leader and it has been seconded by Alh. Muh. S/Fawa (Bakura) and again the motion have been objected by Hon. Member Alh. Zagga and seconded by Hon. Member Alh. Sama'ila Nabame. So now we are asking for those who want the motion or who want to show their proposal or opposal unless if it is being proposed that the motion being proposed here is agreed or we refer it to the Committee concerned. So as we are on this stage, I will like anybody who wants to speak, to speak either on the proposal or op-

posal.

**Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker Sir, in connection with this motion that we have at hand; it has been debated and spoken off so it is better we look into the opinion of members to know their views, thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the motion is being raised by Hon. Member Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga) that he wants us to pass a vote. Any seconder to that? The question is that we are to appoint a delegation to go to the Ministries concerned or we hand it to the Committee concerned? May I call on the Hon. Member, Tambari Dingyadi to explain?

**Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members what I want to explain is that this motion brought by the Members and their demands are many and they want them to be done in their respective areas. All these, there are Ministries responsible for each demands, as such, the Business Committee can go to each Ministry concerned to find out how far they have been preparing for the rural development and if there is such an agenda in their estimate they can continue and the committee can come back and report to the House that such and such a work is in progress. If any work is not in the respective Ministry's estimate, the Committee can still report back to the House so that the House can direct the Ministry concerned to take action.

**Deputy Speaker:** Before you ask any question, this question is being proposed and seconded and later being objected and seconded. On this we want to know the views of those opposing and those supporting.

**Muh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, first of all I will like to ask the Speaker of the House if the Committee on Business is existing. If this Committee is existing it should be instructed to go to each

ministry concerned and find out the position. We do not have to go out all of us to the various Ministries.

**Deputy Speaker:** I wish to inform you the Hon. Members that the Business Committee is thereon.

**Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I will like to draw the attention of this House in order to understand that such motion which has been brought, that it is the responsibilities of the Business Committee at any time that they receive any motion. It should be forwarded to the Committee which has been appointed for that matter.

**Deputy Speaker:** Order! Order!! please, what we want is that, whether in favour of supporting the motion. Hon. Members, we are coming on the deliberation.

**Alh. Muhammadu Sanusi Bako (Shanga):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, on the motions brought up by other Members, the presentation is wrong because I checked it instead of the Majority Leader to present or to re-present before the House any motion it should be on the paper. Those who submitted the motion they are responsible or they are entitled to explain what they brought to the House not the Majority Leader because he is not on the list. We do not know what this paper means unless those who brought the motion are called one by one although they know themselves I will like the Speaker to call them and explain more, that is what I have.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, I will now like to speak in Hausa to express more. Hon. Members, this things which is presented to the House has been presented stating those things which are going to be presented and their sequence. It is meant that as the Majority Leader has explained, that he presented this in his capacity as the Chairman of the Business Committee. Well,

it is on this presentation that the complexities arise. Now, since we have established the Business Committee and the investigations of such issues fall into its areas of responsibility, we felt that the Committee should be given the chance to compile their report and then submit it to the House.?

Unless if the House refers to appoint a different set of Members to go and deal with the issue. This is my explanation. Hon. Members, I would like to explain the issue more clearly. We have not yet dwelled into the issues. We are still on the question of whether to appoint a Sub-Committee to carry out the job or alternatively, refer the job to the Business Committee.

INTERRUPTIONS

**Deputy Speaker:** Now, we have heard from some Members that they would rather leave the issue with the Business Committee. But there are still some who prefer that the case be referred to a Sub-Committee which would be appointed. In consideration of the different views, we have heard, I will now put the question.

INTERRUPTION

**Several Members:** No! No!!

**Deputy Speaker:** I will now call on the Clerk to the House to explain to you about this issue.

**Clerk to the House:** You will in the content of this motion see other things brought up by some members. But they are not the real motion, the motion is that of whether you will agree on the appointment of another delegation which will go to the Ministries concerned in order to investigate this matter. This is the real motion, they were not the ones who brought this up. No, any motion that is here, will not be brought up unless the position of these Ministries is

certained, therefore, it is the responsibility of the Business Committee if there is any to go and inspect every Ministry on every motion brought up by any one among you, before it is brought to the House. As such these were not brought to any body for any other thing. There are at present over Three Hundred motions that you have brought. But in order to get time to consider these, in this House that is why the Majority Leader brought these for you to support the appointment of another Committee to go to the respective Ministries and investigate. This was done by the Majority Leader because he was thinking that the Business Committee whose responsibility is to consider these type of business had been dissolved.

Well, if the appointed committee came after the investigation and find it right for the House to consider, then the name of the Member to present the motion should be included in the Committee as he is the one to present it to the House and comment on it. Then the Motion came in two parts, because he has to explain in the debate that the Business Committee is still existing. Because it is the Committee we are now debating on, as we have now understood the person that brought this motion has done so because it is said there was no Business Committee, and later they said there is the Committee, which is responsible for the running of this work, as such because of the responsibility vested on it should be returned to it on the agreement of the House.

For this reason, we are going to vote. Now, you have already supported the idea of returning it. It has now been resolved and returned to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame Argungu (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I am suggesting that the responsibilities assigned to the Select Committee are many, for this, I am appealing to you to

give them chance of running these business. I am suggesting to adjourn this House. Because if there are no these Committees the House cannot run its business effectively. Therefore, we now adjourn the House if you agree. It has not been mentioned that these Committee have dissolved, uptill now the Select Committee, Business Committee and the House Service Committee are working.

**Order:** Order! Order!!

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** This is what I have presented and I don't know whether there is anybody who supports me, it is appointment in this House, it wasn't the Select Committee that appointed it. In this respect the Speaker wants to ask two questions. The first, being that there is still a Business Committee, do you agree for the Business Committee to continue conducting these Business? Or do you assume there is no Business Committee in order to appoint another Special Committee to run these business? I think this is what the Speaker wants to ask you.

**Deputy Speaker:** The explanation you've just heard was what I had explained earlier about whether to carry these problems to the existing Business Committee, or appoint another Special Committee to carry on with the job. That was our present deliberation. For if we agree on another Committee to be appointed.....

INTERRUPTION.

**Order!** Order!! Please, if the House agreed on appointing another Committee, well is okey.

**Order!** Order!! Order!!! Before we close, I would like to remind you that we all are elected members, we are selected under rules and regulations that was set up by the Law. It's only when we are suitable that we can contest election. Therefore, some of the Committee elected and presented to the

House and were always being opposed or otherwise which I feel is not proper.

It is presumed that we know everything so we don't have to say we don't know anything about what is brought to the House. Can the work go on like that? If so, its not proper. It is here that the following Committee were appointed - viz:

- (1) Standing Orders Committee
- (2) Election Committee
- (3) Business Committee
- (4) House Service Committee

And if this facts are not known to you then its a pity we are going backwards instead of progressing, we will retard the said progress. It is proper here for any member who does not understand a thing, to ask his co-member who does. Before we adjourned the House, I want the Majority Leader as the Chairman of this Committee to please further explain to us, though we can't do anything more, as the House has already resolved the issue.

**Majority Leader:** If you want me to call their names for you.

- 1. Alh. Sama'ila Nabame
- 2. Alh. Tambari Dingyadi
- 3. Alh. Abubakar Shu'aibu Gigane
- 4. Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu
- 5. Alh. Labbo Gayi
- 6. Alh. S. Wonaka (Mi./Leader)
- 7. Alh. Jeli S/Sudan
- 8. Alh. Muh. Augi (Majority Leader)

Our work is to go through the work that concern each committee and hand it back to that committee, the reason why we did not start on our work is because these Committee were not established. We can't deliberate on the matter which the contain, we can't discuss about the issues we only bring it before the Committee. I wish you unders-

tand. Secondly, I wish the Speaker to allow me speak on another topic.

**Deputy Speaker:** I want to make some corrections on what you have just said that, it is not the work of the Business Committee to prepare the work for any Committee. The House will return the work which is being prepared for the committee.

**Majority Leader.** I want, if Mr. Speaker agree, to speak to the House.

**Deputy Speaker:** Before he speaks with the members, now you have heard this Committee, also I want to call again the names of others who are selected by the House to become members of the Committee.

**Many Hon. Members:** We agree.

**Deputy Speaker:** You have heard of the Members of the Business Committee. And now I will call Committee of Selection, which will select all the Committee which the Hon. Speaker of the House. Alhaji Shehu Bayero is the Chairman.

2. Alh. Umaru Yakubu Maru
3. Alh. Muhammadu Augi
4. Alh. Sambo Wonaka
5. Alh. Ciroma Sama'ila

As you have known, it was based on each

Local Government with its representative:

1. Alh. Ciroma Sama'ila
2. Alh. Muhammadu Sanusi
3. Alh. Mamuda Shehu Yabo
4. Alh. Aliyu Na-Malam Balarabe
5. Alh. Ali Abbas Durbawa
6. Alh. Macido Maradun
7. Alh. Usman S/Kabi
8. Alh. Muhammadu Bukkuyum
9. Alh. Abdu Maifilo
10. Alh. Abdullahi Kangiwa
11. Alh. Shafi'u Salihu
12. Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu
13. Alh. Abubakar M. Zagga
14. Alh. Barmo Galadima
15. Alh. Buhari Garban Yandi
16. Alh. Karba Kanwa
17. Alh. Ahmadu Aliyu

**Deputy Speaker:** I wish to draw your attention that we had already finished with this Committees and the work of selecting them. If the Selection Committees automatically was understood, I will call the Majority Leader to continue.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That this House do now adjourn.

*House adjourned accordingly at 2.00 p.m. until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.*



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Friday, 16th November, 1979.

*The House met at 10.10 a.m.*

**PRAYERS**

(Presided over by the Speaker)

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**Speaker:** I have to say that we haven't got any today.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Speaker:** I wish to call the attention of the Members to Section 270 Sub-section (3) of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. It has been necessary for me to do so because of the previous point raised by somebody in the House that the Standing Orders we are using are unconstitutional.

**An Hon. Member:** That of Hausa version is not like that.

**Speaker:** In the Hausa copy it is section 204 and 205 Sub-section (3). Well, the next item.....

**An Hon. Member:** We have not understood what this means.

**Speaker:** As I have said earlier that sometime somebody pre-referred an allegation on the House that the Standing Orders we are using are unconstitutional. That is why I have to refer the House to the constitutional provision.

**PRESENTATION OF MOTION**

**Speaker:** I believe that you have been given the reports of the Committee paper for

today, and the order of the day is report of the Committee or rather the interim report. So may I call upon the Majority Leader to present the Motion.

**Majority Leader (Alhaji Muh. Augi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to bring the Motion of the Interim Report of the Business Committee. Yesterday, the House delegated us to go and investigate in the Government Ministries as regards to roads, bore-holes, hospitals and so on. We went there but it was too late, because it was getting to 3 O'clock by then. We only went to the Ministry of Works and on reaching there, we met the Commissioner and the Permanent Secretary and told them our mission. They brought the map of Sokoto State with proposed roads for design and construction within the State and they told us those which have already been executed, those that they are surveying and those that they haven't started. In the papers you are given today, —PROPOSED ROADS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION — and the other —ROADS ALREADY DESIGNED. The second issue is about hospitals and we were not able to go to Ministry of Health and that of the Ministry of Rural Development. We promise that before Tuesday we will bring you the full report on the issue.

**Speaker:** Mr. Majority Leader, may I know is it before Tuesday or on Tuesday you promised?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, as there is no work on Saturday and Sunday.

**Speaker:** Well, Hon. Members you can see before you, what is in the minds of the people of Ministry of works as far as roads are concerned. So let us take some few minutes and look over them and deliberate on them afterwards.

**Alh. Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, as Mr. Speaker

said earlier that the Standing Orders we are using are in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and he referred us to section 204 and 205 in the Hausa version and 270 in the English version of the constitution, Sub-section 3. The Standing Orders of the House of Representatives established under the former Constitution shall apply in relation to the proceedings in every other legislative House, Sub-section 4 reads: 'The Standing Orders shall apply in relation to a Legislative House with such modifications as may be necessary to bring them into conformity with the provisions of this Constitution'. As the State Assembly can make amendments in the Standing Orders, I think we should amend these Standing Orders before using them.

**Speaker:** It is the responsibility of the Standing Orders Committee to go over the entire Standing Orders and present those they propose for approval and those they will propose for amendments and also those for rejection.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, may I appeal to Hon. Members to allow the Committee on Business to continue with its work, because we will not have the time tomorrow and next tomorrow.

My second point is concerning the Standing Orders Committee. They should sit and amend the Standing Orders.

**Speaker:** Well, two points are raised, one for permission for the Business Committee to depart and continue with its work and the second to call on the Standing Orders Committee to do what is before it. Well, any seconder to the point.?

**Alhaji Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I second first point to allow the Business Committee to go and continue with their work since I realise that it is not possible to work on Saturday and Sunday. Because if we do not leave them

today we must allow them to go on the working days.

**Umaru Nakigo (D/Gari):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Member, I do not support the motion for the Committee to go out, because there are Committees that are much more important, but yet are not allowed to go out. Road works are not to be done now as they are not urgent. They should stay.

**Speaker:** Those not in favour of the motion should put up their hands that the Business Committee should leave now.

So it is unanimously carried that the Committee depart. So you have got one and a half minutes to leave.

The second point noted by the Chairman which suggests that the Standing Orders Committee should do what is expected of it is noted by its Chairman and will act accordingly.

**Usman Sa'adu Zuru (Sakaba):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I want to give an advice to the Majority and Minority Leaders. As the Majority Leader has gone out to work he deserves an assistant and the Minority Leader should also have an assistant.

**Speaker:** A new motion which should have been made a substantive motion. So it should be done that way. We are now on the report of the Business Committee which has been submitted to us.

**Point of correction:** You all know we are in the Five Year Development Period which is supposed to end by April next year. There is every likely-hood that it will be extended to the end of the year. Nevertheless, what we have in our minds concerning the community we have seen which are already in the executive and which are not so with that we call attention to what the electorate wants. So I advise we start the report of the Business Committee on this particular issue

thoroughly well. The report of the Committee on this particular issue is important so that we will be able to satisfy our conscious that we have acted as expected of us. So meanwhile, let us start with the Interim Report.

**Alh. Muhammadu N. Gummi (B/Tudu):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to bring a motion, if the Speaker will allow me.

**Speaker:** Motions are to be submitted to the Business Committee. All are of the same now, we are particularly discussing what is before us and we have given it the day.

**Alh. Ali Abbas (Durbawa):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I appeal to the Speaker of the House pertaining to this proposal brought before us to give explanations, we want him to tell us whether this proposal is for the Five Year Development Plan or for the present. I also want to know if it is for the present administration. We will like Mr. Speaker to follow them one by one and explain because most of us do not understand. I hope my fellow members will not find me wrong on the points I rise I don't understand, that is why I ask for further explanations.

**Speaker:** As for explanations to your question, it is unfortunate we have lost the chance of the answer when we allow the Business Committee to go and following them one by one that is what I want us to do. You seem to be ignorant as everybody is. Everyone of us knows at least his own part, I doubt if there is anybody who knows all the parts. As we are here for the whole State we have to join forces as a House and deliberate for the State. Thus those who know should teach those who do not know. I think I know number four of the list. Whether I know more, I do not know.

**Alh. Abdu Maizamfara (Faru):** I rise to give more explanation on what the Hon.

Member, (Alh. Ali Abbas, who sat down. He is not experienced on roads, he is not used to sitting and waiting for transport for hours.

**Speaker:** First withdraw that statement. As an Hon. Member, you are not supposed to say that to a fellow member.

What we mean is that we will like to be help by this proposed project because there are some who say that when this project has been executed in their places they are satisfied. May I call on the Members of House sitting. We are sitting, all attention should be directed to whom the floor is given. If we are not ready to deliberate we should take recess. All attention should be directed to the floor.

**Alh. Dandare Saminu Koko (Koko):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my opinion of the person.....

**Speaker:** I think I have replied on what everybody needs and everyone heard this has been closed.

**Alh. Yaro Mamman Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, what I want to say is that as Mr. Speaker has already said, not all of us know the places but since we are all here we are from Sokoto State. Surely if somebody does not know a place someone else knows and the best system for us to adopt is to ask those who know and the person who knows should let them know. As the Speaker has stated, we will know all where the places are. I beg for secondment.

**Alh. Mamman Dan-Tsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to say something about what brought to us now, I feel there are things my self and my fellow members have not understand. Now, this proposal is for the whole State each one of us should look if his area is included he has the right to speak out. I feel that this is

now right to me to know others, if nothing is seen, and if his area is not included he should try to let the Speaker know so that they will include his own.

**Malam Mamman Danladi (Ungwar Lalle):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am appealing to the Commissioner responsible for this to be brought to House to explain to us fully.

**Speaker:** It is the duty of your Committee to find out and bring that to you; we have time for that.

**Alh. Muhammadu Sani (Dendi):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, as Speaker has told us to go through this draft, we have done so, I understand that the first page of these items in it states that the the work is in progress and this of six pages. Now that I wish to talk on item three, it is Gande and Binji roads that nothing has been done. I will like to draw the attention of the House that this Road of Gulma is very dangerous. I feel that the Ministry concerned should do something because I do not believe that anything is being done.

**Speaker:** May I call your attention to some facts first, we have the Ministry of Works which is responsible for the major roads, then we have the Rural Development just coming up for what I may term medium roads, then the Local Governments comprising the Local Governments and Community Development. Well, the paper before us is divided into two—what is being proposed as the first part being given to us here and then what has already been proposed and something done about in the second page. So we cannot expect to see works on roads on the first page because the projects are in their initial stages. I feel both of them are either with the Local Governments or just with nobody. So whatever we may think, our thinking will not be complete until we hear from the Rural Development so that we will have a complete picture of the State. What

we are trying to do to see what the Ministry of Works is doing for the State so that those who know their major roads may see what is being done on that and if nothing is being done then they have the right to bring up the matter through a motion.

**Alh. Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker, though I thought we are going through the list before we start our amendment or additional proposals, I will like to seize this opportunity to introduce additional proposal. During my findings with the Chief Civil Engineer, Ministry of Works, Sokoto, I have confirmed with him that the Argungu-Bui Road has been proposed and all the necessary design has been completed but going through the list here before us, I thought this road should have come in the list in the second paper because the design and all necessary survey has been completed. So this is the sort of information I wanted to get from the Committee but they were allowed to go out.

**Speaker:** Well, this is an Interim Report. When we have got the complete report then we expect to have complete answers to all our questions.

**Alh. Mamuda Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, on this report given on this major roads, I feel that it is better to wait for the Business Committee to complete its work and submit the full report to us. Because now some members know that some major roads have already been proposed in their constituencies, but as this is not a complete report, it appears that these proposals were not included in it but if the whole proposals were not completed, those from Ministry of Works, Rural Development and those from Local Governments, I feel that will all appear in the full report they are going to present to the House. If we get the final report on that we can probably deliberate on those projects which are under the Rural Development and those the Local Government. And even if there are some questions we want to

ask, the question may probably be the responsibility of the Committee which submitted this Interim Report and if they are unable to give us the explanation required then we will have to meet the Commissioner responsible. Already, the Speaker has told us that he knows only one of the projects himself. So I feel that neither we nor the Speaker knows better. I therefore feel that if we should ask some questions to him, we will not get any answer because the Committee responsible is not in the House. I would like my fellow members to consider what I have said and second me.

**Alh. Muhammadu Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, as the previous speaker has just said, I quite agree with him but all these proposed roads I think were made since between 1972 and 1977 and I am sure now it is the responsibility of the Zonal Engineer unless, of course if they don't have the necessary funds. As for those lists in the second paper, the Government has showed that it will work on them. What exactly I want to draw the attention of the Speaker is that they have been proposed but nothing has been done yet.

**Garba Mohammed Kanwa (Zurmi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to draw the attention of the House that these things that we want to propose are the type of things that we earlier wanted to bring into the House and are the things that we assigned the Business Committee to investigate. If we are given the list of these things, and if we see them and everybody sees what he wants in it or didn't see what he wants, it is then that we can make proposals on them and bring to the House and not now. Because of this, I would like the House to understand that we now set the Committee and we are waiting for their report. Now if we see the report and see what is going to be done and what is not going to be done, then we can have the proposals and the rest of the pro-

jects that the Government is going to execute, we will remind the Government for that. We are now appealing to the Speaker that all the Ministries should be made to secure similar list and it should be outlined clearly whether the work is for the Local Government or for the State Government or for the Federal Government. I would like to apologise to the Speaker for what I am going to say now, appealing to him to give equal chance to all people in the House because every Member here is a man of himself and wants to be heard. I would like your kind consideration on this.

**Alh. Aliyu Binji (Binji):** Mr. Speaker, Sir Hon. Members, I am appealing to Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members of this House to withdraw the motion just introduced because we have a lot of things in front of us, let us have one of those things so that we can continue with the deliberations on them. We need to study the paper before us and understand its contents properly. Thank you.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Alh. Audu Mai Fillo (Gwadabawa):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn its sitting, because today is Friday.

**Alh. Abdullahi Na-Aliyah (Wankaj):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to second the Hon. Member from (Gwadabawa).

**Speaker:** Any objection to the motion?

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That this House do now adjourn.

*The House adjourned accordingly at 11.25 a.m. until Monday, 19th November, 1979 at 10.00.*

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SOKOTO STATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Monday, 19th, 1979

The House met at 10.30 a.m.

### PRAYERS

(The Speaker presided)

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

**Mr. Speaker:** I have to say that we haven't got any message from the Governor.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mr. Speaker:** First, there will be a meeting of the Selection Committee at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow at this usual place. Second, there will be a meeting of all members here on Wednesday at 4.30 p.m. to discuss important matters.

Before we go on there is a serious omission as the recordist hasn't come with his tapes. What do you advise, we do continue or do we wait for him?

**Several Hon. Members:** Yes.

*The House agreed to wait for the Tape Recorder. The House resume at 10.50 a.m.*

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, what we have been waiting for has come. So we continue our deliberations. May I call upon Malam Muhammad Danladi Tsamaye (U/Lalle) to present his motion.

**Malam Muhammad Danladi (U/Lalle):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, what we are requesting for is free water for Unguwar Lalle, Tsamaye and Lajinge. We are facing

so many problems because of diseases in our drinking water.

**Mr. Speaker:** This is the motion presented any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Sule Dan Inna S/Birni (Gatawa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to second the motion brought by my colleague, the Hon. Member from (U/Lalle). There are bore-holes in the said towns but up to now they have not been put into use. Up to now, U/Lalle hasn't got any bore-hole yet and the villages will always have to get water from streams. We therefore plea to the Hon. House to consider this motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Well, in debating this motion, I would like the Members to bear in mind the State Government's commitment to rural development so that our deliberations should be geared towards the achievement of the Government goals. So the floor is open.

**Alh. Muhammadu Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to second the Hon. Member who has just spoken, concerning water supply and disease (Kurkunu). The government should do something about this because the health of people is very important. This disease which the Hon. Member talked about is very dangerous as such the Government should do something about it urgently. I beg to second.

**Alh. Yaro Mamman Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my support on the motion presented by Malam Muh. Danladi (U/Lalle). I think it is the intention of the government to provide water and electricity and also health facilities to rural areas. This disease (Kurkunu) is got from drinking bad water. Health is very important as such, I appeal to this House to support the motion.

**Alh. Mamuda Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I want to draw

the attention of this Hon. House to understand what the Speaker said. The Government has already planned something concerning water supply, and we have almost come to the end of financial year. Not that I don't support what the Hon. Member, Malam Muh. Danladi (U/Lalle) has said. What I mean here is that Members should bring to the House, motions which require immediate attention, for example, the bore-hole he is talking about which has not yet been commissioned. It is necessary for us to see this bore-hole is commissioned immediately and something should also be done about the disease. Each and everyone of us has his own problems to present as such, I am requesting the House to call for the estimates on various projects after which the House can share the work equally and also from this estimates we will know the projects that have already started and those that have not.

**Alh. Garba Liman (Chafe):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to oppose the previous speaker from (Shagari). Having drinking water is very essential to everybody. We need good drinking water to perform our religious obligations and also for healthy conditions. Therefore, the government should look into this matter of supplying good drinking water to these villages.

**Mr. Speaker:** From what the seconder of the motion stated, the problem of water is in two parts, in two of the villages there are idle bore-holes and in the other village there is nothing done. I feel we should know about the two bore-holes and their conditions and how far have reached before we can suggest to the government. As for the village where there are no bore-holes, we have to think of the quickest means of providing them with water and health as well. So I should like you to deliberate on these, to know what should be said to the government.

**Alh. Sama'ial Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, according to

my understanding of Sabon Birni, this area usually get its drinking water from base river and now the river is dry. Apart from this, one has to dig deeply into the ground in order to construct a well. These people are really suffering, I am quite aware of the efforts of the Local Government. I therefore appeal to the Members of this House to please consider this motion. I am also appealing to Mr. Speaker to please allow the Majority Leader to give more explanation on this, because when we sent to Ministry of Rural and Urban Development, they explained to us all their problems.

**Majority Leader: (Alh. Muh. Augi)** (Augi): Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, we had the chance of visiting Ministry of Rural and Urban Development...

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there such a Ministry? I know we have Rural and Urban Committee.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, we went to the Ministry of Rural Development? I mean the Business Committee. We checked what the Ministry have at hand, The Permanent Secretary told us that the Ministry has just been established and they are still organising themselves. In their plan the intention of supplying water to various villages and also sinking of 1,000 wells. They also promised to bring the plans to the House so that we can deliberate on them. According to Ministry's findings, it is easier to dig wells in the Western part of Sokoto than the Eastern part because of the nature of the soil. More wells will be dig on the Western part and they will build dams in the Eastern part. They have the intention of constructing two types of wells one which can be operated manually and second type will have a small machine attached to it. They will also bring to this House, their plans concerning water supply. At present, they have established rural water supply in some towns. I think when this plan comes to this House, anyone having a motion concerning water supply will be satisfied;

**Mr. Speaker:** May I know from the Chairman, Business Committee where the three of the existing bore-holes?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development has explained to us already that there are those existing idle bore-holes but they are now looking for materials to repairs them and they will have a team to go and find out and they are looking for workers. About 100 Secondary School Leavers to be trained to work on these bore-holes.

**Mr. Speaker:** Once more, as the question before us concerns housing and water, I think it is better we finish with it so that we should finalise what to suggest to the government as a matter of urgency concerning the motion.

**Alh. Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am not opposing what the Business Committee Chairman has said. These people, their motion is special because of this, I think it is better for this House to deliberate on their motion urgently so that we can direct the government to give them water supply and look into their health.

**Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I believe this deliberation which is brought before us is an important one as it includes something pertaining to health care. We learnt that two of the three villages mentioned, there are bore-holes but they are not functioning and only one is in need of bore-hole. We have to direct that these bore-holes be repaired and those without it should have one. Those affected by the guinea worm must have a medical team from Health Office sent to give and treat them.

**Mr. Speaker:** May I call on Alh. Sule Dan-Inna (Gatawa) to tell us what he knows of the bore-holes.

**Alh. Sule San-Inna:** There are more than 60 bore-holes at Sabon Birni.

**Mr. Speaker:** What about them?

**Alh. Sule Dan-Inna (Gatawa):** Mr. Speaker, those people assigned to do this work have finished it but the government has not received it from them.

**Mr. Speaker:** Well, Hon. Members, this is a very good pointer. When we bring motions concerning our constituencies, we will be prepared to point out everything, as such there is no point to bring a motion without investigating it throughly. So I advise if you have motions either with you or already with the Clerk, please investigate from the departments concerned.

**Alh. Sule Dan-Inna S/Birni (Gatawa):** Mr. Speaker, before we come across them, we will be picking then accordingly and it is you who will defend the motions individually as submitted. If you do not know much of your motions, who will know? Now, I should like us to finalise on this motion and resolve on what the government will do.

**Alh. Sadi Isa (Isa):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to amend on what Alh. Sule has said. On this bore-holes, I know something as the Speaker said. These people that the Hon. Member, Alh. Danladi (U/Lalle) speaking of are in fact, Islamically, it is better to look into these peoples' demand. Actually, they are suffering, water is good to them, thus Tsamaye, U/Lalle, Lajinge. There are more than 120 villages that do not know in which government they are.

**Mr. Speaker:** Would it mean that they do not pay tax? At least they know where they are.

**Alh. Sadi Isa (Isa):** Mr. Speaker Sir, they are aware but as you know, if people pay tax they know there is government but the

government should know of their existence too.

**Mr. Speaker:** That is what we are doing. Hon. Members, we have been commenting on this, what we should do is to resolve what to approach the government with.

**Alh. Abubakar Mainasara Zagga (BagudoZagga):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, what I consider for the government to do for this areas as far as I know about the arrangements. I only know something concerning bore-holes. If we get one million bore-holes and they are not functioning, it is useless. This is an indication that it is a minor thing that is disallowing the functioning of the bore-holes. Isa Local Government has sent a delegation to see to the bore-holes.

**Mr. Speaker:** What we really want is what to do, to submit to the government.

**Alh. Abubakar Mainasara Zagga (Zagga-Bagudo):** What the Government should do about this is that the Government should send people to see to the problem of these people. There are expert concerning this bore-holes, so the Government should send people to see what has been done, that I feel is reasonable.

**Alh. Usman Sa'adu (Sakaba):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, in respect of debate brought to this House, I understand that the whole House has agreed to that motion. In this respect, if there are other items on the agenda because majority of the people have agreed on it. Because of this, whoever helps somebody will be helped by God. (*He quotes to support this point but in Arabic.*)

**Mr. Speaker:** Arabic is not one of the languages adopted in the House. I have to call our attention to the situation which seems to escape your memories. Bore-hole are the responsibilities of the Water Board

and they were returned to the Local Government which will not be able to carry out the functions, so, what duty we want the Government to take over.

**Alh. Yahaya Magarya (Wurno):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am appealing to the Speaker of the House and the Honourable Members of the House, in respect of the Honourable Member that brought the motion on the bore-holes and the certain disease which is being spread in their area. I support that they should be helped with immediate effect and we should follow. The Government should go to the Local Government to ensure that these bore-holes have been prepared and find out where these bore-holes are. These are the type of people to be given priority. I am supporting the idea concerning that bore-holes, I want the House to help us in respect of the motions brought by the Hon. Member for the Government to see to this matter.

**Mr. Speaker:** To take over the bore-holes from the Local Government and ensure that they are all commissioned. Are you in support that this should be taken to the Government? Order, Order. Is there anybody against the motion to returning bore-holes to Government? So we all agree that it should be taken over by the Government? What about the areas we are talking about, do you agree that immediately they take over these areas should first be seen to? So we now resolve on this, so we go to the next.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That Government should take over bore-holes from the Local Government and also see to it that the areas of Unguwar Lalle, Tsamaye and Lajinge in Isa Local Government should get first priority.

#### PRESENTATION OF MOTION

*Progress Report on the New Post Primary Institution at Sabon Birni. — Malam Muhammadu D. Tsamaye (U/Lalle).*

**M. Muh. Danladi Tsamaye (U/Lalle):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, the motion I wish to bring up now is that the Government has purchase a plot in S/Birni and said it is going to build a Post Primary Institution in the area. The school has not been built and we are not allowed to farm on the plot which is about 20 acres. If the Government does not want the plot, it should better give it to us for farming.

**Mr. Speaker:** May I know from Honourable Member Danladi (U/Lalle), has the area been compensated?

**M. Muh. Danladi Tsamaye (U/Lalle):** Mr. Speaker, yes.

**Mr. Speaker:** For what particular school has this area been acquired?

**M. Muh. Danladi Tsamaye (U/Lalle):** Mr. Speaker, for Teachers' Training College.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I have to intervene here to this very plot as they are about 40 in former North Western State. Some of them have been used for building Teachers' Colleges for the UPE scheme, some have been used for Secondary Schools and some are yet to be used. So, as the plot is acquired by the Government, I think we should leave it and pursue the matter of getting it used. So I advise the proposer of the motion, Hon. Member from (U/Lalle) to withdraw it and then go to the Ministry of Education and find their plans for their Local Governments for building Post-Primary Institution there and try to have one switched there. So that is my advise.

**M. Muh. Danladi Tsamaye (U/Lalle):** Mr. Speaker, what am I going to withdraw, to farm in the plot or to build a school?

**Mr. Speaker:** What is your actual motion there?

**M. Muh. Danladi Tsamaye (U/Lalle):** Mr. Speaker, my motion is to build a school.

**Mr. Speaker:** Well, according to what we have, it is Progress Report on the new Post-Primary Institution at Sabon Birni. I thought at first there is a school going on which is not going on schedule. So we are not reporting on it.

**An Hon. Member:** I want to explain.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Muhammadu Augi (Majority Leader).

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member from (U/Lalle) has brought the motion that the school should either be built on the plot or be given to the farmers to farm. But what he should have brought is to ask for the school to be built. I therefore wish to advise him to go to the Ministry of Education to find out why the building of the School has not started.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, what is actually on their paper is Progress Report on the new Post-Primary Institution at Sabon Birni, you can't report on anything. So it is the Progress Report that we are expecting not requesting for a new Post-Primary Institution. So we either close the motion or you withdraw it and bring it later. Which do we do

**M. Muh. Danladi Tsamaye (U/Lalle):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to withdraw the motion.

*Motion by leave withdrawn.*

**Mr. Speaker:** Right, the motion is withdrawn, we go to the next. I call upon Alhaji Dantsamaye (Kaddi).

**PRESENTATION OF MOTION**

*Government to look into the Contract awarded on the Illela-Unguwar Lalle Road (Alhaji Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi)).*

**Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I appeal to this House to help us, we the villagers of Gada in the contract awarded on Illela-Unguwar Lalle Road. The contract has been signed since 1st January, 1979. The Company to which the contract was awarded has already started taking their equipments there, as if they are going to start the work, but up to now their equipments are lying down there idle. Therefore, I would like this Hon. House to request the Commissioner for Works to come and explain to us whether this Company has not been given the contract or what is actually happening. All work which has not progress is just useless. If we look into the previous work of the Company, we will see that the Company is just of no use to this State. We are therefore, appealing to the House to ask the Commissioner for Works to come and explain to the House.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there any support to the summoning of the Commissioner for works?

**Alh. Yusufu S/Gulbi (Tureta):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye that this Company should be investigated and that the Commissioner for Works should be summoned to the House for explanation.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there any objection as to the summoning of the Commissioner? Do you all agree that the Commissioner should be summoned?

**Several Hon. Members:** Yes, Yes.

**Mr. Speaker:** I suggest at his earliest convenience.

**An Hon. Member:** Comment.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I should like you to realise that Hon. the Commissioner is new to the office. He is yet to know those he is working with so we should give

him at least 3 days to prepare before coming here. So should I suggest we summon him on Friday.

**Several Hon. Member:** Yes.

**An Hon. Member:** Comment.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is that all agreed? Any objection to it?

**Sani Moh. Galadi (Jangeru/Galadi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I wish to oppose the motion which says that the Commissioner for Works should be summoned here on Friday because I see that Friday is a very short working day and I propose that he should come on Thursday instead.

**An Hon. Member:** Comment.

**Mr. Speaker:** Your comment, please.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, my comment is that we should write what we want the Commissioner should come to explain to the House.

**INTERRUPTIONS**

**Mr. Speaker:** What he is expected is to come and explain to the House the situation of the contract of that road.

Now there are two points to clear. Those in favour of calling the Commissioner on Thursday should put up their hands.

*Several Hon. Members put their hands up.*

**Mr. Speaker:** Well, unless you are going to vote twice. It appears that those who want the Commissioner to come on Thursday are greater. So we call him on Thursday.

**An Hon. Member:** We have no objection.

*Question and motion put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the Commissioner for Works should be summoned before the

House to explain on the construction of the Illela-Unguwar Lalle Road on Thursday, 22nd November, 1979.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members, let me warn you, if we summon the Commissioner here, he will only answer questions on the project in question. He is not a computer as such we have to ask him questions on the topic he is aware of.

**Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu (Gwandu):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to second the motion that the government should explain on the construction of Unguwar Lalle Road. What I mean by this is to call the Commissioner to come and explain, because it has been a year since this contract was awarded and nothing was done.

I want this House to know that we have a lot of demands in this State concerning roads and many other things which effect the Commissioner for Works. After the Commissioner's visit, I want other Commissioners to come and explain to the House what they have during this financial year so that we will prevent duplication of work.

**Mr. Speaker:** This is totally a new motion. The question of summoning the Commissioners has to come in its time. Is there any seconder to the motion?

**Several Hon. Members:** Motion about what?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order! Besides asking the Commissioner for Works to explain on the construction of Illele/Unguwar Lalle Road, other Hon. Members requested that all the Commissioners should be summoned here one at a time to explain what they have during the next financial year. Any seconder to the motion.

**Alh. Dandare Saminu (Koko):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on the question of

summoning the Commissioners.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am asking for a seconder if you don't want to second, please sit down. Any seconder to the motion?

**Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the Hon. Member Alhaji Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu that is for the Commissioners to come and explain their proposals for financial year.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, is there any objection to the motion?

**Alh. Abdu Dantagago (Gulma):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, my opinion on this motion is to call the Commissioner concern after understanding his explanation then if anything arises from another Ministry then we can call the Commissioner of that Ministry, because I am sure there is no contract awarded without having the money in the estimate. This does not concern financial year.

**Mr. Speaker:** Point of correction, the proposal is to call the Commissioners to explain to the House what they have as proposals for the financial year. Any objection as to calling the Commissioners one by one?

**A. T. Anka (Anka):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I object the motion of calling the Commissioner to explain their proposals to the House. These Commissioners are new and they don't really know what is happening in their Ministries yet.

**Mr. Speaker:** We have got a counter motion. Those in favour of summoning the Commissioners should raise up their hands.

Those not in favour should put up their hands.

*Question put and negatived.*

**Several Hon. Members:** We need more explanations!

**Mr. Speaker:** Its seems to me those not in favour are by far more than those in favour.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, Order, Order, here is a special announcement, those with electrical fault in their houses are expected in their houses for repairs and we are in session. So it should be after.

**Shafiu Salihu (Dansadau):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I want the Speaker to explain to us that the Commissioner is not a computer and it is only this project we are going to ask a question and we have already submitted our motions which is like those previous brought up, because a contract was given from Gusau-Dansadau and we have heard that the amount of money on this contract to this Company is huge and the Company refused to do the work. They carry their equipment to the river and when they heard that the Governor is going to Gusau they carry their vans to the river. When the Governor passed they aske if the Governor will come back.....

When they heard that he will not come back they returned their equipment to Gusau. Is it possible for us to ask the Commissioner for Works on this issue. This is what I want the Speaker to explain to us.

**Mr. Speaker:** I said that Commissioners are not Computers. If there are other things we want to put in question we have to invite him so that he should be prepared for the questions, even computers have to be fed before they asked, so if the House is of the opinion of asking question on the projects, it is to be resolved before the House some moment, for we have to tell him what we are going to ask him and be specific on what we will ask him. Do not forget that if the Com-

missioner fails to answer the House, is an apparent indication of his incapability, as such we should not put them in such difficulties to issue. We should give them an advance notice. That is previously what I mean by they are not computers and I believe they are not and I say they are not. So if you want it you can ask the House to resolve and ask for him to come.

**Shafiu Salihu (Dansadau):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I beg to second over this issue on Gusau-Dansadau road.

**Mr. Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Abdullahi Na-Allah (Wanke):** It is good that...

**Mr. Speaker:** Are you seconding or elaborating?

**Alh. Abdullahi Na-Allah (Wanke):** Mr. Speaker, I second the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there my objection as to ask the Commissioner to prepare to answer questions on this project. Is there any objection to it?

**Alh. Muh. Nomau (B/Tudu):** Mr. Speaker, I oppose the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Well, is enough, you do not have to give reason for it. Those in favour of asking the Commissioner to prepare on asking questions on two projects Illela-Gada-Unguwar Lalle and Gusau-Dansadau roads, hands up? So the Commissioner is to prepare questions on the two projects. Once more, I said that he is not a computer so the two questions are enough for him. He is to find the time, even though, the time is limited for any elaboration from the Commissioner. That will be next time. If you have any, reserve it.

**Alh. Sule Dan-Inna S/Birni (Gatawa):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I am sad that the motion brought by the Hon. Member Danladi Tsamaye (U/Lalle). I am not happy that it should be withdrawn. This question of school, is something worrying us, because a town like Sabon Birni deserves it but there are a lot of towns which have got their higher institutions. We discovered that this field is for the Federal Government, for the establishment of this institutions. This is the right time for us to express our opinion but we are tired to be denied.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sorry Hon. Member, I have asked him to withdraw and then re-frame his motion right from the start. I have explained the situation concerning the plot. Gwandu has such a plot, luckily it has got its own school. Jega has the same it has also got its own. There are some others similar to that of S/Birni. The plots are Federal Government plots even they are for UPE. I know very well of each plots. So what I suggest is that the main request for a school to be built should be brought to the House and that is my advise. I think it is a good one.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

**Alh. Mainasara Giyawa (Giyawa):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I beg to move that the House be adjourned to enable us to

go back to our houses for repairs as some of us are still sharing houses with our colleagues, because ours are not repaired.

**Mr. Speaker:** This is a motion for adjournment. Any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Abdu Marafa (Bashire):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I second the motion for the House to be adjourned.

**Mr. Speaker:** Any objection to the seconder?

**Majority Leader:** Those who brought a motion without relevancy or explanation should come and correct it.

**Mr. Speaker:** May I suggest the Chairman, Business Committee, you go over the motions submitted, consult anybody you think fit he should re-frame his motion. It will be easier to do it one by one than come to you all at a time. So remember the House adjourns till tomorrow at 10.00 a.m. sharp.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That this House do now adjourn.

*The House adjourned accordingly at 12.40 p.m. till tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.*



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Thursday, 20th November, 1979.

*The House met at 1.20 p.m.*

**PRAYERS**

*(The Deputy Speaker presided)*

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**Deputy Speaker:** De don't have any.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Deputy Speaker:** There will be a meeting of the Selection Committee today at 4.30 p.m. at the house of the Legislature.

**PRESENTATION OF MOTION**

**Deputy Speaker:** I would now like to call on the Chairman of the Committee who is as well the Majority Leader to present the report before the House.

**Majority Leader: (Alh. Muh. Augi (Augi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, though we have started, it was not our intention to start at this time but due to certain difficulties in typing the report. I hope you will remember the meeting that we held last in which we gave report of our visit to the Ministry of Works. This report that I am going to present to you now is a continuation of that report. Now I am presenting two reports both in English and Hausa translations.

**INTERIM REPORT OF BUSINESS  
COMMITTEE OF THE SOKOTO  
STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
— 20th November, 1979.**

**TERM OF REFERENCE:**— Continuation

of the Business Committee's Investigation Round to Ministries, based on the Items that were on the Agenda of the House's Sitting of 15/11/1979.

**Composition of the Committee**

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| (1) Alh. Moh'd Augi        | (Chairman)  |
| (2) Alh. Sama'ila Nabame   | (Member)    |
| (3) Alh. Tambari Dingyadi  | (Member)    |
| (4) Sambo Wonaka           | (Member)    |
| (5) Jeli S/Sudan           | (Member)    |
| (6) Alh. Labbon Gayi       | (Member)    |
| (7) Abubakar Shu'aibu      | (Member)    |
| (8) Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu | (Member)    |
| (9) Danladi Usman          | (Secretary) |

*In continuation of the Business Committee's investigation to Ministries, the members went to the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources in order to investigate a motion presented to the House by Alh. Sama'ila Sani. The motion was that the Zuru Forest Reserve should be moved out of town in order that the land can be provided to people to build houses upon. The committee was told by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry that question was discussed about 18 years ago, but nothing was done about it. The leader of the Majority at that juncture pointed out to the Permanent Secretary that Zuru town is now so tight as a result of the situation of that Forest Reserve. The committee was finally informed that the Ministry will have no objection to the forest being moved so long as they discuss the issue with the Zuru Local Government and debate the issue in the House. If the House comes to the conclusion that they want the forest moved, a directive will be given to the Ministry to move the forest accordingly.*

*The committee members then proceeded to the Ministry for Rural Development and Co-operatives. This is in order to find out what the Ministry is doing about certain roads that are its responsibility in rural areas and also the possibility of certain towns and*

*villages having wells or boreholes.*

*The Permanent Secretary explained to the members that the planning committee of this Ministry has in consultation with the Ministry of Works been trying to determine what roads belong to this Ministry for purposes of estimates. He further promised that, the matter will be referred to the House itself to determine what roads they wish his Ministry to take over. As regards the question of wells and bore-holes, the Permanent Secretary explained to the members that his Ministry has a proposal to construct 100 bore-holes and 100 wells, the locations of which will be referred to the House for determination. When asked by Alh. Sama'ila Nabame about the Co-operative Movement in this Ministry, he explained that his Ministry plans to open one Co-operative Society in each Local Government Area. On the question of purchase of grains from farmers, he said that the Ministry has a loan of ₦2.6m for the purpose. The members then explained that, that was too small in view of the bumper harvest this year. He explained that a Task-Forces Committee has been formed to look into the possibility of getting more Loans and that the State Government is also looking for ways and means of setting its own Co-operative Bank.*

*The members then proceeded to the Ministry of Health, but founded the Commissioner and Permanent Secretary not in seat. The Committee was in the Ministry to investigate a motion, that of General Hospital for Rabah by M. Musa Lauya. However, the Principal Assistant Secretary of the Ministry promised the members that he will see the Commissioner so that they will together prepare the Ministry's proposals for 1975-80 and 1980-85. The proposals are hereby presented to all the members of the House;*

**Alh. Muhammadu Augi**  
Chairman

**Danladi Usman**  
Secretary

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I would now like to explain the report with your approval.

**Deputy Speaker:** What I want the Hon. Members to understand is that the report has been read by the Majority Leader but we are not going to discuss on it now. If you have any questions or explanations that you need from him, you can do so but we are not going to discuss it now we are only presenting it, so as to study it before any day or date when it may be re-introduced again for the Second reading. So may I call on the Majority Leader to give his explanations to the House.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, on the explanation which I have started earlier concerning Zuru Forest Reserve, the Ministry of Agriculture said that it has no objection if the House decides to enact a law concerning this Forest Reserve.

Concerning the Ministry of Rural Development, they explained to us that they have the intention of constructing 100 bore-holes and 1,000 wells but they have not yet proposed where and when they are going to start the projects. That will be after the House has passed a resolution on it. As you all know, this Ministry was established two months ago.

Ministry of Health as you can see on one of the papers given to you, this has shown the proposals of this Ministry. I think we should leave that until when the paper comes for the Second reading.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, anybody willing to ask any question concerning this issue can refer it to the Chairman of the Business Committee (Majority Leader), who is to answer the questions.

**Alh. Umaru (Besse):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, my question to the Chairman of

this Committee is in the report, it has shown that they have visited the Ministry of Agriculture, what explanations did you get from the Ministry? I will like the Chairman to explain this to the House.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, the explanation the Ministry of Agriculture gave us was concerning the Zuru Forestry Officer suggested that the people of Zuru town can continue building round the forest reserve, so that at the long-run, the forest reserve will be engulfed in the town. We thought this will be dangerous because it can provide hide-out for criminals. He also sighted examples of towns overseas where forest reserves are found inside towns. The Committee members told him that Nigeria has not yet reached that standard.

At the end, the Ministry says that it has no objections to our proposals.

**Deputy Speaker:** May I please remind Members to bear in mind that we shall not discuss this issue until it comes back to the House for the second reading.

**Alh. Sule (Moriki):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, the Chairman of the Business Committee stated that they visited the Ministry of Health but they did not meet either the Commissioner nor the Permanent Secretary. In that case, how did they get the projects progress reports just distributed to us?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I want the Hon. Member from (Moriki) to know that in the absence of either the Commissioner or the Permanent Secretary, there are other staff in the Ministry e.g. the Deputy Permanent Secretary. The person whom we have contacted, promised to inform the Commissioner and the Permanent Secretary of our visit. As regards the progress reports presented to you, this is something which the Ministry has in its records, all they did was to provide us with several copies.

**Alh. Sule Moriki (Moriki):** Mr. Speaker, I want the Majority Leader to please explain the proposed project of the Ministry of Health.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon. Member from (Moriki) want me to go through the list one at a time?

**Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member, Alh. Sule (Moriki), you have already got the report all you have to do is to go through it and when it comes back to the House, we can then elaborate on it.

**Alh. Moh. Yaro (Sokoto/Gagi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, the Majority Leader said that they have visited the Ministry of Agriculture. All they could bring to the House was a report concerning Zuru Forest Reserve only. Does this mean they did not investigate what the Ministry has for the whole State or is the Business Committee going back to the Ministry to investigate on more? Members should remember that it is the responsibility of this Ministry to help farmers and also to provide them with fertilizers.

**Deputy Speaker:** Majority Leader, will you please answer the question?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, what you sent us for is to go and see the Ministry over the question of this forest reserve in Zuru but we even go further than that. We got for you among other things an explanation of what the government proposed to do to the farmers within the coming years but we have not received the details of this from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture until on Thursday and we will print and distribute it to you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member from (Sokoto/Gagi), the Majority Leader has answered question. Are you satisfied?

**Alh. Yaro Moh. Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** Mr. Speaker, I am satisfied.

**Umaru Usman (Dundaye):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I am glad to see these reports on the hospitals. What I want from the Speaker and the rest of the Members, the hospitals that we have in this State, I would like this Hon. House to direct the distribution of medicine....

**Deputy Speaker:** May I call the attention of the Hon. Member from (Dundaye), that we are not to discuss on this issue. It is only presented to you to go and study.

**Alh. Muh. Sani Galadi (Jangeru/Galadi):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, what I want to ask is that in the report which the Committee has submitted today, I have seen where it is indicated that grains will be bought. My question is pertaining to this purchase of grains. I hope the Chairman of this Committee knows the purchase of this grains. Were the grains when purchased, be brought so that it will be sold to the farmers here after or is it going to be used for other purpose; or is it going to be used on helping the people? That is my question.

**Deputy Speaker:** The question is thrown to you Majority Leader.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I will like to tell you that 'English as it is, you write it in one word and it is translated in another'. The amount shown is for the purchase of produce and when we say produce we do not mean grains. The one who translated the word as grains has made a mistake. This money has been set aside for Co-operative Society to purchase Cotton and Groundnuts and the amount is N2½m (Two and a half Million Naira). One of us suggested to the Permanent Secretary that the amount is too small and he agreed and further explained that the government is intending to establish Co-operative Banks. The amount is for the purchase of groundnuts and cotton produce for the current season. It is not for the purchase of millet and guinea-corn as assumed, for it is for this purpose, even N100,000 (One

Hundred Thousand Naira) will not be enough.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, before we go on, may we please make some corrections. In the report there which is translated in Hausa on page 2 it should be 8th and 9th so you please take note.

**Alh. Sambo Wonaka (Minority Leader) (Mada):** Hon. Speakers, Hon. Members, I rise to ask a question to the Majority Leader, even though I am a member of this Committee myself, now, though all the effort that the Majority Leader has put in making this report possible was together with me, I would like to ask him if it is possible to bring complain similar to that of Zuru so that we go back to the Ministry of Agriculture with it, if it is possible, we have similar forestry in Gusau.

**Deputy Speaker:** May I ask the Hon. Member from (Mada) to sit down. This is a report from the Business Committee, we have not yet introduced it as a Bill, so you can ask question on what we have already reported here not on what we are going to do later.

**Alh. Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, my question goes to the Majority Leader, may I know from you Majority Leader whether you are aware that the proposed one thousand bore-holes and the one thousand wells are coming out of this years estimate or next year's estimate?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, before I give answer to the question, I will like to remind the Speaker that it is stated one-hundred bore-holes and one-hundred wells, please Hon. Members let us all correct it, it is one-hundred bore-holes and not one-thousand bore-holes. We do not have money for that. This is just a proposal and you are Members of this House, it will be brought to you to indicate when and where they are go-

ing to be done and if you can afford to make the amount of money we will be able to do them and even if you have the money it will be difficult to get the required manpower to do it within this financial year. I feel that some of the bore-holes will be done this year and we leave the rest till next year and next and the next and the next, may be it will take us all term to finish it. Because of the intention of the NPN Government of Developing Rural Areas, we will be able to raise enough money to complete the project within two years, but I will prefer it to be done in one year if possible.

**Deputy Speaker:** May I ask Hon. Member from (Shagari) whether he is satisfied with the answer or not.

**Alh. Mamuda Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, I am satisfied, thank you.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Alh. Mamman Danladi (Unguwar Lalle):** I beg to move for adjournment until tomorrow because now, it is time for prayers, I beg for secondment.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, before we seek for secondment, I will like to remind you this report is presented to you so as to go and study it so that we can make any amendment or agree with it before it is represented as a bill. Any seconder to the motion.

**Alh. Audu Kangiwa (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I support the motion of adjournment till ten O'clock tomorrow, because this will give us time to prepare for the meeting of Selection Committee which is scheduled for 4.30 p.m. today.

**Deputy Speaker:** I am happy that you reminded us of the meeting of the Selection Committee, so the House adjourns now at 2.07. It will resume tomorrow at ten O'clock in the morning.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That this House do now adjourn.

*The House adjourned accordingly at 2.07 p.m. till tomorrow at 10.00 p.m.*

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Wednesday, 21st November, 1979.

The House met at 11.00 a.m.

(The Deputy Speaker presided)

PRAYERS

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Deputy Speaker: We don't have any.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Speaker: There isn't any.

PRESENTATION OF MOTION

Expansion of Dange Dispensary

Deputy speaker: I would now like to call on the mover of this motion Alh. S.U. Dange (Dange) to move the motion before the House.

Alh. S. Umar (Dange): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I bring this motion of expansion of Dange Dispensary because at present, the Dispensary is worse and there is nothing in it. Anybody who has any illness from Dange has to go to Amanawa or straight to Sokoto. Though the Dispensary is one of the oldest dispensaries since during the Native Authority, we are always being backward in getting drugs in this Dispensary. Because of this, I bring this motion to this House for expansion. Beside Dange, we have neighbours like Tsamiya and Tureta, they are all being treated at the Dispensary. At present, even those who are in Dange town cannot get medicine in this dispensary what more of those who are from neighbouring villages? That is why I bring this motion and I beg to second.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, you all heard from the Hon. Member, Alh. Umaru Sanda (Dange) on the motion he has brought to the House, any seconder to the motion?

Alh. Shehu Abdullahi (Kaura Namoda): Mr. Speaker, I second the motion brought by my colleague, the Hon. Member for Dange for their Dispensary which he wants to be expanded in view of the fact that they do not have sufficient drugs.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the motion has been seconded by Alh. Shehu Abdullahi (Kaura Namoda) any objection to it?

An Hon. Member: Question.

Deputy Speaker: Any amendment?

Hon. Member: Yes.

Deputy Speaker: Yes, Alh. Sarkin Shanu.

Alh. Sani Kamba (Dendi): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Member, I rise to make some amendment for the person who has brought this motion. Expansion is different from requesting shows that their dispensary has no drugs, but in his motion he is seeking for expansion. In view of this, I would like the Hon. Member from Dange to tell the House whether he wants the Dispensary to be expanded, more drugs to be supplied to the Dispensary, or a Rural Health Centre to be built.

Deputy Speaker: May I call on the Hon. Member S.U. Dange to please give more explanation to the understanding of the House. Do you need an expansion of the present dispensary, a Rural Health Centre or the supply of drugs to the present dispensary?

Alh. S. U. Dange (Dange): Mr. Speaker, sure I want the present dispensary to be expanded.

Deputy Speaker: How do you want the dispensary to be expanded? Is that all you can explain to the House?

Alh. S. U. Dange: Mr. Speaker, that is all I can explain.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, you have heard what the mover of the motion, Alh. S. U. Dange has just said. I don't know if Members are satisfied with what the Hon. Member said.

Alh. Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, what my colleague (from Dange) means is that everything in the dispensary should be improved. A new dispensary should be built and drugs supplied to dispensary. I am quite sure at present Dange Dispensary has no provisions for emergency cases, if possible that should also be provided. I hope Hon. Members are now quite clear.

Deputy Speaker: May I call on the Hon. Member, Tambari Dingyadi and the rest of the Members of this House to please note that nobody can move a motion while somebody else makes explanation for him. Anybody moving a motion should be able to explain it to the House.

Deputy Speaker: I will now call on the Hon. Member from Dange to withdraw his motion as he cannot satisfy the House, until such a time.....

Several Members: No! No!

Deputy Speaker: So you want us to continue with this, but you have earlier said you are not satisfied with the Hon. Member Alh. S. U. Dange's explanation.

Several Members: We are satisfied!!

Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to

refer the House to page 2 of the Proposed Project for the Fourth National Development Plan 1980-1985 received from the Ministry of Health, where it says P.H.C. at Kebbe, Mada, Binji, Rabah, Jabo, Yeldu, Makera, Suru, Aliero, Illo, Maru, Dange, Dirin Daji and Gumbi. I think what this Hon. Member is requesting for, has already been included in the Ministry of Health's proposal. As such I am appealing to the Hon. Member of this motion to withdraw his motion.

Deputy Speaker: We thank the Hon. Member who referred us to the papers we received yesterday. I think that has finalised the issue so we now go to item 7.

I now call on Alh. Muhammadu Augi (Augi) to present the programme for the session, 1979/80.

Alh. Moh. Augi (Maj. Leader): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, a Committee has been assigned to draw a Time-Table of the House for the year 1979/80.

Deputy Speaker: Mr. Majority Leader, will you please excuse me. In addition to what we have on item 7, I would like you to take correction. You should please change the time for the daily sitting of the House as shown in the time table the time should be 12.00 noon to 2 p.m.

Hon. Member, I apologise this should come as a motion next time so may I ask the Majority Leader to continue with his submission.

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker sir, Hon. Members, we in the Business Committee were instructed to present one year Calendar of operation or one year Calendar of work. It started from 1st October, 1979 and ends on 30th September, 1980. The table is as follows:

Sokoto State House of Assembly Programme of  
 Session For the Year 1/10/79 to 30/9/1980.

Month	From	To	No. of Days
October 1979	2/10/1979	4/10/1979	3 Days
	15/10/1979	25/10/1979	10 "
Nov./Dec. 1979	12/11/1979	12/12/1979	30 "
<b>Christmas Break</b>			
January 1980	7/1/1980	27/1/1980	20 "
February 1980	15/2/1980	24/3/1980	38 "
<b>Spring Break</b>			
April 1980	15/4/1980	30/4/1980	15 "
<b>Planting Season Break</b>			
May 1980	15/5/1980	30/5/1980	15 "
June/July 1980	20/6/1980	15/7/1980	25 "
<b>El-el-Fitr Break</b>			
August/Sept. 1980	15/8/1980	16/9/1980	30 "
		Total	184 Days

This is liable to some minor changes depending on convenience.

Note: Public holidays are included for Committees to work as each Committee will be given an office and a Clerk to work with them.

Speaker: Hon. Members, you have heard from the Chairman of the Business Committee and this is what he has presented to the House. Any seconder to this?

This is just draft for your approval.

Alh. Bawa Dan-Ali (B/Magaji): Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I beg to second the Majority Leader who presented this motion.

Speaker: The calendar is being presented

and seconded by Alh. Dan-Ali. Anybody wishing to speak on this or make comments? So we have all agreed on this.

Question put and agreed to.

PRESENTATION OF MOTION

Provision of adequate Farm Lands for Ambursa Farmers

Alh. Shehu Mutawalle (Ambursa): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I beg to propose this motion of the provision of adequate farm lands for the people of Ambursa. There is piece of land in the area which some people inherited from their great grand fathers but it is sad to note that the piece of land has been seized from these people, by the former North-Western State government

and given to some Fulanis who have now settled in the area to graze their cattle. Even though the government has already provided the Fulanis with a special grazing land and this land is quite near to the piece of land in question, the size of the acquired land by the government is up to 2,550 acres. Though it is fenced and cemented, the Fulanis were not given the opportunity to use it. Instead, they settled down in other peoples' land which was hither-to being used for agricultural purposes.

The original owners of this piece of land derived their means of livelihood from this same piece of land. Because of this act by the Fulanis, these people are now redundant. They have been refused of this land and the Fulanis were brought to settle on the land at their own expense. Therefore, Hon. Members, I am seeking your support in resolving this issue.

We are all here for the same purpose which is to protect suppression and oppression. I hope the House will consider the matter carefully and effect a lasting solution to it.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member for (Ambursa) before you sit, may I ask you the number of acres seized from these people?

Alh. Shehu Mutawalle (Ambursa): Mr. Speaker Sir, this place is a very big area. It has not been measured but the size of this area is up to 2,000 acres, thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the motion is brought by the Hon. Member, Alh. Mutawalle (Ambursa), any seconder?

Alh. Abdullahi Gusau (Wanke): Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I support the Hon. Member for (Ambursa) on this motion.

Deputy Speaker: The motion has been seconded, anybody who has objection?

Alh. Barmo Galadima (Danchadi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that when a motion is brought to the House, you should just not support it without understanding it so I object to this motion.

Deputy Speaker: You have to give your reasons.

Alh. Barmo Galadima (Danchadi): Hon. Speaker, my reason is why should the Hon. Member, Alh. Abdullahi Gusau (Wanke) just second him without knowing the place?

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, any seconder to the objection by Hon. Member Alh. Barmo (Danchadi)?

Alh. Garba Doka (Diggi): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to second the Hon. Member, Mutawalle.

Deputy Speaker: May I ask the Hon. Member to sit. We are asking for a seconder to the objection as the mover Alh. Mutawalle has already been seconded.

Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa): Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I beg to second the previous speaker, Hon. Member for (Danchadi) who opposed what the Hon. Member, Mutawalle (Ambursa) proposed. My objection is, the Hon. Member who brought this issue did not state it clearly. He said the farmlands have been seized and given to the Fulanis while the same Fulanis were not given the chance to use the grazing area. He did not explain well so that we can understand which is which.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, we have earlier heard that the motion has been seconded and has been objected later. And the objection has also been seconded. So may I ask whether there is anybody now who seconds this motion which seconded the

second. We are going to discuss on both objection and supports before we go down to vote on the issue.

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Hon. Speaker Sir, my fellow Hon. Members, I feel the motion brought by the Hon. Member, Mutawalle (Ambursa) is supposed to have been resolved by the Hon. Member Alh. Mutawalle himself, because since the Local Government was formed he had been the Chairman (Birnin Kebbi), since these Fulanis have been allocated a grazing land, I feel it is the responsibility of the Local Government to see that they move to the area. If the Hon. Member wants this House to do something about it, then, he should explain what he wants the House to do. It could be possible that the Fulanis were not provided with enough facilities in the grazing reserves, this could be part of the reason why they abandoned it. Because of this, we seek for more explanations from the Hon. Member, Alh. Mutawalle because it is only then we shall be able to ask the Fulanis to move out to the new areas.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, you have heard what Hon. Member for (Argungu) has said. It seems he is objecting the motion even though he asked for more explanations.

**Alh. Amadu Goronyo (Goronyo):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I want to support the Hon. Member (Danchadi), Alh. Galadima on objection that he raised on the issue which sought that the Fulanis should be removed from where they are now.

In the first place, there should be two types of settlement for the Fulanis. These are where they will settle for the grazing land. It is solely the responsibility of the Authorities to provide these ideal places for them. Problems similar to this could be found every where in the State. And if we, the House should take up the responsibility of resolving such problems, I believe, they would con-

sume out time at the expense of other issues. There is a similar case in my area where about three thousand (3,000) acres of land was divided equally between the Hausas and the Fulanis. The land was originally for the Hausas but half of it is now being used for settlement by the Fulanis while the other half is left to the original owners. As such, I appeal that the motion be withdrawn and referred to the Local Government concerned. I hope nobody would bring such cases to the House in future, unless of course as a last report.

**Alh. Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Hon. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I second the Member for (Danchadi) who brought motion that there is no need to give more land to the farmers in those areas. My reasons of seconding the Hon. Member is I am aware that there is alot of uncultivated land in the nearby bushes surrounding every town. I suggest that people should allowed to utilise such lands so as to meet the demands. This problem is rather a general one. So I suggest that the House should look into the issue and effect a lasting solution for the benefit of all. I also like to draw the attention of the House to restrain from implying such conflicts which are between ethnic groups. The House should instead, refer to this case as a conflict between farmers and cattle rearers. So I am appealing to the Hon. House to see to this.

**Alh. Usman Sa'adu Zuru (Sakaba):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask some questions before I second or object. The land we are talking about has been received from them for how many years? Have they been paid or not? Have those Fulanis got another place to go and settle or not?

**Deputy Speaker:** May I call on the mover, Hon. Member, Alh. Mutawalle (Ambursa) of this motion to answer these questions which I am going to read one by one No. 1: How long was the land taken away from them?

**Alh. Shehu Mutawalle:** The land was taken away from them about three years ago.

**Deputy Speaker:** No. 2: Are they paid or not?

**Alh. Shehu Mutawalle:** They have not been paid anything.

**Deputy Speaker:** Is there any alternative place for the Fulanis?

**Alh. Shehu Mutawalle:** Mr. Speaker, yes.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, you have heard the question thrown on to the mover, Hon. Member, Alh. Mutawalle of this motion and you have heard the answers. Are you satisfied with the answers?

**Several Hon. Members:** No! No! No!

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, by now we have heard alot from you so now I would like us to vote.

**Several Hon. Members:** No! No! No!

**Hon. Member:** No! Those of us who know about it should be asked.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, do you like us to continue with the discussions?

**Several Hon. Members:** Yes!

**Deputy Speaker:** For how long?

**An Hon. Member:** As long as it can take us.

**Garba Moh. Kanwa (Zurmi):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the Hon. Members whether they are aware that there is a place for Fulani which we call 'Burtali' where farmers should not

move in without the permission of the authority. It is the place where the Fulanis rare their cattle because they don't want to cause any trouble. Because of this, the authority reserves that land for them.

**Alh. Ibrahim Dangata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker sir, I will like the House to continue with this deliberation. In my opinion, the House should elect a Committee to go and settle the dispute between the farmers and the Fulanis.

**Alh. Moh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, I want to draw the attention of the Hon. Members on the explanation given by the Hon. Member, Alh. Shehu Mutawalle in the motion he showed that he wants the people of Ambursa to be provided with adequate farm land, but in his explanations, he talked about two places. First, he talked on a grazing land which basically means a place where Fulanis settle with their cattle and he indicated that the second place is a public land. To my understanding, a grazing reserve is an area bought and fenced and then given to the Fulanis for their use. Such grazing Reserves are usually well equipped with all the necessary facilities such as water and the likes so that the Fulanis do not have to leave the place in search of these facilities.

Now, coming to the piece of land which he said had been seized, I would like him to please tell us who seized the land? I happen to know that the Hon. Member who presented this motion was at that time the Chairman of Birnin Kebbi Local Government, as such, he should be able to give us more explanation on this issue. I would like him to clarify whether this area has been seized without any compensations to the owners. We all know that even the government has no right to seize one's rightful property without notice. Therefore, I find it hard to believe that this piece of land was seized from the farmers for mere reason of giving to the Fulanis to graze their cattle. I want the Hon. Member, in giving his ex-

planations, to restrict himself to this piece of land in question alone. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, I would like to speak in Hausa on this issue. As shown on the order paper, the proposer of this motion said provision of adequate farm land for farmers in Ambursa. On this, may I call on the Hon. Member to please give us more explanation on what he wants us to do concerning this motion? As he explained earlier, he showed that some farm land had been seized from the farmers and it was given to the Fulanis even though the Fulanis had a special grazing reserve.

Here, I want to point out to the Hon. Member that he is demanding that more land should be given to the farmers. Do the Hon. Member want the Fulanis to be displaced or does he want the farmers to be given another land? As such I will call on Hon. Member to give more explanations. I hope the House will be attentive on what he is going to say.

**Alh. Shehu Mutawalle (Ambursa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am on the discussions so far made on the issue which has been referred back to me for more explanations because I was once the Chairman of the Birnin Kebbi Local Government. I will like my fellow colleagues to concentrate and understand the explanation I am going to give. I was the Chairman of Birnin Kebbi Local Government in 1976 when it was established. This issue was brought to the Local Government Council for discussion. The Council appointed a Committee to investigate this matter. The Committee went to the scene where they had discussions with the farmers and Fulanis, and later presented a report to the Council. The Council decided that this farm lands are the legitimate properties of the farmers. The Fulanis have abandoned their grazing reserve and moved into this farm land. One of the facilities in this grazing area is a path which leads to the nearby pond.

The farm lands in question were located along the path leading to the pond. The farmers used to farm it in the past, but due to certain privileges that the Fulanis enjoy, the farmers were displaced for the benefit of grazing only. This is why I demand that more land should be allocated to the farmers.

**Deputy Speaker:** I would like you to please answer some questions. Which Authority seized this land from farmers?

**Alh. Shehu Mutawalle:** Mr. Speaker, the Local Government Council had investigated this and had given the farm land back to the farmers, but the ('Uwayen Kasa') district heads did not agree with this.

**Deputy Speaker:** We have heard a lot on this issue. I will like the Hon. Member to refer this matter back to the Local Government concerned after which the House will resolve it.

**Alh. Shehu Mutawalle:** Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker.....

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, that is all we have on the order paper.

**Several Members:** How was this resolved?

**Deputy Speaker:** This will be referred to Local Government.

**Alh. Shehu Mutawalle:** Mr. Speaker, if you will allow.....

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, this issue is very important and it affects everyone of us here. As some of us have a background knowledge of Local Government to give us more explanation on this and if the Ministry for Local Government is not aware of this, then, we can do something about it. Hon. Members, I want us to cast a vote, that is whether to go to the Ministry for

Local Government and find out or to select Committee to go to the area in question to investigate and report back to us.

Now those who support that this should be taken to the Ministry for Local Government for further investigation and report back to us should raise up their hands. Order, Order, now Hon. Members, we have two things:

- 1) We refer the issue back to the Ministry for Local Government; or
- 2) The House should appoint a Committee.

It is on this basis that we will like to know those who support the idea of referring it to the Ministry for Local Government or set a Committee here. As for this, we will like to cast a vote. Those who have supported the idea of appointing a Committee should raise up their hands? Now to the votes we have just cast:

- 1) Those who support the idea of referring it to the Ministry for Local Government have 43 votes.
- 2) Those who agreed on the House to set a Committee got 46 votes.

What do you suggest the number of Members to be appointed for this Committee?

**Alh. Muh. Nomau (Gummi):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I will suggest the composition of this Committee to be 19 members, one from each of the Local Government areas.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, we should understand that if this Committee is appointed it will only go and do its work and report back to the House. It will remain to the House to accept or reject the report. So

whatever we are going to do we should try to show a sense of maturity.

**Alh. Sadi (Isa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I want to make a suggestion on the issue of this Committee which is going to be appointed. In my view, if there is an Agricultural Committee, I suggest that the matter be referred to it.

**Alh. Abdu Majidadi (Wamakko):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my views on the number of members to be appointed in this Committee. In my opinion, the Committee composing of 19 members, is too much. It is better to appoint 7 or 8 people only.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, is there any other suggestion?

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, now we are talking on the suggestion of the the Committee. First suggestion is for the appointment of 19 members and the second one asked for the appointment of 7 or 8 members. Now is there anybody having a different view on the composition of the Committee?

**Alh. Muh. Sani (Galadi/Jangeru):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, in my opinion, it is better to appoint seven people to go and investigate this issue because when the Committee consists of a large number we shall not understand anything. So it is better to appoint only seven people.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, we are still on the number of people to form this Committee and some say 19 while some suggest 7. For progress sake, I would like to put the question that those who support 19 should raise up their hands. So it appears you all agreed on only seven members.

**Alh. Sama'lla Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, now it remains for you to elect them, when to start duty, term of reference and the date to submit their report. Now

fellow Hon. Members, I would like each of the Local Governments I will mention, you give one person's name as we want the work to be done efficiently:

Gwadabawa:	Alh. Dantsamaye
Isa: Alh.	Sadi Isa
Wurno:	Yahaya Magarya
K/Namoda:	Garba Kanwa
Zuru:	Usman Sa'ad
T/Mafara:	S/Gulbi
Anka:	Alh. Tsoho

Now what remains is for us to prepare a term of reference for them.

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, if the House may allow me, I would like to suggest that the membership of this Special Committee be drawn from each of the following Local Government areas. But first, I would like to state clearly that none of us is trying to avoid responsibilities, as such, I am only suggesting what I feel is the most efficient approach.

Now, the following Local Government areas should provide one Member each to the Committee. They are Gwadabawa Local Government, Isa Local Government, Wurno Local Government, K/Namoda Local Government, Zuru Local Government, T/Mafara Local Government and Anka Local Government.

Beside this, I would like the House to allow the Committee to appoint its own Chairman and also provide it with some guidelines on what exactly we want them to do. The Member who proposed the Motion does not have to be a member of the Committee. But he should make himself available to the Committee whenever the need arises. I would also like him to provide them with the terms of reference now.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, you have heard what the Hon. Member, Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu) has just suggested. He even went on to suggest a resolution, I do not know whether anyone of you has any objection to the effect.

**Alh. Musa Isa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I want to ask if there is a representative from Sokoto Local Government area in the Committee.

**Deputy Speaker:** There is none from Sokoto Local Government area.

**Alh. Musa Isa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi):** May I ask whether it is possible for the Committee to conduct the assignment without any of its Members coming from Sokoto Local Government?

**Deputy Speaker:** It is absolutely possible, and as you can see, it is already done. I hope you are satisfied with this explanation.

**Alh. Musa Isa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi):** I am fully satisfied.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, are there any comments or amendments, on what the Hon. Member from Argungu constituency suggested?

**Musa Bawa (Wasagu):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to propose an amendment. I would like the Member who was selected from Zuru Local Government to be replaced by Muhammadu Mori, who is an ex-Sarkin Shanu. I happen to know that Sarkin Shanu will be more useful to the Committee because of this previous experiences with the Fulanis in his previous capacity as the Sarkin Shanu. He also happen to come from Zuru Local Government.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, are there any seconder to the amendment?

**Alh. Muhammadu Giyawa (Giyawa):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I second the amendment proposed on the grounds that the experience of ex-Sarkin Shanu would be of advantage to the Committee.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, I would like to call the names of those nominated for the Committee. You are at liberty to reject anyone of them. You also have the right to agree as you deem fit. They are as follows:

- (1) Gwadabawa Local Government Area, nominates Alh. Muh. Dan Tsamaye, those who agree can raise their hands. It is clear you have all agreed.
- (2) Isa Local Government Area, nominated Alh. Sadi Isa.
- (3) Wurno Local Government Area, nominated Alh. Yahaya Magarya.
- (4) K/Namoda Local Government Area, nominated Alh. Garba Kanwa.
- (5) We have 2 names from Zuru Local Government Area, therefore, those who agree with Alhaji Usman Sa'adu to represent Zuru Local Government area can raise up their hands. Now, those who prefer Muh. Mori, Sarkin Shanu to represent Zuru Local Government area can raise their hands. It is clear you have all agreed on Muhammadu Sarkin Shanu.
- (6) T/Mafara Local Government Area, nominated Sarkin Gulbi.
- (7) Anka Local Government Area, nominated Alh. Tsoho Anka.

Now it is clear that we have all agreed on these Members to form the membership of the Committee. Now it is left for you to ap-

point a Chairman for the Committee. Is there anybody who wants to nominate any of the Committee Members for the Chairmanship.

**Leader of the Majority:** I nominate Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi) for the Chairmanship and Alh. Garba Kanwa (Zurmi) for the Secretaryship.

**Deputy Speaker:** Point of order. I asked for the nomination for the Chairmanship only. Now, is there anybody who seconds the nomination made for the Chairmanship of the Committee?

**M. Tambari (Dingyadi):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I seconded the nomination of Mamman Dantsamaye to be the Chairman.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the nomination has now been seconded, is there anybody who wishes to object it?

**Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I understand that the Committee in question is a Special Committee according to a regulation contained in the Standing Orders. It is indicated in the Standing Orders and other terms of references that the responsibility of appointing the Chairman of Special Committee is on the Speaker. In case of his absence, the Committee is then given the right to appoint its own Chairman. I would also like to suggest that a member from the Local Government area concerned be included in the Committee so that he would make the area more understanding to the Committee. I would also like to appeal to the House for the increase of motions in the 'Order of the Day' because I doubt very much if we shall be able to clear all the motions we have at the present pace. You should bear in mind that this session would end on the 12/12/79. Now if we really want to accomplish something worth-while, I would like the motions to be increased.



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**Deputy Speaker:** The Member who has just taken his seat referred as to certain provisions in the Standing Orders and the terms of references. I would like to point out to him that he has also gone contrary to certain provisions of the Standing Orders and other terms of references by speaking the way he has just done.

The issue at hand is about the nomination of the Committee Chairman, but instead, I personally would be very glad if we can always abide by the regulations. As to the privilege of appointing the Chairman of the Special Committee, I would now make the appointment by virtue of the chair I now occupy.

It is completely in line with the regulations for the Deputy Speaker to exercise the duties of the Speaker during a sitting when the Speaker is not on seat. I therefore appoint Muhammadu Dan-tsamaye to be the Chairman of the Special Committee. A glance at the Order of the Day will show you how far we have gone. It is clear that we have finished all the items. So, may anyone of you propose an adjournment for the day? Now it seems that some of you would like us to discuss somethings which were not included in the Order of the Day.

**Leader of the Majority:** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to propose a motion that we change the time of our sittings. Instead of the present arrangements, which is, from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.; we start at 12 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. This would grant the Speaker and some of us who are Committee Members more time to devote on the extra paper work assigned to us.

We all know that the Speaker has alot of responsibilities beside presiding at the House. Some of us who are Committee Members are also over-loaded by work. For example, whenever we compile a report for the House we will have to see that the report

is translated into Hausa, and then ensures that at least 200 copies of each version are produced for distribution in the House. A times such Committees are required to meet at about 8 O'clock in the morning, so imagine the possibility of doing all the work that I have just outlined to you in merely two hours. More-over, even if the time is shifted it is not everyday that we would sit up to 5.00 p.m. It all depends on the nature of the day and the issues it contains. Provisions would be made for prayers to be done on time, but this change does not affect Friday. I beg for secondment.

**Deputy Speaker:** Is there anybody to second the motion?

**Alh. Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I support the motion proposed by the Majority Leader. But I would like to suggest that whoever should preside over our sittings should make a point of being punctual. This would enable us to start on time and close on time.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the motion is seconded and a suggestion has also been made.

In addition to what he said, I would like to appeal to Hon. Members on our sitting arrangements. Any time a Member comes, he should occupy his seat and wait for the arrival of Mr. Speaker. It does not do good for us to be chasing for seats. Is there anybody who doesn't support what Muh. Ahmadu Augi moved?

**Ibrahim D/Gata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, sir, Hon. Members, with reference to what the Leader of the Majority suggested, it means Standing Orders are kicked aside, we are not abiding by them now. In fact, if we open at 12.00 noon we are not going to do any business. You should remember; time of saying our prayers will be included. I know that some of us will start preparation for the prayers at 1.00 p.m. if we adjourn by this

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time, we will spend one to two hours before we resume, that means around 4.00 p.m. If all we approve to open the House at 12.00 noon we would not be coming on Fridays.

**Deputy Speaker:** Resuming on Friday is said to be 9.00 a.m. and closing time will be 12.00 noon.

**Ibrahim D/Gata (T/Wada):** Does it mean Standing Orders are withdrawn?

**Deputy Speaker:** Standing Orders are still functioning, this motion has just made amendment on it.

**Ibrahim D/Gata (T/Wada):** Many a times, a motion is brought and we are asked to abide by, so far the regulation is contained in the Standing Orders. Since the Committee has not finished amendments, it means this is yet to be approved. I suggest we should continue with our business without Standing Orders until when the Committee approves them.

**Deputy Speaker:** You know even if the Committee has finished its job, it has to submit to the House for approval. But if the House approves this amendment of Standing Orders, it is that only one will be changed out of the Standing Orders.

**Ibrahim D/Gata (T/Wada):** This shows that Standing Orders are not in use.

**Deputy Speaker:** It is kept aside and it is not .... But a times, many a motion is brought and we are referred to the Standing Orders, you know, there is a need for amendments to be made. For example, this motion which you have brought for amendment.

**Ibrahim D/Gata (T/Wada):** I suggest we cancel sitting on Fridays.

**Deputy Speaker:** Well, Hon. Members,

you have all heard that Ibrahim Dangata does not support the motion. Is there any seconder to him?

**Alh. Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Hon. Members, in fact, I have been thinking deeply about this motion which the Leader of the Majority moved. In this issue, we are supposed to think it over before we support it. How can we compare the importance of opening the House at 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. and 12.00 noon to close 5.00 p.m.? You know there is no doubt we have to say our prayers twice within the time of the sitting if at all we approve changes. If our business takes us up to evening, that means we are to say three within the time. You know that we can't say until it is time exactly for prayer before we prepare for it. But if we keep to the normal time, we will have sufficient time to make deliberations. Hon. Members, because of this, I don't support the motion of changing the time.

I feel it would be better if we are given time to go through the matter, before we discuss and resolve it tomorrow. We should consider other Houses of Assembly which are in this country, I know we can't compare ours with any other, but we should notice that nearly all of them open by 10.00 a.m. If we do open the House by 12.00 noon one day the House will not be opened till 1.00 p.m. or beyond that. In my own opinion, it would be better if we can start at 9.00 a.m. daily. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Well, what the Leader of the Majority forwarded to the House has been supported by others while others haven't supported it. Those who opposed it were also supported. We are now going to deliberate on it. Now, the floor is open for suggestions. In connection with this issue which we are on now, we want secondment before we vote.

**Muhammadu Sambo Tambuwal (Tambuwal):** Speaker, Hon. Members, firstly, I

don't support the motion which has originally brought, seeking for change of time in our deliberations in the House. The reason is that if you look in the Standing Orders, it has been stated that the House opens from 10.00 a.m. up to 6.00 p.m. because of this, if a change is effected, the business of the House will be affected. I don't support the motion.

**Shafi'u Saliyu (Dan'adau):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I don't support the motion for the Members to come to the House at 12.00 noon. My reasons is because I have seen that the Leader of the Majority has taken everybody to be like them. He has transport that will convey them down to the House. After this, we have known at present that the House sits at 10.00 a.m. some will not have the opportunity to arrive here till around eleven O'clock or even after that time. This happens because of some reasons beyond their control. If now it is said the time for the sitting be shifted to 12.00 noon you will find that one day the House will not sit till around 1.00 p.m.

**Leader of the Majority:** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I'm giving support to let the House be sitting as it does now, at 10.00 a.m. I'm suggesting to those who complain that work is too much for them to employ more workers.

If the shortage of staff is the factor affecting the schedule, I advocate the employment of more staff so that everything will be ready for the House daily.

**Alh. Garba Liman (Chafe):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I support the Hon. Member who has just sat down. In addition to the explanations which I want all of us to note that all the Houses of Assembly in the Federation sit in the morning. I think it is a must to stick to this work as we promised to do as the law provided, that is 10.00 a.m. If

to say our discussion needs to be continued up to 6 p.m., we have to sit and do it since it is the very duty we have come here to do. It is this work that can determine our respect.

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I have to support the person who objected to the motion by the Leader of the Majority. I have never seen any reason which could make us change time. As for me, I will not have any hesitation if the time could be changed now to 7.00 a.m. everyday for the sitting. If lack of enough working materials is the cause of our daily lateness, it is better we buy more.

**Deputy Speaker:** Now, we have more suggestions from the Hon. Members. On this I want to give the mover of the motion more chances to finish his motion.

*(Members disagreed on this).*

**Deputy Speaker:** You hear that they disagreed. Now we have to cast votes, which do you prefer, to leave the original time at 10.00 a.m.? Those who support should raise up their hands. Now Hon. Members, there are no more discussions on this motion. This shows that we much prefer to start sitting at 10.00 a.m.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, here is an advice on the Oath we have sworn to. I'm appealing to every Hon. Member that as soon as he comes into the House, he should take his seat even if he comes here earlier.

**Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I beg the Hon. Members to support this motion that I'm presenting to the House, concerning the accommodation for the House, that's what I want to talk on now.

At present, the amount charged to these rooms is too much. I want the House to

render some help to reduce the amount. It is important if the amount can be categorised. First, when it is time for the Argungu Festivals, Government can fix any amount to be paid.

At present, as there is no festival being held, small amount should be charged. I hope to be supported. For further explanations, what I want to be done is that whenever it is time for this festival, amounts payable to the round huts should be N10, charlet at N20.00, double bedrooms N40.00. When there is no festival, the charges should be as follows: round huts N5.00, charlet N10.00.

**Deputy Speaker:** In respect of the motion brought by a Member from Argungu constituency, I want him to try and see the Manager of Hotels Board and discuss with him before bringing the motion to the House. The importance of this sometimes is full of festivities. It is at this time that we know the Government to be confronted with lots of problems. For this reason, I am appealing to the Member to have his motion withdrawn until such a time he discussed with the Manager.

**Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Hon. Members, I brought up this motion because I know that we are more powerful than any other Manager in helping the common man. I consider these problems to be vital to us and the rest of the people, that is why I brought the motion now. But if it is the opinion of the House, I shall withdraw it. If it is money they want, they will get more if they reduce the cost of the rooms, as they will get

more people patronising. As such, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am appealing to you to look for the opinion of the House, if they say unless I go and see the Manager, then I can withdraw and see him.

**Deputy Speaker:** In respect of my request to you to withdraw your motion, I just do it if you feel you can withdraw it.

**Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Hon. Members, I have been requested to withdraw the debate on?

**Alh. Muh. Nomau (Gummi):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I am appealing for the adjournment of this sitting until tomorrow.

**Deputy Speaker:** Any seconder to the adjournment of the sitting until tomorrow?

**Alh. Muh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I second the adjournment of this sitting until tomorrow. It is time for afternoon prayers.

**Deputy Speaker:** Alh. Muh. Nomau (Gummi), has moved for the adjournment of the House until tomorrow.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** that this House do now adjourn.

*House adjourned accordingly at 1.50 p.m. until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.*

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE**  
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Thursday, 22nd November, 1979

*The House met at 10.10 a.m.*

(The Speaker presided)

PRAYERS

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**Speaker:** There isn't any.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Speaker:** I have been approached by some Members of the Selection Committee requesting that they will be permitted to withdraw from the House so that they will deliberate on the appointment of other Committees. I hope the House will agree to that. Is that agreed?

**An Hon. Member:** How many of them?

**Speaker:** How many of what? All Members of the Committee except me.

**An Hon. Member:** We agree.

**Speaker:** Any objection to that? In the Standing Orders, the Deputy Speaker will chair the Committee. You can withdraw while we send for the Commissioner for Works.

**Speaker:** Order please, leader.

**Majority Leader:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** A suggestion that you should wait until we finish with the Commissioner then you go.

Hon. Members, on behalf of you all, I

welcome the Hon. Commissioner for Works to the House to explain to us on two road projects as is in our order of the day. You are welcome Hon. Commissioner. The roads that we want explanation on are: Illela-Unguwar Lalle and Gusau-Dansadau roads.

**Commissioner for Works (Alhaji Muhammadu Sokoto):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members of this House, I am very glad being the first Commissioner in Sokoto State, under this administration, who has been invited to come to this House to explain some of the works you have given him to look after. This shows the importance of my Ministry because road is one of the most important things in the world in every endeavour. If you are going to drink water you have to follow the road. Whatever you are going to do you have to do it by road. Therefore, my Ministry is extremely happy for being invited to come here to explain on the works you have given us to do. Mr. Speaker, I am always ready for any Member or Members of this Hon. House to visit my Ministry and question me on my job. I am ready at all times to welcome questions from the House. My gate is open to each and every one of you here to question me in connection with my job.

Mr. Speaker, on the first road: Illela-Unguwar Lalle, I would like to make some amendments. There is no award of contract of Illela-Unguwar Lalle road but there is Illela-Gada. We will look into Gada-Unguwar Lalle road later on. The contract of Illela-Gada road was awarded in the year 1976 and the Contractor signed on that very date. He also signed the contract of Marnona-Wurno road on the same date and Marnona-Rabah road. What happened here was that there was a need of emergency on the construction of Marnona-Wurno road and he concentrated on Marnona-Wurno road. Later on when he finished that one, he started Marnona-Rabah road which is together with Illela-Gada road.

He started the work on Illela/Gada road on 9th January, 1979. Mr. Speaker, the Contractor was on the contract of Illela/Gada road and was at the same time doing Marnona-Rabah. Later on, the Contractor concentrated on Illela-Gada road alone. This has taken around six months until later on he stopped the work. When the Ministry of Works learnt that he has stopped the work they forwarded the matter to the State Tenders Board on 8th November, 1979. The Tenders Board sat and met and later on fixed 28th November, 1979 to go and see reason for stopping the job. This is the responsibility of Tenders Board.

This was also the explanation given to the Governor when he went to the site during his tour. The contractor has stopped the job and we have done what my Ministry is supposed to do. It is now left with the Tenders Board to take the necessary action on the Contractor. This is the reason for the delay for Illela-Gada road.

In the case of Gada-Unguwar Lalle this is still with the Ministry of Works. The road has been designed and the contract awarded. The Illela-Gada road is not the same as Gada-Unguwar Lalle road. Mr. Speaker, the reason I brought this is that the Contractor of Illela-Unguwar Lalle road is already holding the agreement. If the contract of Illela-Unguwar Lalle road is discussed in the House, there will be confusion. Nearly everyone will hear whatever is discussed in this Hon. House that is why I brought this amendment. I hope the House will accept it in good will.

**Speaker:** Accepted, Hon. Members you have heard the report on Illela-Gada road from the Commissioner of Works. From the report, this is an evidence that something has gone wrong as the Hon. Member reported, but as I see it since the matter has been forwarded to the State Tenders Board what we should do is to request for the result of their investigation when it is all over, I hope you

share the same opinion with me. Do you all agree that we should wait for the State Tenders Board to finish its investigations and finalise its decisions?

**Hon. Members** there is an implication therefore whatever is done is judicially decided. We should wait to receive the result before we can act on it. We are legislators and not executives. So we wait to hear from the State Tenders Board. We can give them a date when we want to act; and report to us. What is your view on this suggestion? I want us to determine the time for the State Tenders Board.

**Alh. Umaru Yakubu (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, regarding the reports just received from the Commissioner and what Mr. Speaker suggested, I beg to second. I want to draw the attention of my fellow Members regarding the request of getting the report from the State Tenders Board. We have been told who awarded the contract i.e. the State Tenders Board and the matter has been referred to them. The Board has fixed a date to go and investigate about the matter. I therefore appeal to the Hon. Members to have patience for the Authority that awarded the contract to investigate on the matter. We should request them to send us their report and the action they are going to take.

**Alh. Moh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, we are pleased with the explanations given to us by the Hon. Commissioner. Some Hon. Members reported that the Ministry has awarded a contract but the work has not been done, but we have now got enough explanations from the Commissioner.

In fact, the Ministry of Works awards contracts and finds out if the contract has been done, if not, it will refer the matter to the State Tenders Board. As the Commissioner stated that the matter is with the State Tenders Board, we should fix a date during

which we should hear from the State Tenders Board. So far, the Commissioner has done what he is expected of him. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Do you all agree that we should give the State Tenders Board time to report back to us what they have found? We have already learnt that they have proposed to visit the site on 28th November, 1979, Members should remember that there are some days after that we may not be here. Then do we fix a week after 28th November, 1979.

**Several Members:** Yes! Yes!!

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** that the Tenders Board should submit to the House the report of their investigations on Illela-Gada road a week after 28th November, 1979.

**Speaker:** Hon. Commissioner, should please note and notify.

**Yahaya Magarya (Wurno):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to explain what I know in connection with Rabah-Wurno road.

**Speaker:** I am sorry that is not what we after now. That is part of the information from the Commissioner, that is another motion. Well if you have anything, send it as a motion?

**Yahaya Magarya (Wurno):** Mr. Speaker, I will send it in writing.

**Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, Hon. Commissioner for Works, we should bring this motion are not satisfied with what the Hon. Commissioner has explained. We therefore pledge to the Commissioner to give us more explanation on what the Sokoto State Government set on the third development plan. We have the following questions to ask:

I am seeking an explanation on Sito Manto Company. What is the name of the Contractor who has been awarded this contract?

**Hon. Commissioner:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, if a Company is awarded a contract, a name of person should not be mentioned but the name of the Company. The name of the Company is Sito Manto as you have already said.

**Alhaji Mamman DanTsamaye (Kaddi):** Will you be able to let us know if this Company has done such a job before and where?

**Hon. Commissioner:** In my speech, I have already said that the Company has done such a work at Wurno and Rabah.

**Alhaji Mamman Dan Tsamaye (Kaddi):** What is the length of the road and how much is going to be paid for that and how long will it take?

**Hon. Commissioner:** The amount of this contract is ₦2,910,000 (Two million, nine hundred and ten thousand Naira). This contract is scheduled to finish one year after the date of signing, that means it must be finished on 31st December, 1979.

**Alhaji Mamman Dan Tsamaye (Kaddi):** How many kilo-metres has the Contractor constructed and how much is he paid?

**Hon. Commissioner:** The amount of work he has done is only 12%.

**Alhaji Mamman Dan Tsamaye (Kaddi):** We have seen that he was paid ₦1,269,000 (One million, two hundred and sixty-nine Naira). When he constructed two kilometres and now how much was he paid on the five kilometres he constructed?

**Hon. Commissioner:** Mr. Speaker, in connection with what the Hon. Member has just asked me, well I do not bring it here with me but I promise to reply him together with the

State Tenders Board report that I will submit.

**Alhaji Mamman Dan Tsamaye (Kaddi):** Well, now how much was paid on the five kilometres he has constructed?

**Hon. Commissioner:** I hope you will agree with what I said about money.

**Alhaji Mamman Dan Tsamaye (Kaddi):** I want the Hon. Commissioner to look at the current estimate of 1979/80.

**Speaker:** What is in the estimate is a proposal and not the final spending.

**Alhaji Mamman Dan Tsamaye (Kaddi):** I will like the Hon. Commissioner to tell us how his Engineers issue Contractors with certificates of payments without first seeing the jobs?

**Hon. Commissioner:** Speaker, Hon. Members, we have full trust on our staff who are representing us. We are sure they will not issue any certificate for payment to any Contractor to be paid out of public funds without doing the said job.

**Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** We will also like to know how this Engineer approved payment of 42% to the said Contractor while he has done only 5%.

**Hon. Commissioner:** You are still misunderstanding me. I said whatever is connected with money I will answer it when I come with the State Tenders Board report.

**Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** How will this Contractor be disciplined?

**Speaker:** That is the work of the State Tenders Board. The Commissioner is just to specify, it is the work of the State Tenders Board. We just wait for the report. In case you have any question, write them down and give the Clerk to take it to the State Tenders

Board which will be a guide to them when replying in their report.

**Hon. Commissioner:** The Hon. Member has forgotten his question and I am going to answer him. The length of the road from Illela-Gada is 58kms laterite road. Gada-U/Lalle is also laterite but is not yet awarded but it will soon be awarded.

**Speaker:** Well, I think I should allow about three comments before we go to the next question. So the three questions start from Alh. Mamudu Yabo (Shagari).

**Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am appealing to the Hon. Speaker to allow the Commissioner to give us explanation on his work.

**Speaker:** That has been agreed with, he is going to answer enough on project. If you want him again, you send for him. That can be discussed later.

**Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, what I will like to say here is that whoever is going to bring report to the House it will be in writing and should make enough copies as it will be enough for each and every Member to have before we deliberate on it. I hope my fellow Hon. Members will agree with me.

**Speaker:** May I refer you to Standing Orders, we are supposed to send our questions in writing and give the person to be asked enough time because there are questions to be asked.

**Yahaya Magarya Wurno (Wurno):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am appealing to the Hon. Members, any Member who wants to forward suggestions he has to forward them to this House, it will be better if you will see to it before we deliberate on them, you should listen to the Members. I rise with permission of the Honourable Speaker, to ask a question in connection with his first

speech when he was talking about our area, that is Wurno, saying that this contract was awarded with Wurno-Marnona road. I am asking you, Hon. Members is that what he said?

**Speaker:** This is the information. Well, then as I hope such area you can give suggestions and then we will discuss at our convenience. I am sorry, I am sorry. I now call on the Commissioner to give us report on Gusau-Dansadau road.

**Hon. Commissioner:** Mr. Speaker, the Gusau-Dansadau road is being constructed by the NCCL.

**Speaker:** Order, Order.

**Commissioner:** It is one of the contracts inherited by this Government from the administration. The cost of this contract is ₦31,214,332. This work will be completed in 36 months. The work was started on 10th September, 1979. The length of the road is 155 kilometres with 24 feet width and it will be a tarred road. When a contract agreement is signed, the Contractor will be given some days before he starts the work. This is the reason why Honourable Members think that the date has been shifted from the 10th September, 1979.

**Commissioner:** The work has been divided into 10 parts.

1. Construction offices for Supervisors and accommodation. This will be started on 1/9/79 to 30/3/80.
2. Construction of temporary bridge for easy transportation of equipment will begin 1/10/79 to 15/1/80.
3. (a) Clearing from Gusau to Magami begins on 14/9/79 to 31/7/80.  
(b) Clearing from Magami to Kotorkoshi begins on 1/11/80 to 31/4/82.

4. Earth work will begin on 1/1/81.
5. Leveling from 1/4/80 to 7/3/82.
6. Laterite work: this will begin on 1/6/80 to end on 30/4/82.
7. Tarring the road starts on 1/10/80 to 1/6/82.
8. Construction of culverts and drainage — 1/10/79 to 31/1/82.
9. Construction of bridges — 1/10/79 to 31/1/82.
10. Construction of the whole project and the handling over to the Government — 1/12/80 to 31/8/82.

Hon. Members, this is how the Contractor is required to carry out the work on Gusau-Dansadau road.

**Speaker:** Order! He still has more to say.

**Comm. for Works:** Hon. Members, this is the plan given to the Contractor for the Gusau-Dansadau road. Mr. Speaker, the present situation is that when we received the report from the Tenders Board, we fix a date for the Members of the Tender's Board to go and see things for themselves. They went to Gusau on 15th of this month and found that the first phase he is doing, which is building of office and accommodation and the temporary bridge, he has already started putting equipments which is supposed to start on 1/10/79 and then prepare a road from Magami-Gusau. He has started preparing the road which is about six kilometres.....

**Shafi'u Salihu (Dansadau):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Commissioner, Hon. Members, as it has been said by the Commissioner in connection to Gusau-Dansadau road, in my opinion, this work that he has planned for the Company, I don't think it is capable of do-

ing the work. What made our people unhappy is that we have seen the Company packing its equipments back to Gusau which shows that they are not ready to do the work. This is not the first road project which was given to this Company by the Government but in all cases the Company was not able to do the work satisfactorily. Because of this, I feel it is better to bring this plan to notify this Company if it is ready to do this work it should start now and if it is not ready to do the work, it should be transferred to another Company. These things you have heard from the Hon. Commissioner that the State Tender's Board members have seen, I have seen no any accommodation unless if putting stones is what he means by accommodation and that was done when the former Governor was paying a visit to the site.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, according to report given to us, the Contractor is working according to schedule. We cannot work on what has been previously planned for a job. Ours is to see what is being done and if it is being done according to schedule. So, I may suggest you get the time-table from the Hon. Commissioner and then clarify and see if he is not working according to schedule and then we will have something to depend on but now the authority has said that he is working according to schedule unless we have somebody to see and certify that it is not so then we deliberate on that.

**Shafi'u Sallhu (Dansadau):** Mr. Speaker, I agree but you have heard from the Commissioner that the work is on schedule and they have sent the Members of the Tender's Board to discover that nothing was done. But since you say that we should first discover and bring to the House, we will do so.

**Alh. Sambo Wonaka (Mada):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question in connection with the contract of the Gusau-Dansadau Road to the Commissioner if you agree.

**Speaker:** Carry on.

**Alh. Sambo Wonaka (Mada):** Mr. Speaker, my first question is that Hon. Commissioner, I would like to know the actual project that this Company has done in this State.

**Speaker:** That is not among the projects being carried by the Company. It is totally a new motion.

**Alh. Sambo Wonaka (Mada):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Hon. Commissioner.....

**Speaker:** Augie, I am sorry, as a Leader, you should not mislead. Yes, carry on.

**Alh. Sambo Wonaka (Mada):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Commissioner whether the road will be finished within our 4-year period.

**Commissioner:** Mr. Speaker, on what the questioner has asked me, we have already given the Contractor the time to finish his work. Because of this, on our side, the deadline we have given, is the day this project will be completed and handed over to us. If he fails, provisions have been made whereby they will be penalised. In this respect, I am appealing to the Hon. House to give us a chance up to the time agreed upon with the Contractor. If he fails, we will ask the State Tender's Board to intervene and take the necessary action against him.

**Minority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I would like the Commissioner to tell this House how much has so far been paid on this project.

**Speaker:** One thing is certain, we have amongst us, Contractors who know what is mobilisation fee which ranges from 5% to 15% of the actual cost of the contract.

**Several Hon. Members:** We don't like to know.

**Minority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I am appealing to know the actual amount that has been given to him.

**Speaker:** Some are objecting to it. So let us now here.

#### VOTING

*Question put and negatived.*

**Speaker:** I am sorry we have to *vide-abide* to the ruling of the House.

**Minority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, those who refuse to support is because the work doesn't concern them.

**Speaker:** I am sorry we are all here for Sokoto State not one particular area.

**Minority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, they don't know how the work is going.

**Speaker:** It is on the mobilisation stage.

**Alh. Abdullahi Gusau (Wande):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Commissioner, we are glad that you are here and we are delightful. We can't refuse what you have said but we feel that our request to the Sokoto State Government to consider the Gusau-Dansadau road is an important thing.....

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, you are contradicting another Member. You have first heard that nothing has been done but now you have heard that the work is going beyond schedule. So which is which? Has he done nothing or has he gone beyond schedule?

**Speaker:** There is nothing like damaged crops.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, may I draw your attention to the fact that we are here for all the people of the State individually and collectively there is no point in being biased

against any individual or group. We have sworn to be faithful and we should adhere to our Oath. Thank you.

**Alh. Ibrahim D/Gata (Tudun Wada):** Mr. Speaker, on the question of the Gusau dam which the Commissioner for Works spoke on, we hope this dam will not interfere with the road?

**Speaker:** What we expect you to ask the Commissioner are questions and not to give him suggestions. If we don't have any more questions to ask Hon. Commissioner on the project in question, let us allow him to go.

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Commissioner, my question to the Commissioner is an appeal. Wherever they go on tour you will find that roads leading to this area are usually repaired just for the tour. This is just the sort of window dressing and in this way they will undermine the suffering of the people. I am appealing that whenever they are going on tour the roads should be left as they are, in this way the Government will understand more on the problems of the people. Unlike the former Government, this present Government is for the people and was elected by the people themselves. In that case, it is better for the Government to look into the problems of the people.

**Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, both.....

**Alhaji Dandare Saminu (Koko):** Mr. Speaker, in my opinion, what the Commissioner.....

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, we want a question and not a suggestion. Have you any question to ask the Commissioner?

**Umaru Yakubu Maru (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, here if the Speaker permits me, I want to appeal.....

**Speaker:** It appears we don't have any questions to ask the Commissioner so I suggest that the Hon. Commissioner for Works can now go back to his office.

**Several Members:** Agreed.

**Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Commissioner for Works, we hope we will receive a copy of the scheme from the NCCL.

**Commissioner of Works:** Mr. Speaker, thank you, I will try my best to send the scheme of NCCL as arranged.

*Commissioner departed at 11.53 a.m.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

**Speaker:** Here is a special announcement, the owner of this key can please come and collect it. The Selection Committee can now leave the House to go and continue with its business.

When the Committee of Selection is out let us continue with the next item. I hope Alh. Abdu Majidadi (Wamakko) is here to present the motion.

#### PRESENTATION OF A MOTION

7. *Wamakko town to be provided with pipe-borne water — (Alh. Abdu Majidadi (Wamakko))*

**Alh. Abdu Majidadi (Wamakko):** Mr. Speaker, although at present there is something to be looked at and the promises which have been made, it appears there is something that has been done. The people of Wamakko town are really suffering from water shortage. If we are in need of water we have to travel to Sokoto to buy it. Although water supply and roads are those things required in Sokoto State and the government should urgently do it. I feel it is not only Wamakko town that is suffering but many

towns, so I hope the government will look into this. So I am appealing to my Hon. colleagues to support me and pass this to the authority concerned to notify them of what we are encountering so that a help can come immediately.

**Speaker:** May I know whether you are withdrawing your motion?

**Speaker:** May I advise you to go the Ministry of Works for help, if not, you can approach your Local Government and if the two do not help then you can bring a motion here requesting for immediate help. Well, the next is Birnin Yauri town.

#### PRESENTATION OF A MOTION

8. *Birnin Yauri town to be provided with pipe-borne water — (Alh. Muh. L. Adamu (Warra))*

**Alh. Muh. Lawal Adamu (Warra):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I bring this motion to this Hon. House, for the supply of pipe-borne water to Birnin Yauri town. The people there are really facing great difficulties in fetching water. Anybody who comes across our people fetching water will sympathise with them. If the rain is over, they have to use bicycles and donkeys to travel to some distance to fetch water so I am appealing to this Hon. House to see that Yauri town is provided with pipe-borne water.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, may I know from what source does the Teachers' College Yauri get water?

**Alh. Muh. Lawal Adamu (Warra):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the TTC is getting its own water from Yauri town because the Ministry of Education has provided them with a special tank to be used by the students and their teachers.

**Speaker:** Thank you for your information. Any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Muh. Nomau (B/Tudu):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I beg to second Alh. Muh. Lawal Adamu (Warra). I am sure every Member here has such a request that may require the House to support him. May Allah help us.

**Speaker:** Well, another question I want to ask. Is there no provision whatsoever to giving the place pipe-borne water.

**Alh. Muh. Lawal Adamu (Warra):** I have not seen any provision to supply them with pipe-borne water.

**Speaker:** How many times does the tanker leave the town to fetch water?

**Alh. Muh. Lawal Adamu (Warra):** Mr. Speaker, of course, this tanker leaves Yauri three times to fetch water.

**Speaker:** Can it add two more trips to the town?

**Alh. Muh. Lawal Adamu (Warra):** Mr. Speaker, the Principal will not agree.

**Speaker:** I am sorry not asking the possibility of the Principal but will the tanker be able to make five trips a day?

**Alh. Muh. Lawal Adamu (Warra):** Mr. Speaker, Well I cannot say.

**Speaker:** What I want to know is, can it do five trips, three for the TTC and two trips to the people of the town?

**Alh. Muh. Lawal Adamu (Warra):** Mr. Speaker, it will not happen because this tanker will pass straight to the College. It will not do that because of the distance.

**Speaker:** Alright, thank you.

**Alh. Ibrahim Labbo (Yelwa):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I am giving my

secondment on this issue as we have promised to give help to every corner.

**Alhaji Muh. Lawal (Warra):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to give more explanations on Birnin Yauri and Yauri town.

**Speaker:** Order! Please we just don't need that. We know they are two different places.

**Alh. Ibrahim Dangata (Tudun Wada):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, what I want to ask the mover how many kilometres does the tanker travel to fetch water?

**Speaker:** It passes through the town to the College which is almost two miles. From Birnin Yauri to Yauri town is far way and that is where the problem is.

**Alh. Muh. Sani (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Hon. Member for (Warra). They have explained that the place is very hard to dig bore-holes. So I feel if the House agree we will forward it to the Ministry for Rural Development with a full explanation that bore-holes cannot be dug in this area and they cannot be left without water which is a very great necessity to human living.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion on the motion?

**Alh. Shehu Mutawalli (Ambursa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, as my colleague, the Hon. Member for Dendi said, I support him and I need to add more suggestions. I know Birnin Yauri is a place full of stones. If it is not during raining season, they do not have water. During dry season, they are suffering. If this matter is to be taken to Rural Development they will only put them in list of towns for bore-holes which is useless. So they should supply them with another tank to be giving them water before they think of another way of providing the town with water. So I give my full support.

**Speaker:** I have asked the mover of the motion Hon. Member for (Warra) of the possibility of using the tank used by TTC to supply the people of the town with water too, but he said no and so seems to make it impossible. So it is before the House to deliberate. First, whether we shall refer the matter to Rural Development for a permanent solution to the problem then we think of the immediate steps to help them out of this problem. So think of the two. I am sorry Hon. Member, had it been you have been with us, you would have realised that there are two different places: Yauri and Birnin Yauri. Yauri is on the River Niger, Birnin Yauri is on the hills and that is what makes it difficult for bore-holes and wells to be sunk. I hope you are clear now.

#### VOTING

Those in favour of approaching Ministry of Rural Development about Birnin Yauri's case and those in favour of approaching the Ministry of Education and Yauri Local Government to arrange how the tanker at the TTC will serve the college. Those in favour of the immediate solution should realise that the Ministry of Rural Development cannot provide them with water now for they have nothing to do anything. It is a new Ministry, it still has to send its requirements before this House before it can start functioning. What they can do now is to survey these things and know where they should do them. So before they can start functioning, we better get something done for the town and that is why the question of the tanker comes in.

#### VOTING

**Resolved:** That for the immediate solution, the Ministry of Education and Yauri Local Government should be approached to extend the services of tanker to Birnin Yauri town and then Rural Development will be contacted for the permanent solution.

The resolution to be passed by the Clerk to the House to the respective authorities.

#### Provision of water supply for Chafe town.

**Speaker:** This item is the same request for water from a very difficult place. I call on Alh. Garba Na Liman to present the motion.

**Alh. Garba Na Liman (Chafe):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give more explanations as regards water problems in Chafe town. The most important problem to Chafe is lack of drinking water, especially during dry season they will have to trek up to six kilometres before they get drinking water. They have been suffering from this problem long ago. I can remember there was a time when ex-Governor, Faruk promised that they would have dam in order to be getting drinking water from it. And also the ex-Governor, Umaru Alh. Mohammed went there and said he would plan for us to be getting water from pipe but nothing has been done and likewise Gado Nasko. The reason why we have forwarded this motion to the House is because of the manifesto of the present Government. We plea to the Government to please help us urgently to have a dam from which we can get drinking water.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Ahmadu Majidadi Goronyo (Goronyo):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second this motion for the supply of water to Chafe town. In fact, as he has said, this is included in our manifesto and we will do it not in Chafe town alone.

**All Namani Yankuzo ('Yankuzo):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the proposer of this motion for the supply of water to Chafe town. In fact, Chafe town is facing problem in getting drinking water. If we reach one month now nobody will be thinking of doing anything unless we reach rainy season. Even the Teacher's College there has to go to Gusau to fetch water. I therefore second for the supply of Chafe town with water immediately.

**Alh. Sama'lla Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, this motion on Chafe is different from that of Yauri. Chafe cannot get water unless they go to Gusau which is about 40 kilometres while in Birnin Yauri's case, the proposer of the motion has said that it is 8 kilometres. I therefore appeal to this Hon. House to give help and forward the case to the Ministry concerned for provision of water supply urgently.

**Muhammadu Maigujija (Cimmola):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second for the immediate supply of water to Chafe town as brought by the Hon. Member.

**Alhaji Musa Isa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi):** Mr. Speaker, I am happy with this complaint brought to the House concerning water supply to Chafe town. The small explanation I want to give is that since four years ago the people of Chafe town come to Kotorkoshi to wash their clothes and the distance between Chafe and Kotorkoshi is about 15 miles. Now that there is no more water at Kotorkoshi we both have to go to Gusau to get water.

**Alh. S/Fawa (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I will like to forward my complain which I think affects every one, that is loans.....

**Speaker:** We are on water supply to Chafe. What you are trying to say should be a substantive motion.

**Alh. S/Fawa (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker, in that case, a dam should be built for Chafe urgently.

**Alh. Mamman (Giyawa):** Mr. Speaker, in connection with the motion brought by Alhaji Garba Na Liman (Chafe), I hope all

the Members will support the motion.

**Speaker:** May I find out from the Hon. Members concerning the situation of Chafe, where George Stow could not build a well. So it is apparent that it is only a dam that can serve. Which Ministry do we approach? Is it the Ministry of Rural Development or the Ministry of Water and Electricity?

**Alh. Moh. Nomau Gummi (B/Tudu):** Mr. Speaker, I think this should be referred to the Ministry of Rural Development. Hon. Members should remember that this is included in our manifestos.

**Alhaji Aliyu Dogon Daji (D/Daji/Jabo):** Mr. Speaker, I think this should be forwarded to the Ministry of Water and Electricity Supply.

**Speaker:** We as laymen cannot determine which of the two departments to approach, regarding this matter before us. Those in favour of approaching the Ministry of Rural Development should raise up their hands.

Those in favour of Ministry of Water and Electricity should as well raise up their hands.

**Resolved:** That the Ministry of Water and Electricity is to be approached on the matter.

**Alh. Dantani Argungu (Lallaba):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg for the adjournment of the House.

#### Question put and agreed to.

**Resolved:** That the House should adjourn until tomorrow.

*The House adjourned accordingly at 1.10 p.m. until tomorrow at 9.00 a.m.*



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
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*The House met at 10.00 a.m.*

(The Speaker presided)

PRAYERS

*MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR*

**Speaker:** The Governor being away we shouldn't expect any message.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**Speaker:** I have two announcements today. First on identity Cards. An Hon. Member requested in our Parliamentary Meeting, we have found it impossible to give it before our trip to Lagos. The reason is that what we expected to be available in the State is not. There are no materials for such cards. So we had to contact a firm in Kano and that is why we cannot have cards before 28th November, 1979 as required.

The second announcement is the request of the Standing Orders Committee that every Member who feels that he has something to add or to amend should send his suggestion to the Secretary of the Committee.

**Alh. Umaru Yakubu (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask who is the Secretary of the Standing Orders Committee.

**Speaker:** At the moment the Secretary of the Committee is the Secretary for the Selection Committee. Until we have people deployed to us then we will have a Secretary for each of the Committees. Meanwhile it will be Ibrahim Yahaya Bawa or it may be

given to me directly as the Chairman of the Committee.

**Alh. Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to ask a question on the presentation of motions of the Members, because I have submitted a motion but I have noticed that some members who have submitted theirs after mine have been treated while mine is still pending. This is the problem which worries me and most of the Members.

**Speaker:** As for the order of motions, we have a list of so many motions but we have to be considerate because there are some that need to be grouped together as a bill instead, there are some that we have to find out financial strength before we can present it to the House to be made a law. So it is not the time that a motion has taken that determines its presentation to the House. The business Committee prepares the Order of the Day and I have to see it and approve it. So they may tell you that your motion is included but we have to postpone it until later, I hope you are satisfied.

**Alh. Garba Nagodi (Gandi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I have a question on the issue that you said we cannot be able to get the Identity Cards before we go to Lagos, because of certain reasons. Have you made any provision which will stand for the Identity Cards or not?

**Speaker:** Though this concerns NPN Members only, yet I have to give you a reply. The Headquarters of the Party has sent this note and I have passed it to the Leader of the Majority. Page 2 Paragraph 7 says — "admission cards in the convention hall at Lagos and here shall be issued only in as they correspond to the preparation of delegates accredited". So each Member attending will have a card and Identity Card yet the important thing is to know that you are a delegate and that card is the Identity. So I think that is alright with us.

PRESENTATION OF MOTION

*Provision of Street Lights to Sokoto Bye-Pass — By Alhaji Maidamma Lanas (Sokoto/Garka).*

**Speaker:** I now call on the Hon. Member, Alhaji Maidamma Lanas (Sokoto/Garka) to present the motion.

**Alh. Maidamma Lanas (Sokoto/Garka):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I bring this motion in connection with the provision of Street Lights to Sokoto Bye-Pass. At a times during the night, people of dubious character, thieves for example, use to un-bush people in that area and there was an instance when a motor-cyclist was killed. It is for this reason that we will like the Government to make provision for street lights in that area.

**Speaker:** That is the motion any seconder to it?

**Alh. Abdu Dantani (Gulma):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to second the Hon. Member Alhaji Maidamma Lanas (Sokoto/Garka). The reason he out-lined are genuine. Light itself is a sort of security.

**Speaker:** Are there any comments? The comment may be for or against.

**Alhaji Moh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, the request of this Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Garka) is quite genuine, but what I want ask the Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Garka) is this place here in Sokoto town or somewhere else. If it is Sokoto town the Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Garka) is talking of, I think, there is a Board called S.U.D.A. and it is the responsibility of this Board to deal with such matters. I am therefore appealing to the Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Garka) to refer this case to S.U.D.A.

**Alh. Moh. Yaro Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members. As the proposer of this motion Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Gagi) said, this street should be lighted. This place serves as a hiding place for thieves. Anyone travelling along this road in the night will see various groups of people doing nothing but smoking Indian Hemp and the like. I feel street light should be provided to this street so as to scare this undesirable elements away. This is all my comments on this issue.

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayusa):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to give my support on what Hon. Member for (Dendi) said, that the case be referred to S.U.D.A. There are other places in the Rural Area that are looking for electricity. We are all aware of the intentions of government, that is the development of Rural Areas. Sokoto town is already developed, because it has got all the necessary facilities in it to make life enjoyable. Such complains are supposed to come from those who are in the Rural Areas. Finally I feel this Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Garka) should go to S.U.D.A. and forward his complain.

**Amadu Aliyu Binji (Binji):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the motion that street light be provided to Sokoto Bye-Pass. I am sure the amount of money to be spent on this project will be enough to provide Kware and possibly other places with electricity. I will like the House to concentrate on Rural Areas.

**Umaru Yakubu Maru (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to object the motion that street light be provided for Sokoto Bye-Pass. The present government has promised to consider Rural Development first. I feel it is not wise to bring motions concerning Sokoto regarding development because there is a Board specially assigned for its development and also that of its surroundings. I will like to draw the attention of the Hon. Members to give their full support to the development of Rural Areas at this time.

**Speaker:** I think we have heard enough on this motion.

**Alh. Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, though we are committed to the development of Rural Areas but there are some essential things that we are suppose to do. The only things at this juncture is to go back to Sokoto Urban Development Authority and made necessary investigations whether they are proposing to put street lights for these areas, because I know right at the moment they are making some provisions for street lights in Sokoto. So the Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Garka) should go and find out. If this street is not included in their provision then he should make them to include it.

**Alh. Muh. Augi (Augi) (Majority Leader):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I will like to draw the attention of the Members that we are fully aware the National Party of Nigeria Government proposal of developing the Rural Areas, but that notwithstanding we should remember that Sokoto is the Headquarter of the State and we are suppose to be proud of it in anyway.

It is a shameful thing that anyone of us here should say development of Sokoto town should be stopped, because Sokoto State is not as developed as Ibadan, Kano, Kaduna and as any Headquarters in Nigeria we should know that development of Sokoto town is important. It is something we should be proud of but at the same time we should development Rural Areas too.

At present, there are alot of developments which Sokoto town needs and it is here in the House that we can do it. And if we do not take care of this development, up to the end of our development we will be asked what development we have done for Sokoto State. I will like you to understand that the development of Sokoto town and Rural Areas should go hand in hand. And suggestion that I will like to give is that this provi-

sion should be sent to Sokoto Urban Development Authority (S.U.D.A.) so that they send back to us what proposal they have to the effect, to know what we have. Because provision of streets light is very important and even for the mere reason of decorating the town I think it is all in good faith. Therefore I support the motion which sort for the provision of street light to the Sokoto Bye-Pass and I will like this Honourable House to look into the issue whether Sokoto Urban Development Authority (S.U.D.A.) has made provision to that.

I will like this House to direct the institution to make such provision.

**Umaru Maidamma Besse (Besse):** Mr. Speaker, now, I do not support that what the Hon. Member for (Augi) who have just sat down said, because in my view Bye-Pass is in bush I do not see importance of putting street light for it. And in my view there is no town which is equal to Sokoto Town. Sokoto town is being developed. Therefore I think what we should do now, is to approach the development of Rural Areas. When we develop Rural Areas, then we can come back to do that of Sokoto. As for this I will like the mover of this motion Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Garka) to withdraw it.

**Muhammadu Tukur (Gande):** Mr. Speaker, I rise up to support the suggestion brought by the Majority Leader, I mean Hon. Member for (Augi). The provision of street lights to Sokoto Bye-Pass is very important. As for the one who said we should not be developing Sokoto, he should bear in mind that the Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Garka) who move this motion and as for the one who said that Sokoto is in equal basis with all other towns in the Country. I think he has never been to places like Kano, Kaduna or any of the more advanced places. In my view the provision will not be restricted only Bye-Pass but all other streets in Sokoto town. Because wherever anyone goes in this world, he said he is from Sokoto

State, as for this you will like such people to come and see your State Capital and you will like them to be impressed by it. Therefore I think we should try in developing it.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have three points to resolve on:

(1) Is that the mover of the motion Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Garka) to withdraw it. Those in favour if that should raise up their hands. (*two members only*). Right (2) As for contacting Sokoto Urban Development Authority (S.U.D.A.) as the authority for Sokoto town and its surroundings we have points;

(1) That the Legislature contact S.U.D.A. itself.

(2) That the mover of the motion Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Garka) go to S.U.D.A. himself.

Those are the two points we will resolve on. Those in favour of that the legislature should go to S.U.D.A. itself. So there is no point in arguing on the second. We have all agreed on one (1). So the Legislature will contact Sokoto Urban Development Authority (S.U.D.A.).

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** — That the House should contact Sokoto Urban Development Authority (S.U.D.A.) to find out whether there is any provision of Street Lights for the Sokoto Bye-Pass.

*Provision of Electricity to Kwatarkwashi town — By Alhaji Musa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi).*

**Speaker:** I would like to call on the Hon. Member Alhaji Musa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi) to present the motion.

**Alh. Muh. Augi (Augi) Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker I would like to point out to you

that the Hon. Member Alhaji Musa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi) has got some personal duties so he is not able to come today. He has therefore asked for the postponement of this motion till when he is back, say on Monday if it is possible.

**Speaker:** I should have expected this from the Chairman, Business Committee earlier than now. Hon. Member for (Kotorkoshi) is not here and Chairman, Business Committee has moved a motion that the motion be withdrawn. Are you in favour of withdrawing the motion?

Several Hon. Members: Yes.

*Motion by leave withdrawn.*

**Speaker:** With the withdrawal of this motion, we are left with no motion. Today being week-end, after a heavy work, we may proceed and we may stop depending on what you think.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to bring a motion seeking for the adjournment of this House.

**Speaker:** That is a motion for adjournment any seconder to it?

Several Hon. Members: Yes.

**Alh. Yahaya Mal Dodo:** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second for the adjournment of this House till on Monday.

**Speaker:** Before we leave I would like you during the recess to go over Section 89 of the Constitution.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved** — That this House do now adjourn.

*The House adjourned accordingly at 10.50 a.m. till on Monday at 10.00 a.m.*

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Monday, 26th November, 1979.

The House met at 10.40 a.m.

**PRAYERS**

(The Speaker presided)

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**Speaker:** I am once more reminding you of punctuality.

May I know from the Majority Leader whether the three people moving the motions are present.

**Majority Leader (Alhaji Muh. Augie):** Mr. Speaker, only one Member is present among the three Members who have forwarded the three motions.

**Speaker:** Which of the three motions?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, the first motion brought by Hon. Member, Alhaji Musa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi) while the rest are not present.

**Speaker:** May I call on Hon. Member, Alhaji Musa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi) to present his motion.

**Alhaji Musa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am very glad to have this opportunity of moving my motion. I am bringing this motion on behalf of the people of Kotorkoshi. Kotorkoshi is a District so also is Chafe, Gusau and Bungudu towns. We are all in one Local Government area. There is a provision for providing Chafe town with electricity while Bungudu and Gusau towns have been provided with electricity. Kotorkoshi is 10 miles away from Gusau, Bungudu is also 10 miles

away from Gusau, Chafe is 28 miles from Gusau, they have all been provided with electricity while we haven't. This is why the people of Kotorkoshi mandated me to bring this motion before this Hon. House so that they would be helped with electricity with the approval of this Hon. House. That is No.1 and No.2 is.....

**Speaker:** I am sorry that is the only motion you have on the Order Paper.

**Alhaji Musa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi):** Mr. Speaker, well, that is my complain.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Alhaji Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I will like to support the motion brought by the Hon. Member, Alhaji Musa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi) though there are some factors to be considered when taking electricity to a town. These factors are population or some industries around the town. The people from Kotorkoshi are extremely very lucky they are very near Kainji Power Station which is in Gusau. Gusau is just nine miles from Kotorkoshi. I think power can be transmitted from that sub-station to Kotorkoshi very easily. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Any objection to the motion?

**Alhaji Mamudu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to oppose the motion brought by the Hon. Member for (Kotorkoshi). My main reason is that you all know that out of the 19 Local Governments areas, Gusau is one of the luckiest Local Government. Gusau, Bungudu, Chafe are all towns in Gusau Local Government area which have already been provided with electricity, but there are many towns in the State which have not been provided with electricity.

Each and everyone of us is representing those who elected him, but that does not

mean that he is going to work for only those who elected him. We have all taken the oath that we will do all we can to help the State as a whole. It will be better if Members forwarding motion similar to this type should please include other towns of equal or even bigger population than theirs.

**Speaker:** Order!!

**Alhaji Musa Usman Shinkafi (Shinkafi):** Mr. Speaker, I do not support the Hon. Member for (Shagari) who has just sat down. We know we are working for the whole of Sokoto State, but the Hon. Member for (Shagari) should know that we, where we come from first before anywhere else. It will be better if we come together and help each other. Any body seeking for help should be helped. You too if you forward your motion we will support you. Thank you.

**Alhaji Moh. Augie (Augie):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I do not support the Hon. Member for (Shagari). Kotorkoshi has facilities which require electricity e.g. a Secondary School, Gusau Agricultural Project, and they also have machines for grinding ground-nuts.

Everyone has the right to bring a motion. What I will like to remind Hon. Members is that they should not oppose somebody on the point which they did not have enough idea on. We should think first before we oppose somebody's motion. I therefore support that Kotorkoshi town should be provided with electricity. Thank you.

**Alhaji Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to support the Hon. Member for (Kotorkoshi) the mover of this motion. As the Majority Leader said, that the light can be provided from Gusau, but I think N.E.P.A. is in charge of supplying electricity to Gusau. I think anything concerning the State there is the Ministry of Water and Electricity. Infact at present they should be approached concerning the motion

brought by the Hon. Member for (Kotorkoshi). I was once a member of the Rural Electricity Board, I am sure if Chafe town has not yet get electricity the plan must have gone to an advanced stage. In that case I propose that a bigger engine can be installed at Chafe so that both Chafe and Kotorkoshi can get electricity from the same source.

**Speaker:** May I know from the Hon. Member, for (Chafe) what has been done concerning giving electricity to Chafe town?

**Alh. Garba Na Liman (Chafe):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, at present Chafe town has been wired. The cause of the delay was because the Engineer of the project has gone on leave.

**Speaker:** How far have they gone about the Power House.

**Alh. Garba Na Liman (Chafe):** Mr. Speaker, they have changed their mind on where to construct the Power House earlier.

**Speaker:** How far is it from the town?

**Alh. Garba Na Liman (Chafe):** Mr. Speaker, it is less than a kilometre. A bridge will have to be constructed across a stream, if the Power House is constructed where it has earlier been planned as such they decided to look for more suitable place.

**Speaker:** Well Hon. Members when considering this motion, I will like to call your attention to a provision somewhere, where three district headquarters are going to be merged in one station and they are Dogon Daji, Gwandu and Tambuwal. So this will guide you in your deliberations. Order, Order, the floor is given to somebody.

**Alh. Shehu Mutawalli (Ambarsa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, there is one thing in connection with this motion. Infact you have guided us in our deliberation on this

motion of providing Kotorkoshi with electricity. The example you have given is excellent and I know it as it is in our area. Therefore.....

**Speaker:** I mean Chafe and Kotorkoshi.

**Alh. Shehu Mutawalli (Ambursa):** Mr. Speaker, being they are still arranging for a suitable place to fit the engine. They should look in these two towns for centre as it is done in our area. The engine was not fitted in Gwandu, Dogon Daji or Tambuwal but the centre and it is providing lights evenly so if this method is adopted for Chafe and Kotorkoshi, the better.

**Alhaji Abubakar Mainasara Zagga (Bagudo/Zagga):** Mr. Speaker, on providing Kotorkoshi town with electricity my suggestion is that Chafe will be provided with electricity and from Chafe and Kotorkoshi is only 12 miles, therefore the engine can be fitted in the junction of Mada. So with one stone we can kill three birds and I think this is the best solution.

**Alh. Garba Liman (Chafe):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my explanation on this issue that on Friday when we left here, I saw the Chairman and Councillor of Gusau Local Government and they said that there is a proposal to supply Kotorkoshi with lights. They further explained that they have already fixed an engine in Kotorkoshi as the Local Government had promised to provide Kotorkoshi town with lights. So I think this matter is closed.

**Alh. Musa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I heard all the deliberations that have been going on this issue. I did not agree with what Hon. Member Alhaji Garba Liman (Chafe) had said. There are villages like Kotorkoshi, Tofa and Mada, they have only been provided with generators to see television by the Government for enlightening the people. These generators are not providing lights to

these villages. Kotorkoshi has a Veterinary and a Secondary School which the Hon. Member for (Chafe) knows and the Majority Leader and its population is increasing so Kotorkoshi and Chafe are the same. We people in Kotorkoshi are obeying the people of Chafe. Their District Head and ours are brothers so I think they can help us.

**Alh. Ibrahim Dangata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, being that we are now deciding to where the engine should be fitted, it is better if it is fitted in Chafe town because there are other towns coming up like Yankuzo, Keta and Ganuwa and they will benefit from it. So it will be better if it is fitted in Chafe.

**Alh. Hailru Dogon Daji (D/Daji/Jabo):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, in connection with the deliberation going on, on providing Kotorkoshi with lights, I learnt that from the Kainji Sub-Station to Kotorkoshi is seven miles and from Kotorkoshi to Chafe is twelve miles so from the distance I think Kotorkoshi should be supplied with lights from the Kainji sub-station as it is nearer. If the engine is fitted in Chafe it is all the same. There are similar developing towns coming up and they will benefit.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have two points here to clear. One is to provide Kotorkoshi with electricity from Gusau and two from Chafe. So those in favour of supplying Kotorkoshi with lights from Gusau hands up. Majority raised their hands, so you are almost all in favour to supply Kotorkoshi town with lights from Gusau.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the matter of supplying Kotorkoshi town with Electricity from Gusau be referred to the Ministry for Water and Electricity Supply.

*PRESENTATION OF A MOTION*

*Construction of a By-Pass road to Gusau town — (Alhaji Buhari Garban Yandi Gusau).*

**Speaker:** May I call on Alhaji Buhari Garban Yandi to present his motion.

**Alhaji Buhari Garban Yandi (Gusau):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I bring this motion for the construction of by-pass road to Gusau, because we have been needing this from the Government for quite a long time now but we have not been granted with it. I hope my fellow Hon. Members will support this motion because we have got only one road in Gusau which serves as the in-coming and out-going road.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Ibrahim Dangata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, in connection with the motion moved by Alhaji Buhari Garban Yandi, I beg to support. I can remember about the place he has in mind which has already been surveyed and the houses around the area have been demolished and the owners of the land were directed not to erect anything there. But since then nothing has been done which resulted in the people starting to erect some buildings around the area which is now getting filled up. Motorists are also using the area now and in my view it is only culverts that are needed now.

**Speaker:** Any objection to the motion? Any comment?

**Alh. Muh. Gidado (Kware):** Mr. Speaker, on the motion moved which seeks for the construction of a by-pass to Gusau town, I would like to ask a question to the mover, Hon. Member for (Gusau). Because it appears that some of us here do not know the particular place he has in mind. This by-pass that he wants to be constructed, does he want it to be constructed in eastern part or in the western part of the town because I know that some parts of Gusau are surrounded by water. That is my question.

**Alh. Buhari Garban Yandi (Gusau):** Mr. Speaker, in connection with the questioned asked by an Hon. Member for (Kware), I would like to say that we don't like the by-pass to be constructed on the other side of the river. We want it in the area which has been surveyed before, which starts from the Catering Rest House to the slaughter slab, through the Water Board and pass to where the Gusau Dam was constructed and come back to the Gusau Road. We are not asking for the road to be constructed at the other side of the river.

**Alh. Sambo Wonaka (Mada):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give additional information and also to support this motion moved by Hon. Member, Alhaji Garban Yandi (Gusau). Because of the size and population of Gusau town, it is not proper to say that there is only one road which serves as the in-coming and out-going road. I am sure that the people in the town are fed up with this. As for this proposed by-pass, all people who live in Gusau have heard that it is going to be constructed, so now it appears as if he is reminding the Government. Because of this, I would like this House to approve for the construction of this by-pass road.

**Speaker:** May I know whether there is only one road as you kept saying? It appears to me that there are two. One that passes by the Hospital and the other just goes right to Agip which, to me, is a by-pass in itself. So is it only one road you have as you said or two.

**Alh. Sambo Wonaka (Mada):** Mr. Speaker, what I mean is that there is only one in-coming and one out-going road. When you are standing by the Agip Filling Station, anybody who comes either from Kotorkoshi or Zaria, you will see him and if you go to the way leading to Bungudu where the roundabout is situated, whoever is coming out of the town or from Sokoto you will see him. The roads which are in the town should not be considered in this case because

they are leading to any where. That is what I mean.

**Speaker:** Well, with the question of the position of the road side, for by-pass from Sokoto is solely to be in the town and the same will happen to the one we are trying to get for Gusau. Any more comments before we move the question?

**Alh. Moh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I do not quite understand the by-pass the mover of this motion Hon. Member for (Gusau), is talking about. Does he need a by-pass to be constructed or a round-about? In the Hon. Member for (Gusau)'s explanation, he said a by-pass and a round-about, which should entirely be a new topic altogether and it is different from a by-pass. A by-pass is a road constructed behind the town so that anybody travelling along this road can follow this by-pass without necessary going into the town itself. I hope the mover of this motion Hon. Member for (Gusau) will explain himself more fully.

**Speaker:** I myself do not fully understand what the proposer of this motion Hon. Member for (Gusau) is requesting. As far as I know there is a by-pass in Gusau, unless it is a by-pass to T/Wada you want. But the question of a round-about or whatever you may call it near the railway junction. That is totally different. As somebody has asked for more explanation on, may I ask the Hon. Member, Alhaji Garba (Gusau) to please give us more explanations.

**Alhaji Buhari Garban Yandi (Gusau):** Mr. Speaker, this by-pass was once proposed as I have earlier explained. It will start from the Catering Rest House and it will come round to meet the Zaria Road.

**Speaker:** At what spot?

**Alhaji Buhari Garban Yandi (Gusau):** Mr. Speaker, at the point where N.C.C.L. is constructing a dam.

**Speaker:** Is it going round Tudun Wada or what?

**Alhaji Buhari Garban Yandi (Gusau):** Mr. Speaker, it will start from the road coming from Sokoto and then it will meet at the point where the N.C.C.L. is working along Zaria road.

**Speaker:** My question is where will the road meet Zaria Road?

**Alhaji Buhari Garban Yandi (Gusau):** Mr. Speaker, at Water Board.

**Speaker:** Where will it pass through?

**Alh. Garban Yandi (Gusau):** It will meet the road leading to Zaria.

**Speaker:** I know from Fatima Secondary School or whatever you may call it you have a mosque at Tudun Wada, on the other side of present by-pass. Where will this new by-pass be?

**Alhaji Buhari Garban Yandi (Gusau):** Mr. Speaker, I don't mean it will come down to Fatima Secondary School I mean on the same side with the Water Board before Samaru.

**Alh. Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to comment on the motion of providing Gusau town with a by-pass. Everyone knows that Gusau does not need a by-pass, what Gusau need is the reconstruction of their present roads. For this reason I am appealing to the proposer of this motion to seek for the explanation of the roads and their improvements, as for the by-pass the present one is sufficient. I am sure if we are seeking for the opinion of the people of Gusau town, they will prefer their roads to be expanded rather than having a by-pass.

**Alh. Mamudu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my opinion about motion that is construction of

by-pass at Gusau. Considering the brief stay I had with the Town Planning, I come to know that a by-pass has a lot of uses. In big towns like Sokoto, Gusau and the rest you will see certain roads constructed e.g. a ring road or by-pass. In certain towns these roads make the flow of traffic easier, in the town, because travellers not willing to go into the town can follow these by-pass. This is not the main importance of a by-pass. The importance of by-pass is helps in expanding a town. Once a by-pass is constructed you see people building houses near the by-pass thus making the town to expand rapidly. With this I will like to support the motion of constructing this by-pass, at every town that may need it now or later.

**Speaker:** May I know from the mover of the motion, Hon. Member for (Gusau), what authority promised constructing the by-pass in the past?

**Alhaji Buhari Garban Yandi (Gusau):** Mr. Speaker, in the past, this road was surveyed and vehicles had even started using this road but to be frank I did not enquire who made the promise. I don't know whether it is Local Government or the State Government.

**Alh. Ibrahim Dangata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I will like to support the mover of the motion.....

**Speaker:** What we expect from you is to tell us who promised the construction of the by-pass, I want you to go right to the point. What I was asking the Hon. Member for (Gusau) is who intended constructing the road earlier?

**Alh. Ibrahim Dangata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, I don't know the authority that promised to construct the by-pass.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have heard comments on the motion and at present it appears we all agreed but the question is who

should be responsible for this?

**Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu (Gwandu):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, on the question just asked by the Hon. Speaker I will like to give my views to the House concerning this matter. Because of the importance of Sokoto—Gusau road and Gusau—Zaria Road and also the importance of big towns, what I mean here is that there are works which are the responsibilities of the State Government. According to the powers we have in this House, I will forward the matter to Sokoto State Government with the approval of the House.

**Alh. Galadima Danchadi (Danchadi):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my opinion on the motion in question. I feel the mover of this motion Hon. Member for (Gusau) should withdraw the motion until he goes and investigate which authority promised constructing the road and what stage they have so far reached and then report back to the House.

**Speaker:** Those in favour of constructing a by-pass in Gusau should put up their hands.

The majority are in favour.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the Clerk be entrusted to find out where to forward this request of constructing Gusau by-pass road.

#### PRESENTATION OF A MOTION

**Rehabilitation of Chafe—'Yankuzo Road:**  
(Alhaji Namani ('Yankuzo))

**Alh. Ali Namani ('Yankuzo):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, the reason why I brought this motion is, we will like a road to be constructed from Chafe-'Yankuzo-Unguwar-Sarki. I will like this Hon. House to support the idea, because we made a com-

munity temporary road during the dry season; but when rain comes this road is not accessible. If we must store our harvest like millet, corn, wheat, etc. we have to employ the services of a donkey and each sack costs ₦6.00 to be carried from Chafe to 'Yankuzo. Transport fare is also ₦3.00 because the road is bad. If for example a lady is sick, we have to get a bed and six people to carry her to Chafe hospital for treatment and from Unguwar Sarki, we have to use twelve people for this purpose. From these difficulties we are encountering, I am appealing to this Hon. House to give me a full support for the construction of this road. A donkey now is very expensive, for an average donkey now costs not less than ₦200.00 and if one wants to employ the services of a donkey, he has to notify the owner with an advance money before the time.

**Speaker:** Before I ask for a seconder, may I ask whether the motion is for rehabilitation or construction of a new road?

**Alhaji Ali Namani ('Yankuzo):** Mr. Speaker, we have a road, but a temporary one in use only during the dry season. If it rains we can not use it any more, that is why we will like it to be constructed.

**Speaker:** It appears that the motion should be construction of a road and not rehabilitation so it should be amended thus. Is there any seconder to the motion?

**Alhaji Haliru Dogon Daji (D/Daji/Jabo):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I second that the road be constructed but I will like to know how far it is from Chafe to the town? Will the road be tarred or.....?

**Speaker:** I am sorry he is seeking for a road to 'Yankuzo and what we are after is the material.

**Alhaji Haliru D/Daji (D/Daji/Jabo):** I second the motion.

**Alhaji Sadi Isa (Isa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I support the Hon. Member for ('Yankuzo). My reasons are that if someone brings a motion and wants support, you have to study his reasons and I confirm his reasons are justifiable and they are lucky that this is one of the Government's intention to build good roads. Immediately this motion is brought, it appears that the entire House are in full support, so I have 100% full support to the motion and I pray this Honourable House will give its blessings.

**Alhaji Yahaya Bungudu (Bungudu):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Hon. Members, I support the mover of this motion, Hon. Member for ('Yankuzo). I am drawing your attention that everybody you see here is representing his people and his motion is on their behalf so it is proper for us to support him. There are other things for example if one is cheated we are duty bound to see justice done. We all know that a town needs three things water, light and roads. I am very happy that the Hon. Mr. Speaker and some of my colleagues will be going to Lagos for a course. I said for a course because you will learn so many things on your way because for instance you will see town on the road with not more than one hundred people in it but provided with water, lights and good roads.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, as you all know our Government is committed to rural development. 'Yankuzo is a rural area and even Chafe is so. May I know those in favour of this request hands up?

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the Ministry for Rural Development be approached with this request of constructing Chafe-'Yankuzo Road.

**Speaker:** We have finished with the three motions we have on the paper for the day.

*Some Members started to stand up but*

*were called to order as the sitting has not been adjourned.*

**Alhaji Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to bring a motion if this Hon. House agrees, because I found out from the standing order that we can bring a motion verbally or in writing. So I am appealing to this Hon. House to agree that whenever we finish an order paper to bring one or two motions. So with the approval of this Hon. House I will bring my motion. I am appealing the House to include workers to be given car loans. We Hon. Members, last week came to a conclusion to have car loans from the Bank but I heard in other States, they have included their workers. Workers are really helping us to build this nation so giving them car loan will be an incentive.

**Speaker:** All matters concerning finances should be referred to the Governor before it is referred to the House. We are discussing the question of loans because it was not Government's money. We do not have to consult the Governor before discussing it. As for this, is a substantive motion to be given in writing, discussed before bringing here. So I am sorry, it cannot be deliberated upon.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That this motion be brought in writing as a substantive motion.

**Alh. Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I will like to refer this Hon. House to government bill number one. In this bill thirteen names were forwarded to this House for nomination as Commissioners. Out of this thirteen names only one was rejected by name Alhaji Isa Mutawalli, on the grounds that he came from the same area with the Governor. I believe this is not enough to disqualify him so I am appealing to this Hon. House to please re-consider appointing him as Commissioner so that he does not become a victim of circumstances.

**Speaker:** A motion for consideration, any seconder to the motion?

**Alhaji Ali Abbas (Durbawa):** I beg to second the Hon. Member, Alhaji Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa). This post is still vacant, if he can be appointed the better, for there is no reason whatsoever to disqualify him.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, what we have done in appointing these Commissioners was a mistake and it should not be repeated. There are many factors to be considered before the appointment, which we over-looked such as if such candidate is qualified to contest an election, tax receipts, to resign appointment before becoming a Commissioner.....

**Speaker:** Point of correction, he may resign his appointment after accepting the Commissioner-ship.

**Majority Leader:** I know him very well and I have no grudge against him.

**Alh. Garba Liman Chafe (Chafe):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second what the Majority Leader has said. My reason is if that Commissioner should be brought back here, the rest of the Commissioner should also be returned so that we can deliberate on them. If you can remember we have 19 Local Government areas that haven't got any Commissioner so still we can have one from another Local Government Area because already His Excellency, the Governor of the State is from that area.

**Umaru Na Kigo (Dakingari/Giro):** Mr. Speaker, what I would like to say in connection with this motion is that if this motion is to be brought back to this Hon. House, it should take about six months. That is the suitable time for us to bring back the matter of Alhaji Isa Mutawalli.

**Alhaji Sadi Isa (Isa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to remind you and at the

same time to draw your attention to what will happen if such a thing should happen. I do not support that the name of the Commissioners should be brought back to the House. Does it mean that there is nobody in the State except him? We better use our senses. The time when we rejected this man we were in our senses. It will not be proper for this Hon. House to loose its dignity because of this. If there is anybody suitable for this position, his name should be brought to this House.

**Alh. Sa'adu Zuru (Sakaba):** Mr. Speaker, before I second or not, I would like to draw the attention of this Hon. House on our beautiful name being circulated throughout the Country. Whenever this House adjourns I used to go to other States in order to see what is happening there. From all that I have heard, our Hon. House is being praised in the way it is conducting its business or deliberations in places like Kano, Kaduna and Borno that I have been to. In view of this, therefore, I am in support of the appointment of that man as a Commissioner. On what he has been rejected before, I think all the other Commissioners have similar things.

**Speaker:** Well, let us put the question.

*Question put and nagatived.*

**Resolved:** That the case of Alhaji Isa Mutawalli earlier rejected as a Commissioner should not be brought back to the House.

**An Hon. Member:** We have more explanations.

**Speaker:** That is the end of the motion. More than half are not in favour so there is no need in dragging it over.

Any motion not pertaining to this very one we have finished and not a substantive motion which should have been discussed earlier?

**Muhammadu Bukkuyum (Bukkuyum):** Mr. Speaker, my motion is about the difficulty the people of Zamfara area are facing regarding buying produce like cotton and groundnuts. The people are really suffering because the Government is not ready to buy the produce and because of this, some private individuals are buying the produce while they are not buying promptly. We will therefore like the Government to give a hand on cotton market so that we will sell our produce. That is what I am appealing from this Hon. House and I hope the Members would sympathise with us.

**Speaker:** As far as I know the former Nigerian Marketing Board has been split into Boards, one of them being the Nigerian Cotton Board. Am I right? Then may I suggest that we find a Select Committee, which will investigate as to the activities of the Board pertaining to our farmers.

The question here is the proposer of the motion Hon. Member for (Bukkuyum), worried about the situation of Cotton Boards as well as groundnuts growers and I believe there are two Boards one for each produce. What I suggest is we have a Select Committee that will find out for us the position.

**An Hon. Member:** May I suggest something to you?

**Speaker:** Do so.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I will like to give a suggestion in this request. Formerly there was a Marketing Board which was named Northern Nigeria Marketing Board which used to buy farmers' produce. In the last three years, the Board was divided into groups. The Kano branch is responsible for groundnuts marketing while the Funtua branch is responsible for fibre and cotton marketing. There is also the Grains Marketing Board like millet, guinea-corn

and the like in the Northern Region. Since the establishment of this Groundnuts and Cotton Board we don't have enough groundnuts because of some disease. That of cotton is going well but what happened was that the Licence Buying Agents who are buying the produce for these Boards were so inefficient that is what brought all this. They are cheaters who have cheated alot and have no money to buy the produce. Unless the Government can come out with something, there is no way of solving this problem. Before, the Banks used to give loans to the farmers but now they have stopped. The Co-operative Societies, which have been established by the Sokoto State Government are all facing the same problems. They are not provided with sufficient money to buy the produce. What is proper now is that the Government should get money by all means and give it to them to buy the whole produce from the farmers. This will make farmers farm more, because if a farmer sell his produce less, he will not do so the next year. The NPN Government, which is in power, has its effort in farming, so it should have to be buying the farmers' produce to encourage them instead of relying on Marketing Board. The Marketing Board has nothing to do anything, it is bankrupt. I therefore feel we should face the Government to give money and buy the farm produce.

**Speaker:** In the light of this explanation, I beg to withdraw my motion that we should have a Select Committee to see the Board. Alternatively, I suggest we approach the Ministry for Rural Development and see what they can do about it.

**Alh. Musa Usman Shinkafi (Shinkafi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to support the mover of this motion, Hon. Member for (Bukkuyum), in connection with buying or purchasing farm produce without payment. In this case, I feel we should deliberate fully in this matter. The reason is that the L.B.A. which was established to be purchasing farmers pro-

duce with a loan given to them by the Banks are not following that way with the money given to them. If a member of L.B.A. has an office for purchasing farm produce in Isa, Gatawa, Shinkafi etc. and has been given ₦1,000.00 to start with, that amount will be the capital to continue and even if the amount of your trading increases, if you ask for more they will not add you anything. Now, it is about four years we are in this problem.....

Mr. Speaker, if this case is left with the L.B.A. the suffering of the farmers will never come to an end.

**Alhaji Mohammed Nomau (Blrin Tinudu):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, my further explanation to what the mover of this motion, Hon. Member for (Bukkuyum) has said in connection to the problems of the farmers growing cotton is that the government should provide money which can be used to buy these produce.

Cotton and groundnuts are cash crops, which the farmers sell in order to get money. This money is used in repairing food crops like millet and guinea-corn. In fact, at present, there is a great reduction in the number of people growing cotton due to this problem. The government should get money to purchase these products immediately. This will encourage the farmers to grow more next year.

**Speaker:** The problem has been identified, what remains is the solution to the problem and that is what we want to suggest on. I have suggested that we should refer the matter to the Ministry for Rural Development, for they have planned to establish a Bank and I think they will know better how to solve the problem, but if you think that you have a better solution, let us have it now.

**Alh. Abubakar Mainasara Zagga (Bagudo/Zagga):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I think the economy of this country largely depends on agriculture, unless we



purchase what the farmers produce, the economy of this country will remain backward. The Government should go and look for money possible to purchase the produce, because after purchasing the produce, the Government will sell them later. If we are to go through the Bank this will take a long time.

**Speaker:** That is a State Bank, I am referring to not a Commercial Bank and that will solve the problem of such things as security.

**Alhaji A. M. Zagga (Bagudo/Zagga):** Mr. Speaker, we don't know when this Bank will be established and if this problem is not looked into immediately, the farmers will still be suffering. We should try to make arrangements against next year.

The earlier suggestion brought by the Hon. Speaker, for appointing a Committee is quite right, because such a Committee will start its work immediately.

**Speaker:** I have already withdraw that statement.

**Alhaji A. M. Zagga (Bagudo/Zagga):** Mr. Speaker, even if you have withdrawn the statement, I think we should bring it back in order not to waste time, because getting this money in time will facilitate the purchase of these farm produce.

**Speaker:** We are in sitting, Hon. Member for (Yabo).

**Mohammed Magaji Yalauo:** Mr. Speaker, I want to go out.

**Speaker:** You should have done that quietly without shaking hands with others.

**Alhaji A. M. Zagga (Bagudo/Zagga):** Mr. Speaker, I will like to go back to my point, farmers pay their tax after selling their farm produce as such the Committee should be

appointed.

**Musa Bawa S/Fada (Wasagu):** Mr. Speaker, besides the problem which the farmers are facing in connection with solving their problems, there is also another problem which also needs to be brought to this House. A farmer will grow his cotton, pay his tax, and when he takes this cotton to sell, he will be asked to pay ₦1 per sack which is not in the regulations. We will like this problem to be solved for the farmers. Thank you.

**Alhaji Sule Na Inna S/Birni (Gatawa):** Mr. Speaker, there are many problems facing groundnutsfarmers. The L.B.A. receive money for purchasing the produce and gave it to their agents. These agents, usually buy the produce from the farmers outside the shade at a lower price. After purchasing this produce from the farmers, they will then announce that the market is open and at this time the farmers have already sold their produce at lower prices.

I am appealing to this Hon. House to look into this problem so that the farmers do not have to go seeking for market for their products, as a result of which they will sell at a lower price than the official price. This is the cause of a great reduction in the production of cotton in our area.

**Speaker:** As I have said, we have identified the problem and what we want now is the solution.

**Alhaji Sambo Wonaka (Mada):** Mr. Speaker, my suggestion to this problem is, as this L.B.A. agents are cheats usually they don't have enough to buy this produce, they are only taking chances saying that they can buy the products. This category of agents should be reduced. Those who are faithful and have the money should be encouraged by the Government.

**Alhaji Moh. S/Fawa (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker, I do not support the Hon. Member

for (Mada) who has just sat down, who said that the agents should be reduced because they are cheats. What the Hon. Member should realise is that, the purchasing of farm produce is a very difficult task and only those who are experienced can do the job. If this is left with the rich alone, when they go bankrupt they will not know where to borrow money in order to pay the farmers as such the farmers will still be suffering.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I will like to give my suggestion on how to deal with this problem, now we are in the month of November which is the beginning of the dry season, and we have started harvesting cotton and we have already harvested groundnuts. This is the right time to solve this problem, because it will take time to wait for this Bank to be established. My suggestion to this Hon. House is that Government should go and look for money any where in order to give the Co-operative Societies in each area, so that they can go and buy the produce from the farmers. There should always be this money, and if this money is not available there will always be credit. From now till March all the necessary arrangements should have been made, like getting money, construction of shades and also the purchase of the farm produce. In this way the farmers will be encouraged to grow more next year. Before next year, this Bank should have been established with branches in at least every District Headquarter in order to help the farmers.

This arrangement, I am talking of, is an immediate one, that is we should use the Co-operative Societies, we don't have to include L.B.A. Thank you.

**Alhaji Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, I support what the Leader of the Majority has just said. The government should provide the Co-operative Societies with sufficient money to purchase the goods. This is the only way that will help the farmers.

**Speaker:** Those in favour should put up their hands. So it is resolved?

*Question put and agreed.*

**Resolved:** That the Government should provide Co-operative Societies with sufficient money to purchase the farm produce from the farmers.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I am proposing that the House should go on a recess until 3rd December, 1979, because we will have some events within these days. I hope I will be supported.

**Speaker:** It is apparent that all NPN Members are concerned with this because as from tomorrow till 30th they will be engaged in a convention. In their absence the House cannot have a quorum as such it is better to go on a recess as proposed by Majority Leader. Is it acceptable?

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** The House to go on recess and resume on 3rd December, 1979.

**Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** I second the motion for adjournment.

**Speaker:** How can you second your motion?

**Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** I beg to move the motion that this Hon. House do now adjourn.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Audu Majidadi (Wamakko):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I second the mover of this motion, Hon. Member for (Argungu) to adjourn.

**Speaker:** Any opposition to the motion?

**Hon. Members:** No, no.

**Speaker:** So we adjourn till Monday, 3rd December, 1979.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That this House do now adjourn.

*The House adjourned at 1.25 p.m. till on Monday, 3rd December, 1979 at 10.00 a.m.*

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE  
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Monday, 3rd December, 1979.

*The House met at 10.40 a.m.*

(The Speaker presided)

**PRAYERS**

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**Speaker:** I haven't seen the Governor so there is no message from him.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Speaker:** What I have to announce is what we have discussed at our Parliamentary Meeting on the Bills before us. Members of the other Party may see it a bit odd that we have got so many Bills before us which we intend to look into today as a result of prior meeting by the Parliamentary Committee.

**PRESENTATIONS OF MOTIONS**

**Speaker:** The motions of the day are four on the Order Paper for the day Bills and there is likely to come a fifth one. So as for the First Reading of the Bill, I call upon the Clerk to act accordingly.

**PRESENTATION OF A BILL**

A Law to make further Supplementary Provision for the Service of Sokoto State of Nigeria for the Year ending, Thirty-first Day of March, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty.

**Speaker:** I now call upon the Majority Leader to present the Bill.

**Majority Leader (Alh. Muhammadu Augie):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I

would like to present this Bill to the House for the request of ₦600,000.00. This sum of money is needed for the service of the State Government from now to 31st March, 1980. The Ministry of Trade and Industry need this sum of money to buy shares from the Sokoto Clay Industry Limited which is going to be sited near Talata Mafara. The ₦600,000.00 is going to be used in buying shares from the Company. The Government is going to buy these shares until such a time when the people are mature enough to realise the importance of this venture and when they have enough money to buy the shares. The purpose of buying these shares by the Government is to enable the Company to get started. Some Companies have bought the rest of the shares. The N.C.C.L. which is one of the Companies has bought 600,000 shares, Z.B.C.C. has bought 300,000 shares and another Company which is named NAMCO has bought 150 shares. The reason why the Government should buy the remaining shares is because some Companies like the Bungudu Construction Company and Alhaji Sidi Sarkin Shariffai who have earlier indicated their willingness to buy the shares have now withdrawn. The total shares for this Company is 1,500,000. The Companies bought a total of 900,000 shares. Already the Government has bought 300,000 shares which was required from it and now what is needed is 600,000 shares. Hon. Members, I hope you are clear about this Bill and I beg for your support and approval so as to give the Government this sum of money to let the Company function.

**Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to support this Bill presented by the Majority Leader because this Commission is urgently required so I am appealing to my Hon. colleagues to please accept the establishment of this Commission.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, this is the bill as presented and is read. So the next step is the

Second Reading before deliberations. I now call upon the Clerk for the second reading?

### SECOND READING

*Bill No. 5: A Law to provide for the establishment of a State Electoral Commission.*

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, this Commission has its importance and its responsibility for conducting State level elections, National elections, and the forth-coming Local Government elections. At present, the State has no such Commission because the former one was established by the Federal Military Government and has completed its assignment and is dissolved. It is now that this Commission will be established to change the former one and this is in accordance with the constitution so I am appealing to you so that this Commission will be established.

**Alh. Moh. Kanwa (Zurmi):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I second the bill presented by the Majority Leader and I hope the Hon. Members will support because of the forth-coming Local Government elections ahead of us.

**Speaker:** As before, we discuss the bill in the Committee of the Whole House. Is that your view?

**Hon. Members:** Yes, Yes.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the Second time and Committed to the Committee of the Whole House.*

**Speaker:** I call upon the Majority Leader to present progress report of the Committee of the Whole House.

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**Speaker:** Hon. Members, you have heard the progress report of the Committee of the Whole House.

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**Speaker:** Any more amendments or comments?

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**Alh. Galadima Danchadi (Danchadi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to second the motion. The establishment of Industries is one of the things which sets a country into progress. I hope this Hon. House will approve this. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Any objection?

*(There was no objection from any Member to this proposal).*

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**Speaker:** We have heard the second reading and the report of the Committee of the Whole House, so the next will be the third reading. I now call on the Clerk to do so.

THIRD READING

Bill No. 4:

**Speaker:** Before the Majority Leader present the bill, I want to call the attention of the Hon. Members, that three Bills coming before us now are all as a result of the provision in the Constitution. Secondly, each one of them is in two parts. The first part is already in the Bill then the second is the names of those to be appointed to the Commission. We will discuss one bill and then we will discuss the names to be appointed. All this have to be approved. Will the Leader of the Majority please present the bill?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I now present this bill for the Establishment of a State Electoral Commission, which is to be established in this State. This Commission is to be running the elections to be held in the State, these elections include the Local Government Council Members, the Legislators, State and National etc. The former Commission was not elected by us, it was elected by Military Administration, and this appointment has been terminated. It is stated in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria that this Hon. House is to establish this Commission. I am appealing to this Hon. House to please agree to establish this Commission. After that, we will talk about those to be elected into the Commission.

**Speaker:** This is the bill. Who will second the deliberations on the Bill?

**Alh. Muhammadu Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, being that we have agreed to the motion, I appeal to the Hon. House to let the Hon. Speaker bring forward the names to be presented before the House.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, the question is, you approve the Bill requesting the Electoral Commission. Those in favour, raise up your hands. So is carried. Well, before the motion, there is a comment that the list of Commissioners be presented. Any support for the motion?

**Alhaji Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** I second the Hon. Member for (Dendi) the mover of the motion to present the names of those nominated for the Electoral Commission so that we know them one by one.

**Speaker:** We have the names as they come, and then we have them one by one, and the Clerk read the names of nominees.

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| 1. Alh. Garba Gusau      | Chairman  |
| 2. Alh. Muh. Kangiye     | P/Member  |
| 3. Alh. Musa Kaiba       | P/Member  |
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| 5. Alh. M. Fakai S/Gobir | P/Member  |
| 6. Alh. Garba Gummi      | Part Time |
| 7. Alh. A.B. S/Sudan     | Part Time |

**Speaker:** So now we have them one by one and see whether we pass them or not, but one thing is for the requirement for such eligibility that has been taken care of by the nominator. So it is remainsto us whether they are suitable for the post or not.

**Alh. Garba Gusau:** A Member of Local Government Service Board. He is a Permanent Commissioner there. Here, he is to be the Chairman.

**Hon. Members:** All agreed.

**Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, appointing this person is very suitable, because he is person who is hard working and honest. Before we appoint him as Chairman of this Commission, he is a member of the Local Government Service Board and you know this is a post held by a capable and hard working person. I am sure by appointing him to this post we have nothing to regret. So I hope my fellow Hon. Members will support me.

**Alhaji Buhari Garban Yandi (Gusau):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I second Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu) who said that the person to be appointed was holding big post before, because of this I beg to second him as I have seen his suitability.

**Speaker:** Any objection to his appointment? So the stand is do you agree? If so, hands up. So the next is No. (2) (Alhaji Muhammadu Kangiye) as a Permanent Member.

**Majority Leader:** Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, if we look towards suitability, we are supposed to give him a post which is more than this one. He is one the trusted person. He was formerly Headmaster and knows much election. In my own view, I feel that you will all agree with him. I am sure we will not regret appointing him.

**Garba Muhammadu Kanwa (Zurmi):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, in fact, I am sure this nomination is alright, because this man is an old teacher, we all know him. I therefore support and I hope you will agree with me as the Majority Leader has said.

**Speaker:** Any objection to his appointment?

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to reject.

**Speaker:** What we want is about Alh. Muhammadu Kangiye.

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Mr. Speaker, I do not support it as the Majority Leader has forced us to support. Is he forcing us into supporting him?

**Speaker:** Are you objecting to his appointment? Then you object it that is all. Those in favour should raise up their hands. Well, hands up. So it appears his also has been approved. Next is No. (3) (Alhaji Musa Kaiba).

**Alhaji Musa Isa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, in connection to this person's name, (Alhaji Musa Kaiba), in fact, I know him as Majority Leader has praised the former, I too agree with him and I hope my fellow Honourable Members will support me to appoint this person as we agree with him.

**Alh. Muhammadu Mori (Fakkai):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, well I am the person who is supposed to bring his name first not the former person. Due to his working, he was posted from the Local Government Service Board to the Government Service. We will regret if we do not appoint him. Therefore, I hope this Hon. House will agree with me.

**Musa Bawa (Wasagu):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to give more explanations on (Alhaji Musa Kaiba) because I know him, I know his habit. He is one of the best persons of Zuru Local Government. He is also one of the Zuru best and trusted person. In nomination, we should trust him and agree with him. Since from the beginning, he is the one we wanted to be the Chairman of Zuru Local Government.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, you have heard about (Alh. Musa Kaiba). Those in favour of confirming his appointment should raise up their hands. So he too is confirmed. Next

is No. (4) (Alhaji Usman Malami, Sarkin Malamai Birnin Kebbi).

**Alh. Ibrahim T/Gwandu (Gwandu):** Mr. Speaker, fellow Hon. Members, I stand to present the name of (Alh. Shehu Malami Sarkin Malamai Birnin Kebbi) before you, so as to approve his appointment in the State Electoral Commission. I know this gentleman to the best of my ability. I would like to let you know his career.....

Several Hon. Members: No! No! No!

**Alh. Ibrahim T/Gwandu (Gwandu):** In short, he is.....

Several Hon. Members: No! No! No!

**Alh. Ibrahim T/Gwandu (Gwandu):** Well, I support his appointment.

**Alhaji Abubakar Altine Shugaba (B/Kebji):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the appointment of this friend of mine as a member of the State Electoral Commission.

**Alh. Umaru Nakigo (D/Gari/Giro):** Mr. Speaker, beside my support, I would like to give more explanation on this man. During the last Civilian Government he played a very good part in the conduct of the affairs of the Government but as soon as the Military seized power, he was sent out. Now that the Civilian Government is back, he is now being called again to serve which shows his trustworthiness. The Military rule.....

Speaker: That is not relevant.

**Alh. Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, I think we should deliberate fully on this person and know which post he held before being appointed as a member of this Commission. We should know whether he is suitable to leave that post and come to this one. We don't want a Nurse to be transferred to Education.

**Speaker:** I believe the Executive will have to find this. Those in favour of confirming his appointment raise up your hands. So the majority have it. The next three are part-time members. First No.(1), (Alhaji Mamman Fakai Sarkin Gobir).

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, fellow Hon. Members, (Alh. Muhammadu Fakai) who is called (Sarkin Gobir Argungu) was formerly a District Head in Argungu Division and later a member of the Argungu Emirate Council. Up to the time of the General Elections he was working under Education Department and at present he is not working. Well, Hon. Members, I give you this explanation in order to let those who don't know him to know something about him. This person is trust-worthy and is among those type of people who are wanted in this type of Commission. My fellow Members, I therefore appeal to you to support for the confirmation of the appointment of this person as a member of the Commission.

**Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the appointment of (Alhaji Muhammadu Sarkin Gobir) as a part-time member of the Commission.

**Alh. Muh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the appointment of (Alh. Muh. S/Gobir). In fact, I know him for a long time and as the Hon. Member from Argungu has said, he was once a District Head after which he was a Member of Northern House of Assembly and also a member of the National Assembly. Because of this, I would like this Hon. House to approve his appointment.

**Alh. Shehu Mutawalli (Imbursa):** Mr. Speaker, in connection with this gentleman, (Sarkin Gobir), as you have heard from the Hon. Members who gave you explanation about him, I know him quite well and I know his habits. He is suitable to be a

member of this Commission and I therefore appeal to the Hon. House to confirm his appointment.

**Speaker:** Those in favour of confirming the appointment of Alhaji Muhammadu Sarkin Gobir hands up. So he too is confirmed.

*Nest is No. (2) Alaji Garba Gummi Ajiya.*

**Alh. Kala Tela (Gummi):** Mr. Speaker, I second the appointment of (Alh. Garba Gummi Ajiya) to be a part-time member of the Commission. This gentleman was once a Treasurer and he did nothing wrong and during Military Rule, he was a Commissioner. I therefore beg to support.

**Muhammadu Bukkuyum (Bukkuyum):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my full support for the appointment (Alhaji Garba Gummi). He held many posts before this one. Earlier Hon. Member for (Gummi) said, he was a Commissioner for Local Government in the Military rule and then a Commissioner for Housing and throughout his tenure of office, he was never found wanting. In view of this, I would like the House to approve his confirmation as a member of the Commission.

**Alhaji Sambo Wonaka (Mada):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the appointment of (Alhaji Garba Gummi) as a Member of the Commission. I am sure (Alhaji Abubakar) is suitable to be appointed to any post since he held the posts earlier mentioned.

**Speaker:** Those in favour of confirming the appointment hands up.

So he too is confirmed.

The last but not least in *No (3)*, (Alhaji Bello Sarkin Sudan).

**Alhaji Ahmadu Majidadi (Goronyo):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to support for the appointment of (Alhaji Bello S/Sudan) because he is a gentleman, sensible, careful, tolerant and sociable.

**Alhaji Dandare Saminu (Koko):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, well, I don't know (Alhaji Abubakar Bello S/Sudan) but hearing his name being praised in all parts of the State.....

**Speaker:** I hope Hon. Member for (Koko) is not confused with (S/Sudan). We have (Alh. Abubakar Bello S/Sudan) and not (Malami S/Sudan).

**Alhaji Dandare Saminu (Koko):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I am in support of the person being nominated.

**Alh. Garba Nagodi (Gandi):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to support for the appointment of (Alh. Abubakar Bello S/Sudan) because I know him in and out and I have worked with him for three years in Wurno Local Government. He is sincere, honest and dedicative.

**Mamman Giyawa (Giyawa):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the appointment of (Alh. Abubakar Bello S/Sudan).

**Speaker:** Those in favour of confirming the appointment hands up. So he too is confirmed.

So we have finished with Bill No.5 including the names of Commissioners. The next is No.6 but it appears the Majority Leader has got something to say.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I would like us to have a recess for a short time.

**Speaker:** This is a motion for recess, any seconder?

**An Hon. Member:** I beg to support the motion.

**Speaker:** Here is a counter motion from an unelected member. The Clerk has reported to me that refreshments are not ready, should we go on the recess or wait until later? Those in favour of the recess hands up. Those in favour of continuing until some few minutes hands up.

Then we continue.

**Speaker:** We will have the first reading by the Clerk of the House.

#### PRESENTATION

*Bill No. 6 — A Law to provide for the Establishment of A State Judicial Commission.*

**Speaker:** Let us hear from the Majority Leader.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I present this bill on State Judicial Service Commission. I hope I will get your support on this.

**Alh. Yahaya Bungudu (Bungudu):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second this motion for the establishment of this Judicial Service Commission. Due to the nature of judgement in this State I think it will be better if trust worthy people are appointed.....

**An Hon. Member:** I am appealing to Mr. Speaker to please call the Hon. Member speaking to order.

**Alh. Musa Isa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my support to the Majority Leader. I think trust worthy people should be appointed. Well.....

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I should like to draw your attention to the function of this Commission. The Commission may have powers as described: **To advise the Governor in nominating persons for the appointment,**

**subject to the approval of the House of Assembly in respect to the appointment of the Chief Judge of the High Court and the State Grand Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal.**

**To advise the Governor on the appointments of the Judges of the High Court of the State and Kadis of the Sharia Court of Appeal. To recommend to the Governor the removal from office of the judicial officer specified in sub-paragraph (B) and exercise disciplinary control over such officers.**

**To appoint, dismiss and exercise disciplinary control over the Chief Registrar and Deputy Chief Registrar of the High Court, the Chief Registrar of the Sharia Court of Appeal, Magistrate Judges, and members of the Area Courts.**

**Hon. Members this is what is expected of the provision, so you can see what type of people are concerned. The members of the Commission are the Chief Judge of the High Court, the Antoney-General and the State Grand Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal and then two others. These three people mentioned are trust worthy people, nobody that is not trust worthy will be appointed to these posts.**

**Alh. Musa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi):** Mr. Speaker, I am satisfied with the explanation given by the Hon. Speaker. I hope these people.....

**Speaker:** We are talking of the Commission not the Commissioners.....

**Alh. Musa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi):** Mr. Speaker, I give my full support for the establishment of this Commission. Thank you.

**Amadu Aliyu Binji (Binji):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my support for the establishment earlier. I appeal to this Hon. House to give its full support for the

establishment of this Commission.

**Alhaji Usman Sa'ad Zuru (Sakaba):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to give my support for the establishment of this Commission. Hon. Members should remember that the question of justice is very important.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I will like the House to resolve into the Committee of the Whole House to discuss this matter. I will also like to appeal to the pressmen on the galary to please clear the galary. Thank you.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the Second time and immediately considered in the Committee of the Whole House.*

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have come back to the House, I want the Majority Leader to report the progress of the Committee of the Whole House.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I will like to present the report of the Committee of the Whole House. The Committee discussed about the establishment of the Judicial Service Commission. After the explanation given by the Chairman of the Committee to members, all the members agreed that this Commission be established. It is already provided in the Constitution that each State should establish a Judicial Service Commission. What members want to know is, who are those to be appointed into this Committee? As the Chairman has ealier stated that there are some people who are members automatically because of their post, only two people are to be added to them. I now forward this to the Speaker so to continue our deliberations.

**Speaker:** Let us have the third reading.

THIRD READING

*Bill No. 6 — A Law to provide for the Establishment of a State Judicial Service Commission.*

**Speaker:** You have once more heard the Bill, and we have already discussed it, is there any need for amendment?

**Alh. Ibrahim (Yauri):** Mr. Speaker, there is no objection.

**Speaker:** In that case the question is do you approve of the bill to be passed? Those in favour should please put up their hands.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Speaker:** There are suppose to be five members in this Commission, three Ex-Officio Members and two nominated members to be confirmed here. The two members are (Alhaji Yahaya Shantali) and (Alhaji Mohammed Iyan Sokoto). The three ex-officio members are the Chief Judge of the State, the Antoney-General and Grand Kadi of the State. So we need to confirm (Alhaji Yahaya Shantali) and (Alhaji Mohammed Iyan Sokoto).

**Alh. Moh. Bukkuyum (Bukkuyum):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the nomination of (Alhaji Yahaya Shantali) to be a Member of the State Judicial Service Commission. Infact he is suitable to be in this Commission. I am appealing to this Hon. House to please confirm the appointment of (Alhaji Yahaya Shantali).

**Alh. Ibrahim Dangata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members I support the nomination of (Alh. Yahaya Shantali).

**Alh. Yaro Mohammed Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the appointment of (Alhaji Yahaya Shantali). This is his work and he has also the experience. He was also one of the legal adviser of N.P.N. I feel he is quite suitable for the appointment. Thank you.

**Alh. Yahaya Bungudu (Bungudu):** Mr. Speaker, I do not support that (Alhaji Yahaya Shantali) be nominated as a member of the State Judicial Service Commission. As an Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Gagi) earlier stated that (Alhaji Yahaya Shantali) the Legal Adviser of N.P.N., I don't think he should be appointed, because we not have only one party in this State.

**Alh. Sa'adu Zuru (Zuru):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I do not support the Hon. Member who has just sat down now. Anybody's name that has been brought here since we opened this House was either supported or opposed on good merit but never on political grounds so anybody appointed is suitable with full support.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, those in favour of appointing (Yahaya Shantali) hands up? Unanimously agreed.

*Next is (Alhaji Muhammadu Iyan Sokoto). Unanimously agreed.*

So we have finished with bill No. 6 I do not know whether we shall have recess? Members, no no.

**Hon. Members:** We have still one or two bills and one is very very important which I think we shall reject.

**Hon. Members:** No, no.

**Speaker:** The next is bill No. 7 and I call upon the Clerk for the first reading.

#### PRESENTATION OF BILL

*Bill No. 7: A Law to provide for the establishment of a State Civil Service Commission.*

**Speaker:** Will the Majority Leader present the bill?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon.

Members, I hereby present a new bill in connection with the establishment of Civil Service Commission and I hope you will support the establishment of this Law.

**Alh. Muh. Sanusi (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to second. I personally support the establishment of the Commission and I hope the Whole House will support.

**Alh. Umaru Yakubu (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I support the bill seeking for establishment of the State Civil Service Commission. I think this is something we all know that is existing, for the government service cannot do without it and we consider it a privilege that the present government has given us an opportunity to establish this Commission. We all know its importance and that of its workers so I hope this Hon. House will support the establishment of this Commission without any further delay.

**Speaker:** There is a point in this secondment that we dispense with them and then approve the bill. Is this seconded? Those in favour of the bill being approved without following the necessary steps hands up?

*Order for Second Reading read.*

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the Second time and immediately considered in the Committee of the Whole House.*

**Hon. Members:** Yes, yes.

**Speaker:** So is that your opinion that the bill is now passed, hands up if so?

**Members:** Yes, yes.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the Third time and passed.*

**Speaker:** So the State Civil Service Commission is now a law. What remains is the approval of its commissioners. Those nominated are:

1. Alh. A. Kigo D/Gari *Chairman*
2. Alh. Bawa Yauri *P/Member*
3. Alh. Muh. J.D. Makama *P/Member*
4. Alh. Yusufu Mafara *P/Member*
5. Alh. Abbas Yahaya *P/Member*

Let us take them one by one and the first is No. (1) (Alhaji Abubakar Kigo).

**Alhaji Shehu Ambursa Mutawalli (Ambursa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to support the name of (Alh. Abubakar Kigo D/Gari) as Chairman of the State Civil Service Commission. I know him to be sincere. He has served the nation in various categories very honestly so he is capable of doing this job. He is hard working and trust worthy and I think he can work in any capacity in this country. I hope the Hon. Members will support his nomination without any waste of time, thank you.

**Alhaji Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to give my full support to appoint (Alh. Abubakar Kigo D/Gari). He is straight forward and a hard worker, who has never been found guilty to this trust worthy person should be nominated as a Chairman without further lengthy discussion, so that we continue with others.

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, we are happy that they are nominated. So fellow Hon. Members, if you support me I will appreciate the confirmation of appointment on all those nominated.

**Speaker:** There are two points here, first raised by the Hon. Member for (Argungu), that we approve (Alh. Abubakar Kigo Dakin Gari) without further deliberation? Those in favour of that hands up?

**Hon. Members:** Yes, yes.

**Speaker:** Then the second is we approve the appointment of the rest without further deliberations. Those in favour of that hands up?

**Hon. Members:** Yes, yes.

**Speaker:** So they are all confirmed now.

*Question put and agreed.*

**Resolved:** The House confirms the appointment of the following persons as Commissioners in the State Civil Service Commission.

1. Alh. A. Kigo D/Gari *Chairman*
2. Alh. Bawa Yauri *P/Member*
3. Alh. Muh. J.D. Makama *P/Member*
4. Alh. Yusufu Mafara *P/Member*
5. Alh. Abbas Yahaya *P/Member*

**Speaker:** Virtually what is on the order paper is finished.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I want to present bill No. 9 and because of its importance, I will like the Hon. Speaker to agree on this. I request the Hon. Speaker to refer it to the Clerk for reading.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, do you permit me to discuss bill No. 9 without discussing No. 8? Hands up if you agree?

**Hon. Members:** Yes, yes.

**Speaker:** So I should approve of its enclosure and I call upon the Clerk to give it a first reading.

#### PRESENTATION OF A BILL

*Bill No. 9: A Law to provide for the establishment of Contingency Fund for the State.*



**Speaker:** Hon. Members, as in the constitution section 115 (1) A House of Assembly may by law make provision for the establishment of a contingencies fund for the State and for authorising the Governor, if satisfied that there has arisen an urgent and unforeseen need for expenditure for which no other provision exists, to make advance from the fund to meet that need.

115 (2) Where any advance is made in accordance with the provisions of this section, a Supplementary Estimate shall be presented and a Supplementary Appropriation Bill shall be introduced as soon as possible for the purpose of replacing the amount so advanced. So, Hon. Members, this bill should have been initiated by us for it is entirely within ourselves and I have also suggested it. When I submitted our requests to the Governor for his approval before we submit a bill for that; so this is an alternative. We hope we will get what we requested and then later have the bill to cover it. So this is the bill before us. Will the Majority Leader present it?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I am presenting this bill for establishment of contingencies fund for Sokoto State so that it will enable the government to meet the expenses of other things which we do not anticipate; therefore, I request you to approve this bill.

**Speaker:** Is it seconded?

**Alh. Muh. Nomau Gummi (B/Tudu):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to second this bill.

**Alhaji Umaru Yakubu (Maru):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to second this bill presented to us and to further show the importance of this bill to us here besides other services before the government. Some of us are still without accommodation and if we get this provision there is a possibility for accommodation to all of us. There are so many needs by the State and if this fund is

provided it will be easy to meet this needs.

**Speaker:** Let us give it a second reading.

### SECOND READING

**Bill No. 9:** A Law to provide for the establishment of Contingencies Fund for the State. Second Reading.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I am presenting this bill in its second stage so that it will be approved to get Contingencies Fund for the State to take us to the end of this financial year, 31st March, 1980. You are all aware that the government is not aware of this inconsistencies as such I will like you to approve the establishment of this Contingencies Fund.

**Speaker:** The bill is presented to us and as we have it, just now I will rather suggest we commit it to the Committee of the Whole House to discuss it. If that is your view we move it to Committee of the Whole House. If you support, hands up?

**Hon. Members:** Yes, yes.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the Second time and Committee to the Committee of the Whole House.*

**Speaker:** Will the Majority Leader report progress of the Committee of the Whole House?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am presenting to you the report of the Committee of the Whole House, that after a lengthy discussion, Members have now realised the importance of this fund and have unanimously agreed. We also realised that no provision was made for it before.

**Alh. Audu Maifilo (Gwadabawa):** Mr.

**Speaker,** Hon. Members I beg to move the motion for adjournment until tomorrow to enable us to pray. (Interruption, no, no).

**Alh. Audu Maifilo (Gwadabawa):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the Majority Leader.

**Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu (Gwandu):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, in the explanations given to us to establish Contingencies Fund, we are all aware that nothing can be done without money, as such, this fund must be established. I only pray that this fund should be utilised in a proper way. With this short speech, I support the establishment of this fund.

**Speaker:** As for your point Section 114 (2) of the constitution has taken care of that. Whatever money is spent, a bill will then come to the House and the House is at liberty to accept or reject it. In rejecting it, it means instituting a Committee of Inquiry.

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, on explanations just brought before us on this Bill, I feel that it is enough to satisfy the rest of these Bills. As for this, I appeal to you to agree with this Bill now, without taking the matter long. And, in case there is anybody who does not agree with the Hon. Speaker to put to the House.

**Alh. Nomau (B/Tudu):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I support the Hon. Member for (Argungu) who has just sat down, that we put a vote on this so that we establish the support and we should remember that it is now 2.15 p.m.

**Speaker:** Well, those in favour of passing the Bill should raise up their hands. So the question is that Bill No. 9 is passed into House.

If it is so, hands up. Right, thank you.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the third time and passed.*

**Alh. Mamudu Yabo (Shagari):** Hon. Speaker, I beg to move for adjournment of this Hon. House until tomorrow.

**Muhammadu Tukur Dikko (Gande):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to second the adjournment of this House until tomorrow.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** that this House do now adjourn.

*The House adjourned accordingly at 2.17 p.m. until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.*

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
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Tuesday, 4th December, 1979.

*The House met at 11.00 a.m.*

(The Deputy Speaker presided)

PRAYERS

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**Deputy Speaker:** There is none.

**Deputy Speaker:** I would now like to call on the Clerk to make the first Reading on what we have before us.

PRESENTATION OF MOTION

**'Confirmation of appointment':** Chairman of the State Council of Chiefs — **Alhaji Muhammadu Augi.**

**Majority Leader (Alh. Muh. Augi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to present a Bill which has been proposed by the Government for confirmation of appointment of the Chairman of the State Council of Chiefs for the Hon. House to approve the person who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Council.

**Deputy Speaker:** May I call on the Majority Leader to explain, whether this is a motion or a bill?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, this is a Bill because we are the people who requested for the name of the person to be appointed as the Chairman of the Council.

**Deputy Speaker:** May I correct the Hon. Majority Leader?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, yes please.

**Deputy Speaker:** If this is a Bill it should have been passed as a Bill through the Legal Draughtsmen. So I think it is a Motion.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, will it be possible to get explanation from the Clerk to the House, because to my own knowledge, it is a Bill.

**Deputy Speaker:** I wish the Clerk may explain.

**1st Clerk Asst.:** I think you are the people who requested for the name in order to deliberate on it. If it is a Bill it should come from the Government.

**Deputy Speaker:** So it is a Motion, isn't it?

**An Hon. Member:** We take it like that.

**Deputy Speaker:** Is it? The Clerk should answer.

**1st Clerk Asst.:** I think it is a motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, before we deliberate on this, I would like to refer you to the Constitution that Section 178 in accordance with it, we have already established the body. So now it is left to us in accordance to Section 179 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to deliberate on this issue.

The motion has been presented, any seconder to it?

**Alh. Bawa Dan Ali (B/Magaji):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion presented by the Majority Leader for the confirmation of the appointment of the Chairman of State Council of Chiefs.

**Deputy Speaker:** The motion has been seconded, any objection?

**An Hon. Member:** There is comment.

**Deputy Speaker:** So, as there is no objec-

tion, any comments?

**Alhaji Shehu Mamuda (Yabo):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Majority Leader who is the mover of this motion.....

**Deputy Speaker:** Direct your question to the Chair please.

**Alhaji Shehu Mamuda (Yabo):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask who the Chairman of the Council is, because his name is not mentioned in the motion. Are you presenting his name now or later?

**Deputy Speaker:** May I call on the Majority Leader to answer the question.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I should have brought the name of the person together with this motion if not for some reasons. The Chairman of the State Council of Chiefs is His Highness, the Sultan of Sokoto and if you want to know his name, he is Alhaji Sir Abubakar III. He is the person the Government has nominated as Chairman of the Council and I hope you will approve his appointment.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, his Royal Highness, the Sultan of Sokoto has been nominated to be the Chairman of this Council in accordance with Section 179 of the Constitution and it is left to the House to pass a resolution on it, whether to confirm or to reject.

**An Hon. Member:** We agree.

**Alhaji Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, though before I rise, I have noticed almost everybody here is happy about the appointment, yet I have to stand and give my full support on this. So may Almighty Allah help him.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, from what the Hon. Member for (Tsamiya), said almost everybody is happy about this, do you like me to put the question?

#### Question put and agreed to.

**Resolved:** That this House confirms the appointment of His Highness the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Sir Abubakar III as the Chairman of the State Council of Chiefs.

**Dep. Speaker:** We are now going to the 7th item. I would now call on the Clerk to make the First Reading.

#### PRESENTATION OF MOTION

*“Activities of Co-operative and Agricultural Loan Scheme — Mallam Abubakar Mainasara Zagga.*

**Alh. Abubakar Mainasara (Bagudo/Zagga):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, what I mean by this motion which I present I think most of us know what Co-operative Societies were established in 1938 and there is another section which was established as Agricultural Loans Scheme in 1975. There was also a Loan known as ‘Hard Hoe Farmers’. This

loan is usually given to small scale farmers. This loan is very important to the farmers and the cutting off of this loan is causing a lot of problems to farmers. If we look at the time when Co-operative Societies were established many farmers did not know their importance, but the new loan established four years ago is well known to the farmers and they know the ways of obtaining it.

This is the reason why I am appealing to this Hon. House to give their support, so that the Government will grant the responsibility of giving loans to farmers, to be transferred to Agricultural Loans Scheme, and not the Co-operative Societies.

**Deputy Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Several Hon. Members:** Yes, yes!!

**Mohammed Bukkuyum (Bukkuyum):** Mr.

**Speaker, Hon. Members,** I rise to second the Hon. Member for Bagudo/Zagga the mover of the motion, because of the importance of the motion. Co-operative Societies have been functioning in this country, but the farmers did not know their importance, but the Loan Scheme is known by the farmers and it has helped them a lot. The transfer of this loan to the Co-operative Societies helped a few, who disguised themselves as farmers and the real farmers were not benefitting from the Loan. I therefore give my full support for the returning of this loan to Agricultural Loans Scheme rather than the Co-operatives. As far as we are concerned, we want the loan that will benefit the farmers.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the motion has been presented and seconded, any objection to the motion?

**Alhaji Sani Limanci (T/Mafara):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, this motion presented by the Hon. Member Alh. Mainasara Zagga (Bagudo/Zagga).....

**Deputy Speaker:** We should not attack in person.

**Alhaji Sani Limanci (Talata Mafara):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my opinion concerning the Loan to farmers. As the mover of the motion Hon. Member for Bagudo/Zagga has said, here in our area the Co-operative Societies and the Agricultural Loans Scheme are working hand in hand with the farmers. He also said that the farmer took up to three years before they get loans. What happened was this, the Ministry of Agriculture gave some people loans without any consultation with the Co-operative Societies, and this is not the right thing to do.

The Co-operative Societies are formed by the farmers and they elect their Chairman and his Deputy, and farmers are asked to buy shares. Any farmer who buys a share can benefit from the loan. At that, some Co-operative Societies' staff went to rural areas

to collect shares from the farmers, it took almost three years before the farmer gets the Loans, and this loan is distributed to the farmers accordingly. Hon. Members, to my own understanding, the Co-operative Societies are doing their best and not the Agricultural Loans Schemes.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the motion has been presented and seconded, now there is somebody who opposes the motion. Anybody who wants to second the opposition?

**Alh. Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I do not support that loans should be given to farmers by Agricultural Loans Schemes as the Hon. Member for T/Mafara has suggested. It is true that farmers do not know the ways of obtaining these loans from the Agricultural Loan Scheme. I think there are some irregularities involved when issuing such loans. It will be better if the Co-operative Societies continue giving the Loans.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have heard the motion presented and opposed, so we are now going to discuss and hear your views before we put the question.

**Alh. Garba Kanwa (Zurmi):** Mr. Speaker, in my opinion, I think the first suggestion is better that to refer the issue to the Ministry of Agriculture. I was once a Secretary of a Co-operative Society in my area. We were asked to collect our money so as to get Loans but we were not given any Loan not even a single kobo. Usually, those who get the loan are not farmers. I had to abandon my seven farms because of this, so also many farmers, do not benefit from this.

I therefore support that this problem be solved. The ways and means of distributing the loans should also be corrected so as to benefit the farmers.

**Deputy Speaker:** May I ask the Hon. Member for Zurmi to please sit down.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, you have heard this view, is it not? I will now like to call on Sarkin Shanu for more view.

**Alh. Muh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, as in my opinion, I think we stick to the present manner by giving the farmers loan through the Co-operative Societies. I have just been scratched to talk on the point I like especially on Small Scale Industries.....

**Deputy Speaker:** We are not on it please. Read the motion and talk on it only.

**Moh. Sani Galadi (Jangeru/Galadi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I do not support those who opposed the transfer of this scheme to the Ministry of Agriculture, because I will assume that those people want to escape repaying the loans they got from the Co-operative Societies. I suggest this loan to be transferred to the Agricultural Loans Scheme. Co-operative Societies should be scrapped entirely as they are of no use to the poor farmers particularly in my area.

**Deputy Speaker:** We are making policy on the entire State.

**Moh. Sani Galadi (Jangeru/Galadi):** Mr. Speaker, on the whole of Sokoto State we do not enjoy the services of Co-operative Societies as they only seized poor farmers' lands and money without refund. So I appeal to my fellow Hon. Members to agree on the scrapping of the Co-operative Societies and allow only the Agricultural Loans Scheme to exist.

**Shafi'u Salihu (Dansadau):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I want to draw the attention of this House on the disadvantage of Co-operative Societies. In fact, Co-operative Societies even make people to be enemies. Whoever lives in the remote areas does not know that Co-operative Societies exist and

yet he is a farmer who has never been given this loan. As the previous Hon. Member for Jangeru/Galadi said, the manner in which Co-operative Societies sell their shares are even worst. For instance, one man in a village can buy the shares of twenty people or the whole village and dominate it for his use. These sort of people do not even go to the farm but purchased shares on farmers' behalf and obtain the benefits for themselves alone while the poor farmers are suffering.

**Deputy Speaker:** Sit down please. Note your positions in the State and try to avoid criticisms and allegations.

**Alhaji Sule Dan-Inna (Gatawa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to draw your attention as to understand these two Bodies. Co-operative Societies were established since 1958 and up to date we have not derived any benefit from it, because we do not know that it gives loans to farmers, but the Agricultural Loans Scheme established in 1975, is now very famous to farmers. Co-operative Societies, as it is alleged manouver and sell huge shares to one person alone but the Argicultural Loans is given to farmers after they have completed a form through Village Heads and Local Government Councillors. Co-operative Societies give loans to persons who bribed them so the objective of the government to help poor farmers is defeated. I therefore give my support to the transfer of this loan to the Agricultural Loans Scheme.

**Alh. Muh. S/Pawa (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to support the Hon. Member for (Bagudo/Zagga) who moved this motion. No one here knows Co-operative Societies as myself. Co-operative Societies mean cheaters and in my village, nobody wants to see them.....

**Deputy Speaker:** My I remind the Hon. Member, that anything he is saying is going to be recorded and published.

**Alhaji Muhammadu S/Pawa (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, yes, I agree on what I am saying. They have.....

**Deputy Speaker:** Please, sit down.

**Alhaji Muhammadu S/Pawa (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am not going to sit down. They personally cheated ne ₦300.00

**Shehu Abdullahi (Kaura-Namoda):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I wish to draw the attention of the Hon. Members on this issue. I noted that most of the Hon. Members have said their views so I think it is better to vote.

**Deputy Speaker:** Order please. Those in favour.....

**Interruption.....**

**Deputy Speaker:** So you want us to continue with this issue. Hon. Members, you are all Hon. people up hold your dignity in this place. We are going to continue for thirty minutes only.

**Majority Leader:** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, all I want to do is to explain the function of these two bodies. I will like us to deliberate further on these.

**Deputy Speaker:** You are to support or to oppose.

**Majority Leader:** I just want to explain to this Hon. House what these things are. I just want to explain and everybody wants explanations on things not understood. My explanation is that Agricultural Loans Scheme when it was established, it was established in such a way that nobody is expected to buy shares, because it is considered that the farmers have no money to buy shares, if at all they have, they should have used it for a nother purpose. These farmers are in three groups: they are Hand-hoe Farmers who are granted three hundred Naira (₦300.00)

downwards, Large Scale Farmers who are given up to one thousand Naira (₦1,000.00) and there are some who have between one hundred (100) and two hundred (200) acres of land who are given tractors. These people are granted loan of about twelve thousand Naira (₦12,000). Each of the 19 Local Governments has been estimated to have two hundred (200) to three hundred (300) people who will benefit from the loan of three hundred Naira (₦300). About sixty (60) people will be given bulls, and about (20) people will be granted tractors. If they have settled the loan it will be returned to the Bank to enable the Bank grant it to others. But no further loan is to be granted until they have all paid. In most cases, you find the whole of Local Government paid the loan given to them. But last year, the amount was not settled by some farmers that is why there is difficulty in getting further loans.

This Agricultural Loans Scheme, have their own Senior and Junior staff who get these loans through Districts and Village Heads. And these loan is given to you without depositing anything, so it has to be through Districts and Village Heads. As you can find these sort of people who are undesirable elements, it is hitch-free. Now let us go back to Co-operative Societies. Everybody knows that since the establishment of Co-operative Societies, there are times when they were progressing and there are times which they come to a stand-still. But because of the participation of some undesirable elements, there are times when these people demand ten per cent from the people they give out loans to. When you know that you bribed your way to get the loan, there is always the tendency of refusing to settle it. This same Body used to collect deposits from people which they deposit in the bank, but the bank would still refuse to advance further loan to the body, siply because of its inability to settle previous loans.

If you should go to the Public Complaints

Bureau now, you would see about ten files with petitions against Co-operative Societies. Now, on the question of transferring the granting of this loan from Co-operative Societies to the Ministry of Agriculture or from the Ministry of Agriculture to the Co-operative Societies, I feel in either way there will be a problem of re-organisation. If the Ministry of Agriculture should take over the responsibility, it should be allowed to increase its manpower, and the area of responsibility for each Officer would have to be well defined. For example, the Officer whose responsibility is to approve the loan should be made distinctive. There would be those whose responsibilities would involve retrieving the loans from the farmers, and also others who would take the trouble of tracking people who might decide to run away with the loans. There are also certain aspects which the Ministry of Agriculture usually demand to know, before they even consider granting loans. For example, they will have to know the size of the farm to enable them decide on the category of the farm. As you know, the size of the farm is normally the factor which determines the amount of money to be advanced as loan.

The Ministry also operates another method of granting loans, known as 'Group Farming'. In this method, chemicals, fertilizers, seeds etc. are provided to a group of about forty farmers. This method could be very effective if the members of the group really trust each other. I know of people from certain areas who have benefited from similar aids. The banks also give out such loans, but they usually demand to see the farm in question as a pre-requisite so that they could establish its size from which they can determine your needs. I do have the application forms for this kind of loans. If there is anybody who is interested, he can collect it from me. But still, I feel that the Co-operative Societies pose a greater difficulty on this issue than that of the Ministry of Agriculture. Although, I am not sure of the origin of such difficulties, I still maintain

that we transfer this immense responsibility to the Agricultural Loans Scheme.

**Alh. Audu Majidadi (Wamakko):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, this issue has been explained to us and we understand the explanations of granting loan to farmers, but I rise to support that the loan should be granted by the Ministry of Agriculture and not Co-operative Societies, because most people in the rural areas and farmers know Agricultural Scheme. I would like you Hon. Members to think of the best method that will benefit the farmers. You are all Hon. Members and you are capable of judging which is best. In my view, I feel it is better that the Agricultural Loans Scheme continues instead of the Co-operative Societies.

**Alhaji Sambo Wonaka (Mada):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I second the motion for the transfer of loans from Co-operative Societies to Agricultural Loans Scheme, Co-operative Societies do not benefit the masses in this country, instead of co-operating people, they are separating them. I was a Councillor for Agriculture and the Agricultural Loans Scheme gave us ₦6,000.00 (Six Thousand Naira) loan and all has been paid. Those who have not paid were taken to court and have paid. We were later transferred to Co-operative Societies, they are then the people who grant loans. We met in Gusau Local Government, we fixed a date, but they did not grant them. They said we shall pay shares first. They collected our money. Those who paid for the shares did not get anything. As for these Co-operative Societies, it is not benefiting anymore. Let the scheme be transferred to the Agricultural Loans Scheme, and let me remind the Hon. Members that the help of fertilizer that the Ministry of Agriculture gives people in this country is enough evidence to show that it is capable of giving people all the necessary help on anything they need. It is those who do not want to see the progress of this country who transferred the scheme to the Co-operative Societies. Since we have assembled

here to help the masses who have elected us, it is better to transfer the scheme to the Ministry of Agriculture. I hope my fellow Hon. Members will agree with me that we transfer it to the Ministry of Agriculture.

**Alh. Muh. Gidado (Kware):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I support the transfer of Agricultural Loans Scheme to the Ministry of Agriculture. I can recall that about two or three years ago, Co-operative Societies went to my area and collected money from the people. They came back this year with a very small amount of money and distributed to the people. Some people received ₦20, some ₦30 and some ₦50 and when ₦100 was given to any person there must have been a reason behind it. Because of this, I do not support that this responsibility should be left with the Co-operative Societies. I wish also to draw your attention that there are Super Markets made by this Co-operatives in each Local Government Area but these Super Markets which are aimed at minimizing the hardship which the masses encounter, are doing nothing to that effect. Instead of somebody to find something like rice, millet and guinea-corn in these Markets, one finds only things like pens and toilet soap etc. In view of this, I would like to appeal to the House to agree that the Loan be transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture.

**Alh. Umaru Abubakar (Kilgori):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to comment on this issue of Co-operative Societies. In fact, we are the people who established it, but we have not seen any useful purpose which it serves. I therefore move, that it should be banned and an inquiry be made into its activities. It is said that there are people who are employed to take essential commodities to the villages, so that we get it cheaper but they are not doing anything at all to us. I am therefore appealing to this Hon. House to support the idea of dissolving the Co-operative Societies completely.

**Mal. Yahaya Magarya (Wurno):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am appealing to you for God sake to take the interest of the people who elected us first, in whatever we are going to do and help them. I therefore support that these loans should be transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture.

**Several Hon. Members:** Let us vote.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have heard enough on this issue. Let us put the question on.

**Several Hon. Members:** Yes! Yes!

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the activities of the Co-operative Societies should be transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture.

**Deputy Speaker:** We are now going to the 8th item. I now call on the mover of the motion to present it.

**Mal. Mainasara Zagga (Bagudo/Zagga):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, in connection with this motion I am presenting, I have noticed that it is slightly distorted from the way I presented it. Because one English word is omitted which has altered the meaning of the motion. I would therefore like to withdraw the motion and then re-present it later after I have made the necessary correction.

**Deputy Speaker:** Do you all agree that he withdraws the motion?

**Hon. Members:** Yes!

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Motion by leave withdrawn.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, that is

all we have on the Order Paper, but there is an announcement coming from the Majority Leader.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to tell you that we have a meeting of the Selection Committee today at our temporary office. There will also be a meeting of the Business Committee so as to prepare the Order Paper for the next two weeks.

I wish also to seize this opportunity to tell the News Media that my correct name is Augi and not Augie as widely use by you.

#### PRESENTATION OF MOTION

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, first I would like you to pardon me on what I am going to say now. As you are all aware, the Local Government Councils will soon be dissolved and Care-taker Committees would be set to look after them before the election. It is

widely being said that, we are the people who are to do this. This is true actually, because those who submitted the names of the Committees, did so on our behalf, but most of the people whom we are working together with do not know the actual truth.

I am bringing this motion before it is too late because some people have included their "HARLOTS" and old Members of the present Councils and it is only know who knows how popular these people are and because of them we face many difficulties during the campaign. In view of this, I am appealing to this Hon. House to present the names, so that we bring to the notice of those who have elected us. I beg to move.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, you have heard a verbal motion brought by Hon. Member Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu), any seconder to it?

**Ahmadu Aliyu (Binji):** Mr. Speaker, I beg

to second the motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, you have heard about this motion, it is being presented and seconded, any objection?

**Alh. Umaru Nakigo (Giro/D/Gari):** Mr. Speaker, I do not support that the names should be presented to the House, but should be taken to the Parliamentary Meeting tomorrow.

**Deputy Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Several Members:** Yes! Yes!!

**Alh. Shehu Mutawalli (Ambursa):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to support what the Hon. Member for (Giro/Dakin Gari) has just said that the names should be taken to the Parliamentary Meeting tomorrow.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, you have heard the motion brought by Hon. Member Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu) and Hon. Member Umaru Nakigo (Giro/Dakin Gari), I think it is an amendment. Any other comment on this?

**Alh. Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, I am happy with what my fellow colleague Hon. Member for Ambursa said concerning this issue. This issue concerns politics, and also the common man, as such Hon. Members we should vote and pass a resolution.

I will now like to draw the attention of Hon. Members to another very important issue, that is the dissolution of the Local Governments Councils, it has earlier been said that this Councils will be dissolved. When these Councils are dissolved, anybody who was a member of council before should not be elected again.

**Deputy Speaker:** I would like to know from the Hon. Member for Argungu whc

moved this motion whether he wants the motion to be present to the Parliamentary Meeting or to be discussed in the Committee of the Whole House?

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, I would like the motion to be taken to Parliamentary Meeting which will take place tomorrow. There, we will have the list of the people anybody wishing to talk about his Local Government will be allowed to do so. I think this will also save our time.

**Deputy Speaker:** Now, we have heard what the Hon. Member for Argungu has just said, anybody with a contrary view?

*Those in favour that the Governor should bring the names of the nominees to the Parliamentary Meeting tomorrow should raise up their hands.*

#### *Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** that list of names of nominees to be appointed in the Care-taker Committees of the Local Government Councils be presented during the Parliamentary Meeting.

#### *Interruptions*

**Deputy Speaker:** As we have the meeting of the Business Committee and that of the Selection, I suggest that the House do now adjourn until tomorrow, 10.00 a.m.

#### *Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** that this House do now adjourn.

*The House adjourned accordingly at 12.43 till tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.*

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SOKOTO STATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA .

Wednesday, 5th December, 1979

*The House met at 10.45 a.m.*

(The Speaker Presided)

### PRAYERS

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

**Speaker:** There is none.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Speaker:** First, I have asked the Superintendent of Papers to give you copies of Budget Speech and Estimates. The purpose of that is to enable all of you Hon. Members to see what the budget is like and what the speech is like for we will soon be confronted with similar things and we have to go over it in all aspects of it. So I really require from you to take pains and go over the two booklet for that will acquaint you with the expenditure of the State in the last year and that to enable you to deliberate on what it should be the next year.

As from my second announcement, the question of Car Loans, we have done all we could and at last we have agreed that the Bank of the North should be approached and the Manager here has been instructed to get clearance from his Headquarters, in Kano and communicate to the Commissioner for Finance by Monday morning. Meanwhile, we have got forms to fill and I hope by then they will be ready so that immediately we get clearance we process.

### PRESENTATION OF MOTION

*Provision of Pipe Borne Water for the Gandhi Town —Alhaji Garba Nagodi (Gandi.)*

**Speaker:** I call on Alhaji Garba Nagodi to present his motion.

**Alhaji Garba Nagodi:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to move the motion standing in my name for the provision of Pipe Borne Water for Gandhi Town. This town has a river where the people of the area fetch water and because of the size and population of the town it has five Primary Schools, but what worries them is lack of good drinking water. The Lake which the people get water from has two sources. The first passes nearby the village, while the second passes through the town because it is on a hill, while the village is on the slopping side. The water that comes from this river is always contaminated to the extent that the villagers had to go to the other river to fetch water. But during the dry season, this river dries and the villagers has no alternative but to be taking this contaminated water which has resulted in the generality of the people suffering from hookworm. I will like these people to be provided with a tanker which will carry good drinking water to them and pipe borne water provided to them. They have appealed for this to the former Governments but up to now nothing has been done. Since NPN is the ruling Party, they are presenting this matter before this Hon. House so that they could help them. I am appealing to the Hon. Members to please look into this problem and find a solution for them. I beg to move.

**Speaker:** This is a motion presented, any seconder?

**Alh. Mamman Glyawa (Glyawa):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the motion moved by my colleague the Hon Member for (Gandi) for the provision of pipe borne water to Gandhi town. Gandi is a very large town and with a large population but they don't have drinking water which will enable them to be healthy. Right at this time of the year, the people are suffering from hookworm and because of this, I would like to second.

**Speaker:** The motion is seconded, is there any objection as to deliberating on it?

So we can now comment on it. But meanwhile let me make two observations or rather two cautions. First of all, if you look to my left, you will see a microphone hanging. What we have here is only for us here but what is there goes to the world so people will hear when talking. So know what you talk on and how you talk it more especially you the so-called verbatim Translator. I know it is said that a Translator is a traitor, well this is where it is true.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rised to give my support to the mover of the motion, Hon. Member for (Gandi) on provision of pipe borne water for Gandi Town. I know Gandi Town, and it is quite big. At present the water they drink is not pure, as such it is not fit for human consumption. The Government should find good drinking water to these people. If you can remember, we promised to provide the masses with pipe borne water, shelter and enough food. I believe water is very essential and it is better for this Hon. House to give more considerations to what concerns the masses. I think is better for us not debate for long time on this issue. We are all representing our different constituencies. I hope the House will support the mover of the motion Hon. Member for (Gandi) so as to provide pipe borne water to Gandi town.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I have to interrupt here. Formerly I have been suspending some motions, but it has been complained by the Business Committee that the Members are not happy with that now I have agreed that the motions should be brought as they come, but we should know that nothing can be done without money and we have to find means of getting money to satisfy our needs.

What I want first is to have almost all our capital requirements and then we can find out as to how we distribute the money, for there is no point in passing a resolution in this House and then to fail to do what we have resolved on. But as it is the wish of the House that we do this the way some Hon. Members wish so we can go on passing our motion without considering our financial strength. Now, we can continue with the deliberations.

**Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members I rise to comment on the speech of Mr. Speaker, infact everybody knows that the Government has money but at the same time, the Government has a lot of things to do to the people. What I want my fellow Hon. Members to consider is that there are one hundred and eleven constituencies in this State and each and every one of us has the problems of his constituency to present to the House the over-riding problems of this State are roads, then pipe borne water then medicine and all these are essential needs in this State. In that case we should deal with the needs of our constituency step by step, because even if you have one wife you cannot satisfy her. Instead of providing this people with pipe borne water thereby spending millions of Naira, I think it will be better if a well dug for them in that way we have reduced the expences.

*Interruptions*

**Several Hon. Members:** No. No!! No!!!

**Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Everybody want to bring the problem of his contituancy, but we don't have enough money to satisfy all the requirements. Now Hon. Members everyone knows where is aching him. I hope you will forgive me for what I have said.

**Alh. Mamuda Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I will like to comment on the speech of Mr. Speaker. I will

like to further draw your attention that you should be patient, as he has already said that the Government do not have enough money and even if it has the money it will involve planning. All the One Hundred and Eleven Members here are choosen by their different constituencies, and all these constituencies, here are villages in need of water, roads, etc. Hon. Members we are always passing resolutions on motions brought to this House, I am quite happy with this but I think it is better if we establish a committee which will take the responsibility of listing all the things needed by our constituencies and then forwarded it to the House. When this has been reported to House, then we can sit and deliberate on them, and conclude where to work on.

Besides this you know there is the Ministry of Water and Electricity, and it is making plans for all these things. It is going to bring the plans here to the House for us to see, and we are now making our own different arrangements. We don't have enough money and there is the limit we can spend each year.....

*Interruption*

**An Hon. Member:** We know where to get the money!!!

**Alh. Shehu Mamuda Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, When a member brings a motion concerning installation of electricity in a particular town, we should deliberate on the issue and then find out if it is proper to install the electricity or not. It is only then we should try to know the amount of money to be spent. If we continue to bring business every day in this manner I don't thing we will go any where. I am not at all against this motion, but what I feel is that Hon. Members should present their motions in more orderly manner. What I think we should do is to establish a Committee and assign it, the responsibility of checking from Government, what the government has and

then report back to the House. They should check what the Government has this financial year and the next, because if we consider something in this House, the Government might have to a similar. This is my opinion and I pray to Allah to guide us. We should remember that when we first came here, we have been sworn and we promised to represent the interest of our constituencies. You should also remember that legislature and the Executive work side by side. I beg for forgiveness if I have offended anybody on what I have said.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, though I do not want lengthy discussion on what I have said, I will say one thing and allow one person to say something. What is here in the estimate of the current year of the Capital Expenditure is N114,679,710.00 while the revenue is N106m. so relatively we have 0.1m less. I have heard the Majority Leader said he knows where the money will come from. So I want to hear from him?

**Alh. Muh. Augi (Majority Leader):** I am glad that the Hon. Speaker has given me the right to say something.

**Speaker:** What we want to hear is where to get the source of revenue.

**Majority Leader:** All the nineteen States Governments are depending on the Federal Government grant which is given each year and Sokoto State has been given 0.46m this year and we still expect more if possible. We also have to sit and think deeply of the ways to get more revenue. The Government get revenue from many sources for anything the Government provides does not go unpaid. For example the road built by the Federal Government from Ibadan to Lagos each vehicle flying the road must pay a fee of 0.4.00. The Government have now increased contract fees from 0.50.00 to 0.100.00 and licence fees have also been increased. So this House has the right to find ways of getting revenue for the Government so that we do



not leave the masses in jeopardy. All these projects we are requesting to be done in our various constituencies are possible and can be done before the end of our term of office if we can sit down and make good suggestions and direct them to respective Ministries for action.

**Speaker:** Thank you for your comments. I am sorry what I want you to mention you have mentioned it. Let us go back to the motion. Those in favour of the motion hands up? The motion of providing Gandhi with pipe borne water.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That Gandhi town should be provided with pipe borne water.

**Speaker:** Order, Order. The next motion is number seven to be presented by Alhaji Muhammadu Augi and it is in seven parts.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, Augi District have never benefited in any form of development since during the White-men. Now it happens that we have come to a period whereby we have a Member representing them in this House of Assembly. Now all these things that we have left behind are the thing promised by this Government, so I forward them for consideration by the Hon. Members. First of all people from Augi are farmers so I move the motion that Augi District is to be provided with:-

(1) Agricultural Staff advisers to advise us in agriculture and number two..

**Speaker:** Sorry, we are taking them one by one. Any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Shehu Mutawale (Ambursa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to second the Hon. Member for (Augi) for providing Augi with Agricultural Advisers. This is a very important issue because any farmer without adviser will not produce large quantity of

harvest. So any help giving to him without adviser is meaningless.

**Speaker:** Any objection to the motion?

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to object this motion brought by the Majority Leader.

**Speaker:** I am sorry he is not presenting the motion as Majority Leader but as Alhaji Muhammadu Augi for his constituency.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, Right Hon. Member Alhaji Muhammadu Augi (Augi). As one Hon. Member said, we are here to work for the whole state and we have sworn with the Quran to work truthfully. I see a sign of selfishness in his presenting all his seven requests..

**Speaker:** We are on item one.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, all appeared to be one motion?

**Speaker:** I know it is one. You can buy fertilizer but you can not buy Agricultural Staff.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, I feel this is the responsibility of the State as a whole and not Local Government.

**Speaker:** Once more we are on item (a).

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, pertaining to item (a) I have nothing to say. There are a lot of Hon. Members who have presented many motions at random i.e. from Dange, Sifawa etc. they only came from Augi I think it is not proper.

**Speaker:** All the seven are in agriculture.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, but is this constituency going to feed the whole of Sokoto State?

**Speaker:** As you have no objection on item (a) is enough.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, if it is one that is all. What I mean is that, his requests are so many. I am therefore requesting the House to accept one only and cancel the rest as our various constituencies have their problems too. Those who elected us are not donkeys, for they have elected us to come and work for them too. For example, my area has a bigger land for farming and I have given ten motions which none of them has come up yet.

**Speaker:** They are all coming. If you like you can go and check the register.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, it has been jumped, as I noted three motions came up after mine.

**Speaker:** We follow them according to their dates of submission in the register. We have got copies of your letters. We have got copies of all letters presenting motions and we have registered them according to their dates.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, I do not object (Augi) to have the first item only.

**Speaker:** I note your view.

**Alh. Amadu Akawu (Bunza):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, may I know from the Hon. Member for (Augi) who moved motion requesting for agricultural Staff advisers to Augi, whether he is requesting the Government to open a permanent office for Agriculture or he only like the agricultural advisers to go there occasionally? If this is so, Augi is a district in Argungu and Argungu has an Agricultural Office, so he should request this from Argungu Local Government.

**Speaker:** Explanation is required from the Hon. Member for (Augi) mover of this motion?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I want to reply the Hon. Member for (Bunza). Argungu has an Agricultural Office, but their staff cannot serve us all at a time when problems arises. So I want the State Government to help us for without these agricultural advisers the remaining six requests listed here will be useless. Supplying us with, for example, tractors, land and equipment will all be of no use. So what I am requesting is that the State Government should open an Agricultural Office with Staff well stationed in Augi as in other districts.

**Alh. Isa M. Kakaka Kotorkoshi (Kotorkoshi):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, now, my explanation is I feel that when we follow this arrangement of opposition, we will finish our term without doing anything for any constituency. I am drawing your attention, we should be fair to ourselves and to know that opposition is useless. If you bring your motions, if only one out of ten motions is presented, I think it is alright. It is not proper for us to say that every motion brought should be cancelled. I proposed that, this agricultural staff should be provided for Augi town. That is my own view.

**Alh. Muh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give a slight amendment for the Hon. Member for (Augi), he said this because he was born in Augi. Myself I was born in Augi. This request that he has forwarded, he should know that we have similar needs in all our constituencies. I feel he should request this for all the constituencies. I know that whatever request is made from Ministry of Agriculture is only sent to Argungu, therefore, this Agricultural Staff should be based in Argungu. If he said that only Augi should be provided, he is instigating people from Dendi and Lailaba to put their own request too. So it is better we do for all. In my view it is better that Argungu Local Government is provided with the Agricultural Staff because each district will have the right to have it.

Whoever is in need of services of such staff will go to Argungu where he will be helped. Now this my view and I am not objecting his view.

**Alhaji Audu Dantagago (Gulma):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, what I will like to say now, is that there is misunderstanding in the sense that seven items is written as one item. What the Hon Members will like to see is that the motion should not contain more than two items. It is not that the Hon. Members are not ready to second the items,

**Alhaji Ibrahim Dangata Gusau (Tudun Wada):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, on this motion brought by the Hon. Member for (Augi) I will like to object. I know that he personally knows that the Government has no money. He said that because he have some request to present. All the revenue that will come to the Government in a year, if it is divided into three, one third is for Augi alone and the rest will be distributed to the one hundred and ten constituencies. May I suggest the Hon. Member for (Augi) to withdraw the motion until he is ready. That is all I have to say.

**Alhaji Muh. Nomau (Balle):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give further explanation on the motion. What I feel we shall do concerning an agricultural staff for helping the farmers so that it will be better if they are open in all Local Governments because it will help.

**Alhaji Muhammed Yaro Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my view on this issue. Now, this request contains in the motion of the Hon. Member for (Augi) should bear in mind that we are serving this State in general instead of a constituency alone. I feel it is better that they are provided to all constituencies as it is the need of the whole State and not only a particular place.

**Alhaji Sambo Wonaka (Mada):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am glad that our House is taking the right step, I pray for further guidance. I oppose the Hon. Member for (Augi) that brought this motion, he is one of the people who screen the motions submitted by the Hon. Members. Since when the motion is about to be submitted I caution him that there is selfishness. While one Hon. Member wants his motion to be presented there are some Members waiting to hear theirs. What the House has done I am glad with it, as it will correct all of us.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member for (Mada) I will like you to withdraw your statement, that is because he is a Majority Leader: I said it is the Hon. Member Augi for (Augi) constituency and not as a Majority Leader. Whenever a Member of a committee has done something, it is the whole Committee that carries the fault. It is the Business Committee that passed the motions you are one of them, whether you object to it there or not the majority of you have agreed and that is my presumption of it. It is not in the manner of Majority Leader or Business Committee. The work of the Majority Leader is for the government Bills, so please withdraw your statement.

**Alhaji Sambo Wonaka (Mada):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I withdraw that statement of that he brought this seven points in one motion because he is the Majority Leader.

**Alhaji Mamman DanTsamaye (Kaddi):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, my point of view pertaining this House is that, I do not like us to be making noise and without any cause. Since there are Committees who have the responsibilities dealing with our business.

**Speaker:** Point of correction, we have not yet got the Committees.

**Alh. Mamman Dan Tsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, these Committees we are talking of

now, some Hon. Members said the items are too many but it is not too many at all. It is better that each constituency gets its own. The reason why I said that a hotel is to be built, which will cost more than two million Naira (N2m) or more it will be done. The people at Kamaje, Ila does not know what is call guest house. I hope this House will agree that each constituency will be provided with pipe borne water. I am seeking permission from the Hon. Speaker to allow Standing Committee on Ambursa to go out to discuss on this.

**Speaker:** I myself I am a member of the Committee, so that reason is not in the order of the day.

During the discussing we have three points to discuss on. (1) providing agricultural scheme to Augi or to Argungu Local Government or all over the State.

*Interruption.*

**An Hon. Member:** I have objection.

**Speaker:** Objection on what? I am sorry they are three. Those in favour of providing agricultural staff to all over the state. Right, so instead of Augi or Argungu the Government should provide enough staff to be sufficient for the whole State and I suggest we ask for Committee when appointed to see to it first. That is one. (d) — (f) are suppliers which are different from the staff so let us listen to the Hon. Member for (Augi) the mover of the motion.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker Sir. I thank you for asking that the State should be provided with enough agricultural staff. The reason why I said Augi alone is because I feel it is necessary for me to fight for Augi before any other place. Now Honourable Members, we should bear in mind that the provision of all these equipments and requirements are not enough in themselves, if we don't have the Agricultural Staff who will advise on

how to use them. The provision of the staff is also useless in itself if there is no provision for these suppliers. What I said in my motion is that we should be provided with Tractors for Fadama Cultivation, Land Clearing Equipments to boost our cultivation in rice and big Tractor to clear the forest so that we establish more farm. We should be provided with Fertilisers and Chemicals for pests control. During the dry season, we should be provided with Irrigation Pumps because we have small rivers that contain water all the year round. The things I have outlined, I know are used all over the State.

**Speaker:** Any seconder? But before seconding I want to know whether the motion is amended.

**Alh. Muh. Augie:** It is amended Mr. Speaker.

**Mr Speaker:** So it reads everywhere not Augi only. Any seconder for providing Augi and everywhere?

**Alh. Dandare Saminu (Koko):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second on this agricultural issue. It is my intention to support whoever brings a motion concerning agriculture, water, road etc. because I know they are essential to the masses who have elected us. In view of this, I would like to second for the provision of all these items to everywhere.

**Sambo Tambawal (Tambuwal):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask whether these are going to be provided to each Local Government or Constituency?

**Speaker:** As I have said, we have a Committee on Agriculture that will be responsible to find out what the Government can do to provide such things to every constituency or to every Local Government Headquarters or to both, it all depends on what can be done. Not all what we want we can get and that is precisely why I want this House to be cautious in passing motions. Whatever motion is passed is a law and must be done

otherwise we are reducing ourselves.

**Alh. Mamuda Shehu (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, I would like everybody to give ten salatis to the All Mighty Allah.....

**Speaker:** Out of the Motion.

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**Alhaji Ibrahim Dangata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to comment on the issue of granting Agricultural Loans to the people of Augi. I feel we are doing things and demolishing them at the same time. If you can remember, yesterday we talked of transferring Loans from the Co-operative Societies to Ministry of Agriculture. Who are the Ministry of Agriculture going to grant this loans to? Is it not to the farmer in this country? Does the mover of the motion Hon. Member for (Augi) wants the people of Augi to get another loan, apart from the one granted by the Ministry of Agriculture? or what? Or does he mean that the Ministry of Agriculture is not going to give his Constituency, that is why he wants it to be given to them?

Finally, I will like to draw the attention of the Hon. House, that this loan will include the whole of Sokoto State, and we have all supported that. It is with careful planning, equipment etc. that we can achieve our goal.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I want to reply the Hon. Member for (T/Wada) who has just spoken. I feel the Hon. Member for (T/Wada) does not know how things are run in the villages, because he lives in Gusau. I have been doing this type of work for at least thirty years and apart from this, what I earleir said is that, when this kid of loan is granted to Argungu Local Government the people of Augi do not usually benefit from it. Augi town is on the other side of the river and it will be very difficult for them to benefit from this loan once it is not given special attention. If I know that this loan reaches the people of Augi, I will not have even brought the motion here. But once the

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I know these problems and Hon. Member for (T/Wada) knows that I know these problems.

**Alh. Muh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on the issue raised by Hon. Member for (Augi) the mover of this motion. As he indicated that their town is at the bank of the river, this is not so. I was once a party that went to Augi and witnessed Augi people being given the loan. At that time I was in the area as a Councillor for Natural Resources in Argungu Local Government. As for this, may I suggest that he may request for more loans as instruction are sent down from Sokoto for giving loans and tractors. As such he may only request for additional loan.

**Amadu Majidadi (Goronyo):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to say something on the motion we are now on in connection with loans to farmers. The mover of this motion Hon. Member for (Augi) is requesting for loans to be given to his area. I am seeing this is affecting the whole State not only his area alone. In our area we have a population of more than 40,000 people, but if loan comes up not more than 80 people are given. You can see that we have not been favoured so the mover of this motion Hon. Member for (Augi) is just saying things to suit his purpose. These loans should be distributed equally and not an area alone where a member is elected.

**Speaker:** I am sorry you are too personal.

**Amadu Majidadi (Goronyo):** Mr. Speaker, whatever is going to be done should be done for the whole State and no

one area alone.

**Speaker:** Well I am sorry to say Hon. Member for (Goronyo) is not possible to confine ourselves to the State all the time. There are times and instances where we are going to be sectional. So let us look to circumstances.

**Amadu Majidadi (Goronyo):** Mr. Speaker, it is correct.

**Alh. Muh. Mori (Fakkai):** Mr. speaker, Hon. Members, I want to draw the attention of the house on the deliberation of granting loans to farmers and to say that it is correct. I think it will be proper to stop this deliberation and hand it to the Agricultural Committee, when it is appointed and they should submit their report to us to consider.

**Alhaji Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to support the mover of this motion Hon. Member for (Augi). Though the House is worried on what he has prsented, I will like to remind the Hon. Members as we are here together if a person is hungry and he does not say it out we cannot know. I see no reason why he should not submit the problems affecting his constituency. He has only putting up seven requests and the House seemed to be embarrassed, what more of when my twenty requests come up for your support? Hon. Members I am seeing that you are frightening us. Somebody with only seven requests, is rejected, what more of myself with twenty? You should at least accept three. We are here to help the poor farmers. Any Hon. Member living in the city must have gone out to the rural areas probably during his campaign and he has seen how they are suffering. A Member cannot say that he was elected from six to seven villages only but his constituency may have from 70 to 80 villages that have elected him and he has promised to do something for each. So I am drawing your attention to the promises we made during our campaign. I therefore appeal to this

Hon. House to support him.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have two ideas to deliberate upon:-

1. to refer this to the Agricultural Committee to be appointed,
2. to refer to the government to make enough provision for the loans for the whole State.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the House will refer the issue to the Government to make enough provision for the loans to be sufficient fo the whole State.

PRESENTATION OF MOTION  
*Bayawa Town to be provided with Rural Health Centre — Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu)*

**Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, this my request for a Rural Health Centre at Bayawa was brought here because of its urgency. Hon. Members if you can see most of the ammenities are situated only in North-West of Sokoto. Bayawa is a very remote area and nothing has ever been done there. From Bayawa town, to a hospital is a distance of 48kms. and their nearest hospital is Gwadabawa. Sick people from Bayawa going to Argungu hospital on donkeys often die on the road due to hardship. Bayawa is a District Head like Binji, Dingyadi etc. and with a large population, so I request you my honourable colleagues to support me in seeking for a Rural Health Centre for Bayawa.

**Speaker:** Any supporter to the motion?

**Aliyu Dankobi (Acita):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to support the mover of this motion though I do not know the place, but is sympathetic and I give my support for the construction of a health centre for Bayawa.

**Amadu Aliyu (Binji):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, before I give my explanations I will like Hon. Members to consider some things before considering motions. This Rural Health Centre when constructed at Bayawa their neighbours will also benefit. We know the value of health, as for example, if one is attacked by only a common sickness, he feels uneasy to go out, what more of a person seriously sick and will be taken to hospital on a donkey from Bayawa to Gwadabawa considering its distance? So I appeal to this Hon. House to accept that a Rural Health Centre be built at Bayawa.

**Alh. Umaru Yakubu (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to support this motion. As Bayawa town is a District Head consisting of a large population and are in need of a Health Center, I am giving my full support. There are similar villages like Bayawa with a vast population but without a Health Centre so I am appealing to this Hon. House to make a law that these villages be provided with Rural Health Centres and I beg for support from the Hon. Members.

**Ibrahim Nahuce (Nahuce):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my full support on what the hon. Member for (Maru) has just said.

**Alhaji Galadima Danchadi (Danchadi):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Hon. Member for (Maru) and to add that in constructing these centres, they should be situated in far remote villages ranging from 40 to 50 kilometers.

**Alhaji Sule Moriki (Moriki):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Hon. Member for (Danchadi). Infact there are very many remote villages that have been entirely forgotten in the programme for development. You can imagine in my area Boko in the far bush, which you have to cross a river before you reach it and there is no hospital. To go there on foot is a task especially during the rainy season when it is the worst. If

one is sick he has to be carried on a donkey and cross a river to Dunfawa then to Kaura-Namoda, where there is a Rural Health Centre. You can see that if the sickness is very serious one can easily die on the way. I therefore give my support for these Health Centres to be built in the far remote villages for even development.

**Alhaji Muhammadu Gidado (Kware):** Honourable Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise up in order to give my support to the Hon. Member for (Maru) who has given suggestion that each Constituency should be provided with Rural Health Centre. Before I give my further explanations, I will like these Centres to be constructed before the end of the four year term. I am therefore appealing to this Hon. Members to support my suggestion.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have three points or rather four. One, all constituencies to be provided with Rural Health Centre or rather every constituency to be provided with Rural Health Centre or all places in the hinterland to be provided with Health Centre or every district should be provided or only Bayawa to be provided. These are the two points that we have to vote on.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I have a suggestion, one thing is certain we have places which are difficult to reach and there are people there. Those places that are difficult to reach, are those for which such Centres are. For it says Rural health Centre. In that case, I would rather we leave the whole matter to Committee on Health so that they will find means of getting information as to the requirements of such Centres and then recommend to the House.

**Alhaji Haliru D/Daji (D/Daji/Yabo):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my support to the Hon. Member for (Argungu) who have moved this motion of providing Health Centre in Bayawa. I can't understand how this House

is conducting its business, we are acting like children. If somebody brought a motion we will say that everything he requested for should be provided for each constituency. This is not proper because there are some constituencies which are in need of Health Centre while some are not in need.

**Alhaji Shehu Abdullahi (K/Namoda):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to give my support on the motion for the provision of a Health Centre moved by the Hon. Member Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu). Infact, I give my full support. Secondly, I support the provision of such Centres to remote areas. On what the Hon. Member for (Dogon Daji/Jabo) has just said, saying that we are just acting like children. He should know that we are not children, being that each and every one of us is a responsible person and elected by people, and they would not elect us unless we are fit for this. I therefore support the motion.

**Alh. Mamman Giyawa (Giyawa):** Hon. Speaker Sir; Hon. Members, I support the motion moved by the Hon. Member Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu). This is not what we should be deliberating on for a long time.

We should therefore consider those who present motions accordingly. If somebody presents one motion or two it is important for the supporter demand that he too wants such a provision in his area. Each Member should bring his own motion because we all have such problems. For example, in our area we do not have a big Health Centre.

**Speaker:** Those in support of building Health Centre for Bayawa should raise up their hands. You are supposed to vote for one and only one, and the majority have raised their hands. So there is no need to vote for another one.

Item No. 9 Alhaji Mohammed Magaji Y/Yabo, (Yabo):

**Alh. Mohammed Magaji Y/Yabo (Yabo):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members,.....

*Interruption.*

**Speaker:** Order, Order!

**Alhaji Mohammed Magaji Y/Yabo (Yabo):** I rise to give explanations on the motions I present. This motion for construction of a new road from Shagari to Tureta or to Gidan Garkuwa as requested by the people of Yabo. There are strong and many reasons why people of Yabo requested me to present this motion to the House. My first reason is, that this road is very important and it has connected three (3) towns which are going to benefit from this road if constructed. These towns are Yabo, Bodinga and Shuni.

**Speaker:** Yabo Local Government isn't a town likewise Bodinga Local Government. You said three towns.

**Alhaji Mohammed Magaji Y/Yabo (Yabo):** These towns are Yabo area, Shuni or Danchadi districts and also Turcta area. This road will help many people who are living within these areas I have mentioned. All these towns which this road will go through are very important. They are Shagari, Lambarada, Kambama. This area is commercial one with important markets. If this road is not constructed the people living in these areas will not enjoy their living. Despite all these, the area is fertile whereby a lot could be produced. I am sure all these towns will benefit from that road and not only Yabo people will benefit but including those of Sokoto. This area where we are requesting road for is an important area for Yabo Local Government. This place is very far and remote from the main road. If a person is sick it will be difficult task to take him to the Hospital. Hon. Members this area has a distance of about 60 miles.

I am sure these people are going to benefit

from it when constructed, we had requested for the construction of this road from the Administration even the former Governor, Alhaji Umaru Mohammed promise us it would be constructed but up to now nothing has been done. Because of this, we have decided to present this to the Hon. House. I am appealing to you Hon. Members to please support this motion because we are all under the Government. We hear some requests made and the answer is that there is no enough money. Our duty as Hon. Members is to present the request of the people who elected us to the House and then notify the Government and if the Government has the funds to carry out. This is the first motion presented to the House by Yabo constituency. I will stop here on this explanation I have given to you. I hope you will give me support for construction of this road.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Alhaji Garba Na Liman (Chafe):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to second the mover of the motion. The motion he has presented is very important because this road will help in effective communication between these towns, especially when going to sell their farm produce. It is therefore important that we the Hon. Members of this House consider this problem so that the Government will construct this road.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that this House should go on recess so that we pray and come back.

*Interruptions.*

**Speaker:** Order! Order! Here is a motion for recess after which we come back and resume. At least we should remember that we have prayers before us, so is there any seconder?

**Umaru Nakigo (Dakingari/Giro):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second that this House to

go on recess so that those who will pray should do so and come back. It is not proper for us to say that we should wait until we finish everything before we can go for recess.

*Question put and nagatived.*

**Speaker:** Here is a motion requesting for a new road passing through three Local Government Areas, namely:- Yabo, Bodinga and Talata Mafara and the distance is very long. Those in favour of constructing the roads hands up.

So it is carried out that the road should be constructed.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That a new road be constructed passing through Yabo, Bodinga and Talata Mafara Local Governments and from Shagari to Tureta.

**An Hon. Member:** We agree that this House should be adjourned until tomorrow.

*Interruptions.*

**Speaker:** This is the end of the Order Paper of the day, any other matter?

**Sama'lla Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to move that this House now adjourned until tomorrow since we have finished with what we have today.

**Speaker:** Motion for adjournment, any seconder?

**Sanda Umaru Dange (Dange):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second that this House do adjourn until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That this House do now adjourn.

*The House adjourned accordingly at 2.00 p.m. until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.*

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
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Thursday, 6th December, 1979.

*The House met at 10.30 a.m.*

(The Speaker presided)

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**Speaker:** A letter has been written to the Permanent Secretary, Political Division, requesting him to submit the names of the nominees for the Care-taker Committee. He has replied that they will comply with the request when the names are ready.

PAPERS

**Speaker:** As for papers, I believe you have been given the papers. The next item, I will call on Hon. Member Alhaji Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa) to present his motion.

PRESENTATION OF MOTION

*Provision of more bore-holes and pipes for Kangiwa town—Alhaji Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa)*

**Alh. Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, what I mean by this motion, is that more drinking water should be provided for Kangiwa. Kangiwa was getting its drinking water from one bore-hole. The pipes distributed do not cover half of the town. At present moment, even the one and only bore-hole is not working, as such the people of Kangiwa are forced to go back to their old method of getting water i.e. from wells. Whoever visits our place (Kangiwa) will see the difficulties the people are encountering when drawing water from the wells. The minimum depth of a well in that area is about 70 to 90 metres depth. It is

on this, I am appealing to this Hon. House to please deliberate and help the people of Kangiwa so that they can be provided with more bore-holes and also more pipes. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Alhaji Garba Ganta (Danko):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the mover of the motion Hon. Member for (Kangiwa), for the provision of more bore-holes in Kangiwa town. The reason is that any area facing water problem should surely be helped.

**Speaker:** Any objection to the motion?

**Alhaji Mohammed Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, as the mover of the motion, Hon. Member for (Kangiwa), has already said, Kangiwa town is in dire need of water. Whoever knows Argungu Local Government, I am sure will know that Kangiwa and most towns in the northern and eastern parts of the Local Government are in dire need of water.

Although the Honourable Member for (Kangiwa) stated that they have one bore-hole already, but he did not make it clear whether they need only one more additional bore-hole to be installed. In the case of pipe lines, he also stated there are number of them already but he did not specify whether they need more.

**Speaker:** Will the Hon. Member for (Kangiwa) please explain himself?

**Alh. Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker; we just need a source which will improve the water supply in Kangiwa town. This could be by having one or more additional bore-holes or by constructing more pipe lines in the town to cover the whole town, so that Kangiwa will have enough water supply. Thank you.

**Speaker:** It appears you are requesting

for the conversion of your semi-urban to Urban Rural Water Supply?

**Alhaji Abdullahi Kangiwa (Kangiwa):** Mr. Speaker, yes.

**Speaker:** Any more comments?

**Umaru Yakubu Maru (Maru):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I will like to make my comments on the provision of more bore-holes in Kangiwa and to give further explanations on what I know concerning Kangiwa. I have stayed in Kangiwa and many other places in this State, but I have never seen a place with the problem of water shortage like Kangiwa. The average depth of a well in this area is about 70 to 90 metres as the mover of the motion, Hon. member for (Kangiwa) earlier stated, I am sure it might even be deeper than that. In Kangiwa whatever your status there will be a time when you will be forced to draw water from the well yourself.

I am therefore drawing the attention of this Hon. House to consider this request.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member for (Kangiwa) it appears we are all in support of this.

**Speaker:** Are you going to make an objection?

**An Hon. Member:** Mr. Speaker; I will like to ask a question.

**Speaker:** Then let's hear your question.

**Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I will like to ask the Hon. Member for (Kangiwa), mover of this motion, but I support that Kangiwa should be given more water supply. Now let me come back to my question:- Is Kangiwa situated on a hill or is there any river which will make it easier for a provision of bore-holes? This will help Hon. Members to determine if Kangiwa should have a dam or...

**Speaker:** I am sorry to say it is neither on a hill nor a river. As we have said earlier when discussing Birnin Yauri that there is an area where bore-holes cannot be sunk just because of the nature of the place and as for the nature of Arewa the water is there but far far under-ground.

**Alhaji Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure this explanation you have given has satisfied me and the Honourable Members.

**Speaker:** The question is, do you all agree that Kangiwa should be given Urban Water Supply?

*Question put and agreed.*

**Resolved:** That Kangiwa be given Urban Water Supply by the State Government.

PRESENTATION OF MOTION

Government of Sokoto State to take over Tangaza — Balle — Kurdula — Bachaka Road.—**Alh. Muh. Noma Tangaza (Balle).**

**Alh. Muhammadu Noma Tangaza (Balle):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to say that government should take over Tangaza-Balle-Kurdula-Bachaka Road and its length is 68 kms. The reason why I said this is, our people built this road in 1976 through communal effort and the Silame Local Government took over. As Silame Local Government has no funds, this road work comes to a stand still so what they have constructed up to now is no more than 10kms. This Local Government has been given this road to contractors but contractors failed because they cannot get laterite. The people here are farmers and traders. They encounter lots of difficulties conveying their goods on camels to Kurdula market. They traveled almost three days before they reach Kurdula market. The customers at Kurdula often buy



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their goods at a cheaper price because they know that people have to sell or else face the difficulties of going back with the goods. Due to bad roads, we do not communicate with our fellow Nigerians, therefore, I urge this Hon. House to direct the Sokoto State Government to take over this road without delay to get us out of this difficulties.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**All Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the mover of this motion, Hon. Member for (Balle). In fact this road deserves to be taken over, because the people living there are suffering and this road will bring more good to this country. If there is no road nothing can link a country and that is why my party . . .

**Speaker:** This is House.

**All Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, I know it is House, but parties elected us.

**Speaker:** Never-the-less this is House.

**All Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, as for this, I will like this Hon. House to help these people so that they will know that they are living.

**Speaker:** Any objection to the motion? Right I will allow only three comments.

**Abdullahi Na-Allah Gusau (Wanke):** Mr. Speaker Sir, road is one important thing that provides good things to the people, especially in Tangaza area which is backward in development. The only thing good for them now is to get a road to sell their produce.

**Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I appeal to you to permit the mover of this motion Honourable Member for (Balle) to give more explanation on this issue, because I know the road from Feske — Bui — Maska and Masallaci — Gidan

Madi. It will make us know whether the road will start from Balle. I appeal to Hon. Members to support this request.

**Speaker:** Explanation is requested from the Hon. Member for (Balle), mover of this motion

**Alh. Muhammadu Noma Tangaza (Balle):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to answer the hon. Member for (Argungu). These roads he mentioned, are not connected with this area. The road I mean, is from Bui-Feske-Masallaci and the second is Gidan Madi-Masallaci and that is all. So I appeal to the House to support this motion.

**Alhaji Muhammadu Gidado (Kware):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Hon. Member for (Balle), mover of this motion. My first reason is that, we are their neighbours and because of our people from Kware who suffered when going to Bachaka, as it takes them seven days journey on donkeys due to the lack of transport. This Bachaka market is very important to us, as we benefit from it. I am therefore appealing to this House to support.

**Alh. Abdullahi Na Allah (Wanke):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the motion for the State Government to take over the Balle-Kurdula-Bachaka Road, because without road many good things of life cannot be achieved.

**Speaker:** May I ask the Hon. Member for (Balle), mover of the motion, to tell us what he means by taking over. Is the road being constructed by the Local Government or the Community.

**Alh. Muhammadu Noma Tangaza (Balle):** Mr. Speaker, this road was made by the people themselves. It was then that they handed over the work to the Local Government but due lack of funds and other difficulties involved, the take-over did not serve any

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useful purpose, as the people didn't even know whether the work is in progress or not.

**Speaker:** Is the road being used by vehicles at the moment?

**Alh. Muhammadu Noma Tangaza (Balle):** Mr. Speaker, the only vehicles that can use it are Toyota, Range Rover, and the like.

**Speaker:** The question then is, has the House agreed that the State Government should construct such road? For it is not taking over anything, it is totally a new road to be constructed.

*Question put and agreed.*

**Resolved:** that the Government should construct the road from Tangaza - Balle -Kurdula - Bachaka.

**Speaker:** Now we go to item 8. Hon. Member Alhaji Musa Lauya (Rabah).

**Alh. Musa Lauya (Raba):** Mr. Speaker, the motion standing in my name is not written as I have forwarded it.

**Speaker:** I am sorry since it is not your motion it has to be withdrawn.

*Motion by leave withdrawn.*

Next, Alhaji Yakubu Mai-Arewa (Yeldu).

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**Speaker:** What is the mistake, point out first

**Alh. Yakubu Mai-Arewa (Yeldu):** Mr. Speaker, the road should have been Lailaba-Yeldu, Yeldu-Bachaka, and Yeldu-Kare and not Lailaba-Yeldu-Bachaka.

**Speaker:** I am re-considering the impor-

tant thing, for we have already discussed on one starting point from Bachaka.

**Alh. Yakubu Mai-Arewa (Yelwa):** Mr. Speaker, it is not the same Bachaka.

**Speaker:** Then present your motion.

*Construction of a new road from Lailaba-Yeldu-Bachaka*

**Alh. Yakubu Mai-Arewa (Yelwa):** Mr. Speaker, the roads I am requesting are, Lailaba-Yelwa which is 13 miles, Yeldu-Bachaka 40 miles. This is the road that links Niger Republic and Nigeria. The reason is that these roads are not motorable as only tractors can use it to Bachaka market which is the most important market in that area. I beg to move.

**Speaker:** May I know whether the road is under the Local Government.

**Alh. Yakubu Mai Arewa (Yeldu):** Mr. Speaker, yes.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Muh. Dantani (Lailaba):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the motion. Starting from Sokoto to Argungu to Niger Republic, you will get about 100 vehicles following that road on market days. It is a big road which links Nigeria and Niger Republic and that market is a very important one. You can get anything there. I am therefore appealing to this House to give its support for the repairs of that road.

**Speaker:** Any objection to the Motion? As there is no objection I will allow like three comments.

**Muh. Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to support for the construction of that road, although I feel he means they will like the road to be linked....

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**Speaker:** That has not been said. It is there in writing, it ends at Bachaka.

**Muh. Tambari Dingyadi (Bodinga):** Mr. Speaker, I am grateful. I will like to draw the attention of those Hon. Members who present such motions to the fact that while they mention that about so so number of people are following the roads they want to be constructed, it would appear as if the roads are there, all the same, I wish to support for the construction of the road.

**Alhaji Garba Na Liman (Chafe):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to give my support to this motion. I am sure this type of request for constructing roads is very important and it will increase the economy of the State and the country in general with effective communication.

**Alh. Sani Mohammed Kamba (Dendji):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members...

Interruptions.

**Several Hon. Members:** Not you. Not you.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my comment about this road, I would like to draw the attention of the Hon. Members that construction of roads is divided into four types. There are bigger roads which is the Federal Government can be able to do, there are those which is the responsibility of the State Government, the third which is responsibility of the Local Government and the fourth are those which are being constructed through communal efforts. I know we are here to help people, but we should not bite what we cannot chew. Provision has been made to Local Governments for their roads and so also the State Government. If we shoulder all these problems on the State Government, we are going to be short of funds. I will therefore like those Hon. Members who would like to

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present motions on roads should first check with the Local Government and find out whether it is their responsibility so that when he presents his motion to this House, we shall know whose responsibility it is and whom to shoulder it to. I beg to support the motion

**Speaker:** There are four types of road, those for the State Government, Federal Government, Local Government and those constructed by community workers, until a time when some will be graded. Those of the community will be taken over by the Local Government, some of the Local Government roads will be taken over by the State Government, and the State Government will find ways of handing over some of its roads to the Federal Government. The question now is - is the House agreed that the roads should be taken over by the State Government?

**Speaker:** Those in favour should please put up their hands.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the road should be taken over by the State Government.

**Speaker:** Then the next item on the Order Paper.

#### PRESENTATION OF MOTION

*Building of a School of Agriculture at Maikulki— Alhaji Muhammadu Tukur Dikko (Gande)*

**Alh. Muhammadu Tukur Dikko (Gande):** Mr. Speaker Sir, the motion I am presenting before the House, is for the building of School of Agriculture at Maikulki. The reason is that, the Silame Local Government is really backward in farming, whereas we have a very large land of (Fadama) in this place. We also have a large population whose main occupation is farming.

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At present we have a large number of primary school leavers, who I think can be admitted into this school when established.

**Speaker:** As far as I know there are three types of such schools, they are School of Agriculture, Farm Institute and Farm Centre. Which of the three do you have in mind?

**Alh. Moh. Tukur Dikko (Gande):** Farm Institute, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** So we will deliberate on Farm Institute. There should be an amendment on the Order Paper.

Any seconder to the motion brought by the Member for (Gande)?

**Alh. Umaru Maidamma (Besse):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the Hon. Member for (Gande), mover of the motion. As there are many farmers in that area they surely need a Farm Institute in order to improve in agriculture.

**Alh. Umaru Maidamma (Besse):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the Hon. Member for (Gande), mover of the motion. As there are many farmers in that area they surely need a Farm Institute in order to improve in agriculture.

**Speaker:** Any objection to the motion?

It seems we have all seconded, is there any comment?

**Alh. Moh. Sani Kamba (Dendji):** Mr. Speaker, everyone of us here in this Hon. House is aware of the importance of agriculture. This institute, usually admits primary school leaver who after completing the course, are provided with farming equipments so that they can go and farm on their own. These graduates are to teach the farmers in their areas.

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provide the whole nation with enough food. I therefore share the same views with the Hon. Member for (Gande), mover of the motion.

**Majority Leader: Alh. Muhammadu Augi (Augi):** Mr. Speaker, this institute does not only admit primary school leavers, it also admits those with Adult Education certificate, primary school drop outs and even illiterates can be admitted into such institutions. The important thing is that, the student usually gets a one year practical experience in farming, right from clearing the field, harvesting and up to the time when the produce will be taken to the market or stored. To learn all these, one does not need a high qualification. The graduants after completing the course are expected to transfer the knowledge to the farmers in their areas.

Due to the importance of this institute I think it will be better if we can have them in all the Local Government areas in the State. There may be the question of not having enough money, in that case three of such schools can be built in three different Local Governments each year.

**Alhaji Moh. Sambo (Tambuwal):** Mr. Speaker, almost all the Hon. Members are in support of building this Farm institute in Maikulki, but in my opinion this Institute should be built at. . . .

**Speaker:** I earlier asked for an objection to the motion but you did not object.

**Alhaji Moh. Sambo (Tambuwal):** Mr. Speaker, I raised up my hand but I was not called upon to speak, and now I want to give my views.

**Speaker:** Are you not talking of changing the school from Maikulki.

**Alhaji Moh. Sambo (Tambuwal):** Mr. Speaker, yes.

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**Speaker:** Well that is an objection. Is it the opinion of this Hon. House to build this Farm Institute at Maikulki? Those in favour should please put up their hands.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That a Farm Institute should be built at Maikulki.

**Speaker:** This is the items on the Order Paper. I will like to call the attention of the Majority Members in this House that there will be a Parliamentary Meeting immediately we close. Any other small motions?

**Several Members:** Yes! Yes!!

**Speaker:** Why are they not given to the Business Committee?

**An Hon. Member:** We have submitted them to the Business Committee.

**Speaker:** Then we wait for the Business Committee to submit the motions.

**Several Members:** We have some questions, we have some questions!!

**Speaker:** I will not reply you.

*ADJOURNMENT*

**Alhaji Galadima (Danchadi):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the House should now adjourn till tomorrow.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the House do now adjourn.

*The House adjourned accordingly at 11.45 p.m. till tomorrow morning at 9.00 a.m.*

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
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*The House met at 10.00 a.m.*

(The Speaker presided)

**PRAYERS**

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**Speaker:** There isn't any.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Speaker:** I wish to inform those we met yesterday that the case about paying the 30 people is false, for we have only ₦1,436.00 in the vote and is not enough to pay even one. So rest assured that things will go alright.

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*Interim House of Assembly Commission—  
Alhaji Umaru Yakubu (Maru)*

**Speaker:** Item six is a motion on interim provision. We have already asked for a Bill and it has not yet been prepared and it appears we are waiting too long for our independence. So we make it a motion and if we pass it here, then we can be independent while waiting for the Bill. I call upon the Hon. Member for (Maru) mover of the motion to present his motion.

**Umaru Yakubu Maru (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, the reason why I brought this motion is because of the problems this House is facing in recruiting staff. At present the Civil Service Commission is responsible for posting staff to us, but in the Constitution of the country, there are sections which have given us power to be autonomous so as to be employing our own staff. Because of the need to recruit staff, I am presenting this motion to this Hon. House to approve the establishment of an

Interim House of Assembly Commission for employing staff. Sections 87 and 269 of the Constitution have given us that power and I would like to present the names of those who are to be members of the Commission before this Hon. House appoints the Commission which will take over from the Interim Commission and before presenting the Bill for the House to be autonomous. The Committee will consist of six members and a Secretary, who should be the Clerk to the House. I will present the names of the four members and the House will select the remaining two who are — The Speaker, The Deputy Speaker, The Majority Leader and the Minority Leader. I have already mentioned that this Interim Commission will recruit the staff of the House for the efficient running of the Legislature. I beg to move and I hope that this House will approve the establishment of the Interim Commission.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, the motion is in two parts — first approving the Commission and then the membership. Any seconder to the motion of establishing the Interim Commission?

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the mover of the motion, even though there seems to be two motions and I think this Commission should be established first.....

**Speaker:** That is why I have said the establishment of the Commission first.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, I second for the establishment of the Commission which will enable the Legislature to be running its business effectively.

**Speaker:** Any objection to the motion?

**Abubakar Mainasara Zagga (Zagga):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to object the motion, on the condition that you have not explained to us the importance of these people to be ap-

pointed in this Commission. I know that employment of staff is in two categories — those who are holding senior posts and the junior posts. I hope more explanation will be given to us for the staff to be employed and to explain how the present staff have been employed.

**Speaker:** As for the power of the Commission, is to appoint all staff to the Legislature irrespective of grades. As for the existing staff, Section 269 of the Constitution has taken care of that, that the Civil Service Commission will recruit staff for the Legislature until such a Commission is established, so that is how they have come to us. Are you satisfied?

**Abubakar Mainasara (Zagga):** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**An Hon. Member:** Comment.

**Speaker:** Right, give your comment.

**Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, I don't agree that this Commission should be established because I don't want redundancy. I know that there are Committees responsible for all these things, and instead of establishing the Commission, why not establishing the whole Committees so as to start their work. Unless if there is a reason for the establishment of the Interim Commission then it should be explained to the House. We will like that reason to be explained to us before we continue deliberating on the establishment of the Commission.

**Speaker:** The reason for bringing this Motion is, it has taken us too long to establish the Committee and yet too long to prepare the Bill. As long as we don't have anything like this Commission, we will never be independent of the Civil Service Commission. Once this Commission is passed, then we are independent of the Civil Service Commission and if the following day the Ap-

pointment Committee is selected and passed by the House, then it will take over from the Interim Commission. The essential thing here is the establishment of the Commission for it is in place of a Bill to be passed.

**Alhaji Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to comment on this motion. Even though my view is similar, but it is divided into two. At first I am thinking that it is better that when the Selection Committee, which I am a Member, completes its work which is almost finished but my second view is that even if the Selection Committee finished its work it has to submit to the House for approval. In view of this, I suggest that this Commission should be established even if it is going to work from today up to seven days. I beg to support.

**Alhaji Muh. Noma Tangaza (Balle):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I do not support the establishment of this Interim Commission which is to take care of employing the staff of the State Legislature. I will like the Hon. Members to realise that may be by Monday the Selection Committee is likely to present its report to the House. The report will include the different Committees and I am sure the Appointment Committee will be among them. In my opinion, I think it will be better for us to wait for the report of the Selection Committee, after which the Appointment Committee can then carry on with its work.

Is there any reason which the Selection Committee has, for not presenting its report yet? I think it will be better if the Selection Committee submits its report as soon as possible.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, may I draw your attention to the fact that even if the House approves the Appointment Committee, the Appointment Committee has to wait for either a Bill or a Motion similar to the one we are presenting now, so it is better we do it now, depending on the appointment of

the Appointment Committee, so that as soon as it is approved by the House, it will carry on with its work without waiting for the Bill or motion, we have been waiting for too long.

**Jmaru Yakubu Maru (Maru):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I will like to draw the attention of the Hon. Members on the explanations just given. I will speak in Hausa, so that every one will understand it more clearly. The important thing here, is once this motion is approved in this Hon. House, then the House will become independent. If for example, this motion is passed and we close at 12.00 noon and we are going to sit again at 4.00 O'clock and the Selection Committee happens to present its report at that time and the House approves it. If it so happens the Appointment Committee has a work to do e.g. recruitment of staff, since the House has been given the power to do so, then the Committee can go on to do so. Now if we don't agree with the motion, even if the House approves the report of the Selection Committee, the Appointment Committee will have to wait for a Bill or a similar motion to be passed. I am therefore appealing to all the Hon. Members to please support this motion.

**Alhaji Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu (Gwandu):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I will like to comment on this issue in front of us, that is the establishment of an Interim Commission for the House of Assembly, and also on the explanations given by the Hon. Member for (Maru), mover of the motion. But before I give my suggestions, I will like to ask the mover of the motion to give me more explanations. To my knowledge I know we have an authority for recruiting the staff of the Legislature, and this House has been in existence for almost three months. I also know we have a number of staff now, I want to know their number and who recruited them. The answers to these questions, will enable me to give my suggestions.

If the former method of recruiting the staff of the Legislature is in order, I see no reason why we should have this Interim Commission. If there is any Body which is authorised to recruit the staff, I think it will be better if the Body continues recruiting staff until such a time the House takes over.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, I will like to read sections 269 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I quote "Until the National Assembly has exercised its powers to initiate a Legislature in accordance with the provisions of section 47 or 87 of this Constitution, the Clerk or other staff of this House shall be appointed as respect each National Assembly by the Federal Civil Service Commission and as respect State Assembly by the State Civil Service Commission" So you will see here that until we initiate a Legislature there is no way whatsoever we will employ our staff for all the time we have been in existence, we have been requesting for staff through transfer, or secondment from Civil Service Commission, but we have not got any yet, beside the fact that we have a provision in the estimate.

Once we have a Legislature to support, then we can advertise for our staff, but now we find it difficult and I have seen the faith of the Business Committee and the Draft Section. I do not fore see any time that we will have this report of the Selection Committee, which has not agreed on what to submit to the House. The House has rejected the first report by the Selection Committee, so in fear of the consequence, we have to have a sort of Legislature to enable us advertise and employ the staff we need.

**Ahmadu Allyu Binji (Binji):** Mr. Speaker, the explanation by you concerning the Interim Commission. It will be better if we establish this Commission now because we don't have enough time due to the week-end. But I will like to make an amendment to the motion. When the Commission is established, we will also like to consider the names of

the Members of this Commission.

**Speaker:** We are on the Commission first and not the members of the Commission.

**Ahmadu Allyu Binji (Binji):** Mr. Speaker, in that case I feel that the Commission should be formed.

**Mohammed Sambo Tambuwal (Tambuwal):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the question be put, so as to continue with the rest of the deliberations before us. Today is Friday and the day is quite short.

**Muhammadu Noma Tangaza (Balle):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am not of the view that this Interim Commission should be established, my reason is that . . . . .

**Interruptions.**

*An Hon. Member talking to the Clerk.*

**Speaker:** Please allow the Clerk to take his minutes.

**Muhammadu Noma Tangaza (Balle):** Mr. Speaker, my reason is that once this Interim Commission is formed, the Selection Committee will find it as an excuse to delay its report to the House. I think the Selection Committee should have submitted the names of the different Committees and their members to House by now.

It is because the House has rejected the first report submitted by the Selection Committee that they are now trying to have an Interim Committee?

**Speaker:** I am sorry, Hon. Member for (Balle) there are two issues that you have raised. As for the Selection Committee, it has been meeting since. For the first submission the Committee met six times and the whole report was rejected by the House, and since then it has been meeting and still yet to agree on what to present to the House. The

way you attacked the Selection Committee is quite unbecoming of an Hon. Member. They have not been angry with the deliberations of the House and because of this, they have been trying to submit what will be acceptable to you. As for the motion in question which is particularly pertaining to the Bill to be presented, it is different from the report of the Committee such as to be presented whether the Committee or not. That is the stand of the affairs.

**Alhaji Bawa Dan-Ali (B/Magaji):** I rise to say that there is nothing to be argued about here. This Committee should be selected as it is just temporary, pending the report of the Selection Committee. This Committee is essential.

**Speaker:** Sorry, point of correction. The Commission is interim for it is going to act on behalf of the Commission to be appointed.

**Alhaji Bawa Dan-Ali (B/Magaji):** Since it is like this then the Commission should be established, thanks you Mr. Speaker.

**Alhaji Abdu Magaji (Goronyo):** Speaker, I rise to support the establishment of this Commission. We should understand that, although this Commission is not permanent, there is urgent need to have it. So I see no reason why we should prolong the debate. We cannot continue to wait for the Selection Committee as we have a lot of work ahead of us let us not continue to lay the blame on our staff. This Interim Committee can recruit the number of staff we require and any staff we find not capable, we can terminate him straight ahead. So there is no need for long discussion.

**Speaker:** We have deliberated enough. Those in favour of establishing the Commission, hands up? Those not in favour hands up? It appears those in favour are the Majority.

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**Ali Abbas (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, I want you to please give the House an explanation as it appears the vote was odd. The House seems to be divided into three parts, one part with yes, one part no, while another part neutral.....

**Speaker:** Those that are neutral means they have given their vote to what the majority said.

**Ali Abbas (Durbawa)** May I request the vote to be repeated Mr. Speaker?

**Speaker** Those in favour of the vote to be repeated hands up? Nobody, so you see it is unfortunate.

Order, now it remains the appointment of the Interim Commission members. The composition is former ex-officio members and two members to be elected by the House. Those in favour of the composition hands up? Order, the composition of the Commission is six members from the House and a Secretary from the Legislature. The six will be four ex-officio members, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Majority Leader, Minority Leader then two others to be selected from the House. One thing that I will like the Hon. Members to bear in mind is that possibly the Commission may not have anything to do, before you approve on the Appointment Committee. The essential thing is to legislate and now it is legislated and we are independent of the Civil Service Commission and all others. We do not refer anything of ours to anybody except to the Governor for finances. If you are of the opinion we have the members for the Commission, then we have them. If you are of the opinion that we do not have them we can wait for the Appointment Committee. But the essential thing is I foresee that we have lots of vacant posts that we have to advertise and we have to approve the person for the House to do it. So far the mere facts that we need to advertise, then there is need for the

membership of the Interim Commission. The Commission must have membership. Those in favour of having the members, hands up? Majority agreed. Right, now the composition, any other suggestion than six?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I suggest that ten people be appointed, four ex-officios and six members as this will enable us get the whole opinion of the House. Some members may be engaged to other assignments on a meeting day and if six are present they have formed a quorum.

**Speaker:** Any suggestion?

**Alh. Umaru Maidamma (Besse):** Mr. Speaker, I support the Hon. Member for (Augi) that this Committee should compose of ten members for some time. If a meeting is summoned, some members absent themselves.

**Speaker:** A very bad comment. Any more comments?

**Alhaji Muh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, in my view six members are enough as half of them is still a quorum. The Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Majority and Minority Leaders and two others from the House.

**Alh. Muh. Bukkuyum (Bukkuyum):** Mr. Speaker, I second the Hon. Member for (Dendi) because a Committee with many members is useless for they will not work. All the six from the House, if they cannot run the Committee then ten too cannot run it.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, let me suggest a short cut. Let the House agree that the Clerk advertise all the posts in the House and the House will agree to approve the Appointment Committee to be presented to them. Those in favour of leaving the advertising of existing posts to the Clerk hands up?

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*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the Clerk to advertise the existing posts in the House pending selection of Appointment Committee.

#### PRESENTATION OF MOTION

*Construction of a new road from Wuruno—Giyawa—Alhaji Mamman Giyawa (Giyawa)*

**Alhaji Mamman Giyawa (Giyawa):** Mr. Speaker Hon. Members, I rise to present a motion given to me by the people of Giyawa to present to this Hon. House for construction of a road from Giyawa—Lugu—Wuruno. This road is existing but we do not have bridge, so we are encountering difficulties as we are traders and farmers. At this time we grow onion and pepper and find it hard to transport to Sokoto for sell as there is no road. In dry season, a sack costs one Naira to be transported to Sokoto and in the rainy season is three Naira. So a lot of Toureg go there as porters ('yandako). We have forwarded this matter to the Local Government, but they have no money. We want this road from Kiri—Gada .....

**Speaker:** May I ask the mover three questions (1) Is he requesting for a road or a bridge?

**Alhaji Muh. Giyawa (Giyawa):** Mr. Speaker, we want a road from Giyawa — Wuruno but until bridge is built across the river.....

**Speaker:** On what river is the bridge going to be built?

**Alhaji Muh. Giyawa (Giyawa):** River Rima, Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** How long is the road?

**Giyawa:** It is up to 15 kilometres.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Yahaya Magarya (Wurno):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give more explanation on this road.

**Speaker:** What we want is secondment.

**Yahaya Magarya (Wurno):** Mr. Speaker, I second the motion. This road is not for Giyawa alone but for Wurno too because our people use this road to go to their farms. We have asked the Local Government to do it but they have no money and as of now the NPN Government has promised roads in her development plan we hope it will help us build this road from Kankare — Giyawa — Wurno, thank you.

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, I think this road is very essential as it will link Wurno with her neighbours from Gada — Kiri and encourage them to farm well. We have approved motions requesting roads to be built up to the drought affected areas what more of this with a dam for farming. I therefore request this House to direct Government to take over this road before construction.

**Alh. Garba Kanwa (Zurmi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, it is better you use your senses. When we talk of Rima River, there are some places where it is between five and ten miles wide. To crown all, the minimum width is not less than a mile anywhere. Therefore to construct a bridge over Rima River is not an easy task. This work will definitely exhaust our funds. I therefore do not support the construction of this bridge. Because of a few people, we can't waste our funds.

**Speaker:** Order! Order!!

**Alhaji Garba Kanwa:** It is not a good idea that anything presented to the House to be approved whether possible or not. I support the construction of the road, but I object that of the bridge. We have been hearing construction of roads and bridges right from Rima, but we haven't even heard the fates of our motion.

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**Speaker:** Honourable Members, here is a motion objecting and supporting the motions. So the objective is for the construction of a bridge over the River Rima. I believe there is an alternative to bridge. A ferry is an alternative. So in the light of this, we may comment on the motions.

**Alhaji Muhammadu Nomau (Birnin Tudu):** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members well in my opinion, if a motion is in connection with helping the farmers to progress, if there is nothing that is more than bridges, it should be provided to them, because there is nothing more important than given there all development. In my opinion it is better to construct this bridge because it will enable farmers in the area to transport their produce to the markets easily. I hope this Hon. House will agree with me.

**Speaker:** Order, Order.

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, I do not support the Member from B/Tudu who said the bridges should be constructed. The reasons why I do not support him because I know how much the Federal Government is giving the State and I know the revenue of the State. Now for six days, Wurno Local Government has been requesting for the construction of roads, bridges and in Augi there are some roads to be constructed. I think before my motion is out, the funds might have finished. We shall at last be sitting idle in the House. Hon. Members, to construct a bridge is not an easy thing. Government spend money only where there are million of people. For a person to bring motions which even the State Government cannot meet, I feel it is improper. There is a proverb which says, when you want to request for something, request in small quantity and you will be given enough. Hon. Members, I would like to draw your attention that these projects will involve money and this will have to come from the Federal Government.

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You should therefore cut your shirt according to your size. Thank you.

**Alhaji Garba Na Godi (Gandi):** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am giving my full support to the person who brings the motion that bridge should be constructed on the River Rima. There is nothing good in constructing a road without a bridge. There are many people in that area. The name Rima has been known all over the country. As the Hon. Member has said it is up to 15 Kms. It is not up to that. Because there is a large dam right from Wurno to Lugu. It is from Lugu to Giyawa that the road is needed. Where the bridge is needed is not more than 25 feet. As for this I am giving support to the mover of the motion.

**Alh. Amadu Majidadi (Goronyo):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to support the person who brought the motion for the construction of road from Wurno to Giyawa. What we have been thinking of this River, because the dam constructed at the place is narrow. It is not up to one kilometre, it will not exceed one kilometre and length of the river will not exceed fourty feet. This bridge can be constructed if the Hon. Members support the motion. Hon. Members anybody who knows the importance of Giyawa and Lugu marshy area, how farm produce is being transported will support the motion. Mr. Speaker Sir, I am appealing to you to please draw the attention of the Hon. Members so that we can vote. Well, I stop here.

**Speaker:** Not you, not you.

**Alhaji Yahaya Bungudu (Bungudu):** Mr. Speaker Sir Honourable Members, I am drawing your attention, to the fact that anybody who brought his motion whether it is difficult or not, seeking that people should be helped there is no need to oppose what he said people should be helped. As for me I support the motion.

**Alhaji Magaji Yalauo (Yabo):** Hon.

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**Speaker:** Hon. Member Jeli (Marnona).

**Jeli S. Sudan (Marnona):** Mr. Speaker, I want to draw the attention of Hon. Members on the motions brought before this House particularly those which affect every Member. I think if we are to oppose such motions, there will be no motion to be approved by this House when it involves money.

**Speaker:** I am sorry Hon. Member. Every Member has the right to criticise any motion and if he takes the idea of bribing fellow Members to support them in order to get his motions supported, we are bound to fail whether you have a motion or not, once you are here, you are at liberty to express your views without fear of being opposed.

**Jeli S. Sudan (Marnona):** Mr. Speaker Sir, my view is that I am still appealing to the Hon. Members to support the motion. The Government has promised to develop rural areas.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members you have heard enough on this motion and I believe you will be ready to give your views. Those in favour of the motion, hands up. Right, the majority have agreed with the motion and it remains Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to give my explanations in connection with this road. As the Honourable Members have been thinking on this matter, it does not mean that bridge should be constructed on the whole river. The River is very wide but the place where bridge should be constructed speed well of the dam is narrow. The width of the river is not more than ten metres. In my view and is not up to those bridges that have been constructed. Construction of bridges therefore is very important and because of its importance I work there, this bridge will not cost a lot of money as it is not more than those being constructed. Please do not assume that bridge should be constructed on the River

with the executive to find way out. The next motion.

**Speaker:** Order!

PRESENTATION OF A MOTION  
*Construction of bridges on the road between T/Yawo and Mahuta — Alhaji Moh. Mori (Fakai)*

**Alhaji Mohammed Mori (Fakai):** The reason why the people of our area forward this motion to me so that I will forward the motion to this Hon. House to construct bridge leading to Mahuta, for example if some one is coming from the South or our Local Government that is Zuru Local Government with intention of coming to Mahuta if he comes to that bridge he has to change to the lorry on the other bank of the river after crossing. If a vehicle is to come to Zuru it has to go to Koko — Yauri then to Zuru which is in turn more than two hundred kilometres (200km). If to say there is a bridge, it is not up to thirteen (13) miles. At present we want this bridge to have the support of the Hon. Members as it concerns all the State. Because of the Formal Opening of the Women Teachers' College (W.T.C.) at Mahuta, it will not be good that when the students are returning from homes to be suffering while conveying their loads. During raining season sometimes about fifty (50) tippers of laterite have to be use so that people can make use of that road. As for this, I am requesting the support of this Hon. House to support us and agree that we get that bridge. That is all I have.

**Speaker:** May I know from the mover of the motion whether it is only one bridge or bridges.

**Alh. Muh. Mori (Fakkai):** Mr. Speaker, the bridges are up to six but I am after the construction of only one.

**Speaker:** So it is the construction of a bridge.

**Alhaji Muh. Mori (Fakkai):** Yes Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Sama'ila Sani (Dabai):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion because of the difficulties the people are encountering from Zuru to Mahuta.

**Alh. Abdu Maifillo (Gwadabawa):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the motion for the construction of the bridge and also like the question put because today is Friday and we have many things to do today.

**Muhammadu Bello Suru (Bukuwai):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the motion. I feel it is good to help the people in Zuru with this bridge because road is very important in all aspects of life and in some cases you find that instead of going to a place of 15 miles. I would therefore like the House to approve for the construction of the bridge and at the same time with the question put.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, you have heard the motion and the comment on it. The question is, do you agree that they should be supplied with a bridge?

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That a bridge be constructed for Mahuta.

**Speaker:** The next motion is a motion from the Hon. Member Ali Abbas Durbawa.

PRESENTATION OF MOTION  
*Construction of Dams Durbawa Marshy land area — Ali Abbas (Durbawa)*

**Ali Abbas (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, before I move the motion standing in my name, I would like the

**Speaker** to permit me to give an explanation. The explanation is that I would like the Federal Government to.....

**Speaker:** That should be a substantive motion.

**Ali Abbas (Durbawa):** Alright, I am presenting this motion to you because I know you are sympathetic with the difficulties people are encountering. My request is for the construction of two dams in Durbawa area. The first marshy area is Kadaba and the second is Lamba Jodi. Kadaba is a marshy land which stores water but the water usually flows to the river and the people have no chance of making use of it for irrigation because after their work in the rainy season they have no any other work to do and so desert the area in search of food. The second marshy land is Lamba Jodi in Durbawa district and in the whole of Sokoto Local Government Area it is the only area where the scarcity of water is predominant and the majority of the people are farmers and cattle rearers. That is why I have brought this motion for the construction of dams in this area so that they will be able to water their cattle and also practice irrigation farming. I beg to move.

**Speaker:** Any supporter to the motion?

**Alhaji Moh. Sanusi (Shanga):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion but I would like to ask the mover of the motion some few questions with the permission of the Speaker.

**Speaker:** What are the questions?

**Alhaji Muh. Sanusi (Shanga):** Mr. Speaker, where does he actually want dams to be sited because he has mentioned two areas.

*Interruptions.*

**Speaker:** This is not a question because he

has already mentioned the places.

**Alhaji Muh. Sanusi (Shanga):** Anyway I second the motion Mr. Speaker.

**Alh. Shehu Abdullahi (K/Namorio):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my full support for the construction of the two dams. The construction of such dams will greatly minimise the immigration of our people to other parts of the country in search of livelihood which I believe is affecting all parts of this State.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, though I am layman as far as agriculture is concerned, yet I feel there is danger in constructing dams where rivers are not flowing. For the river as already taken by a land and then it will store the water before the dam but in the marshy area, as in this case, I feel that the area to be used is to be covered by water. What is the feeling of the mover of the motion to this?

**Ali Abbas (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, the marshy land area in Kadaba is like a small river because it is a tributary of the River Sokoto and it is a marshy land about 15 kilometres wide. As such agricultural experts will know how to improve the marshy land so that the people will benefit from it. The reason why the authority did not develop this place is because it is in the hinter-land. The Local Government has once tried to construct a dam but due to either lack of funds or equipments they could not do the work satisfactorily and when the raining season came it washed away and water found its way into the farm lands.

**Alhaji Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to object this motion because the River Sokoto has a dam which is situated in T/Mafara and I know that from Bakalori up to Sokoto are within the supply area of this dam. We come to present the things of the people who are desperate. I feel these people have got something since they are within the supply of this dam.

**Alh. Mamman Dan Tsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, this place we are talking about is within the supply area of the Rima Basin Development Authority. I think it is better to refer the case to them and explain to him on these two places before he brings the matter here. Though he has brought the request here because of the difficulties of the people who have elected him, I would like to remind the whole House that we should better consider our staff here in the State because they too have got their own problems which need to be looked after.

**Speaker:** It should be a substantive motion.

Will the mover of the motion comment about the Sokoto Rima Basin Authority?

**Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, in fact, I am quite sure it will take Sokoto Rima Basin Authority about thirty years before their work cover the area. Whereas this House has only four years, and if the resolution is passed that will be completed within this four years. This is why I am requesting this Hon. House to help the people of Lamba Jodi and Kadaba. I am sure when we have this dam it will stop our people from going to southern part of the country in search of dirty jobs. They will stay home and maintain their families instead.

We are representatives of different constituencies, and each and every one of us has the right to present the problems of his people for the House to approve. That is why I am also presenting mine so that a resolution will be passed concerning this issue.

**Speaker:** I have one question to ask you. Is this marshy area by the River Rima or Sokoto river Mr. Speaker.

**Alhaji Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, almost all the water.....

**Speaker:** My question is, are they near



any of these two?

**Alhaji Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** These (Fadamas), are not near any river but their water usually gets to the river.

**Speaker:** How far are they from the river?

**Alhaji Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, about eleven kilometres away from the river while that of Lambar Jodi is about eight and a half. Does it mean that nothing will be done concerning irrigation to places from here to Argungu simply because they are not near a river?

**Speaker:** Government should conflict so I may advice, we find out from the Authority what they are doing for the people before they come to them.

**Alhaji Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, I want some thing done so as to stop the people of that area from immigrating to other places.

**Speaker:** My advice is we should approach the Rima Basin Development Authority and find out what they can do for this people before their own share comes to them. This is only my advice.

**Alhaji Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, we are elected by the people to

represent their interest and we in turn elected you as our Speaker. Sir, I think it will be better if we give more thought to this issue.

**Speaker:** My advice is to the whole House and not to any person in particular.

**Mohammed Bukkuyun (Bukkuyun):** Mr. Speaker, in my view concerning this marshy area in Durbawa, I think it will be better if we refer this matter to the Rima Basin Development Authority. If we now pass a resolution that the dam should be built then there is likely going to be conflict between the Rima Basin Authority and ourselves. Thank you.

**Alhaji Musa (Raba):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, since today is Friday and we will like to go to the mosque I beg to move that the House should adjourn until Monday.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Abubakar A. Shugaba (B/Kebbi):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the House do now adjourn until Monday at 10.00 a.m.

*The House adjourned accordingly at 12.15 p.m. till on Monday at 10.00 a.m.*

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# HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SOKOTO STATE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Monday, 10th December, 1979.

The House met at 11.00 a.m.

PRAYERS

(The Speaker presided)

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Speaker: I have not been able to see the Governor for I learnt he is on Inspection Tour of the Departments.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker: As for my announcements, it concerns our car loans. Sometimes I told you that we are promised by Monday to hear something, but what I have heard is rather unfavourable. The Manager, Bank of the North did not keep his promise, for he has not contacted his Headquarters, but we discussed with the Manager of the Union Bank. He has been asked to provide the required loan and he is contacting his Area Manager personally tomorrow. Something has been done in exchange to him, which will enable him to meet our request.

## PRESENTATION OF MOTION

Construction of a Dam on Durbawa Marshy land area — Alhaji Abbas (Durbawa).

Speaker: Now we are going to item six (6) and start it afresh. I call on Hon. Member Alhaji Abbas (Durbawa) to present the motion.

Alh. Abbas (Durbawa): Mr. Speaker, I am presenting this motion for the construction of Dam on Durbawa marshy land area, which is called Kadaba. The people of this

area usually stay idle in the dry season, when they finish their work in the rainy season. The place usually stores water for almost a year. The Sokoto Local Government is aware of this problem and has shown intention of doing something, but due to lack of funds. This is the reason why I am forwarding this request to this Hon. House.

Speaker: As you all know, we adjourned on this motion on Friday, it is now a continuation with the hope that we will resolve it and carry on with the next. Any comments?

Alh. Shehu Mutawalle (Ambursa): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to comment on this important issue concerning the people of Durbawa. It is one of the reasons we are here for to remedy such problems to our people. Our people are farmers, but they are being given enough aid to boost their agricultural input. We have already said, during our campaign that this Government if successful, all our people will receive salvation because we are going to help them, well this is the area where such help is greatly needed. Now out of the help that we promised them if this can be provided they will be able to work during the dry season after their work in the rainy season. In view of this, I would like to second for the construction of this dam.

Alh. Dandare Saminu (Koko): Mr. Speaker, what I realise is that the intention of this Hon. House is the same with that of the Government. The Government promised the development of rural areas and so whatever we do here is also towards the same thing. The way to develop rural areas is by construction of roads, hospitals etc. It appears therefore, that we are just surveying for the Government, so that it will be able to do the work. It is what they have promised to do and so also what we have promised. This is the only type of requests we can bring to please our people.....

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Speaker: Hon. Member, it appears you are repeating yourself.

Alh. Sadi Isa (Isa): Mr. Speaker, I rise to object what the Hon. Member for (Koko) said, on what the Government has promised to do. We should not do things which are not good to our people and only God can satisfy all. Although we promised people that we should do something to help them, if we continue to deliberate in this way, we are not going to achieve what we are here for. This project concerning construction of dams.....

Speaker: I am sorry Hon. Member for (Isa), we are talking on a particular dam.

Alh. Sadi Isa (Isa): Mr. Speaker, It has been said that this area is under the jurisdiction of the Bakalori Dam and if this is so, I see no reason why for the Government to interfere in this way.

Alhaji Yaro Mohammed Shell (Sokoto/Gagi): Mr. Speaker; Hon. Members; I will like to comment on what the Hon. Member for (Durbawa) mover of the motion has said concerning the provision of Dams at Durbawa. I think some of us do not understand the type of dam the Hon. Member for (Durbawa) is talking about because these are different types of dams. We have large dams like the Bakalori Dam, which I am quite sure is not the one Hon. Member for (Durbawa) mover of the motion, is talking about. I think what he means is that they have a marshy area and they want a small dam constructed in order to store water there for the use of people. I will therefore request the Hon. Member for (Durbawa) to please give more explanations on this. Thank you.

Speaker: Any further explanation on this?

Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa): Mr.

Speaker: It seems some Hon. Members are confusing this dam with the Bakalori dam. The Dam I am talking of is different from that of the Bakalori Dam. The area I am talking of is a small fadama, and people living around this area are just numbering about five hundred, that is why they want a dam to be constructed in this marshy area so as to benefit from this marshy area during the dry season .

As I have earlier stated in this Hon. House, the Sokoto Local Government has promised to solve the problem but they complained that they do not have enough funds to do the project. I heard some Hon. Members saying that the Bakalori project will cover this area, but I am sure this will take about thirty years before it reaches this area, and having this dam now will not prevent the Bakalori Project to do anything for the area in future if it wants. I think even a house owner can make alterations in his plans whenever he wants to do so.

Speaker: The question is the type of dam you want.

Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa): Mr. Speaker, we want a simple dam which will help these people for watering their cattle and also for dry season farming. This does not necessarily mean that will be as big as that of Talata Mafara or Wurno.

Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi): Mr. Speaker, I will like to give more explanation on this issue, we have been discussing since Friday. As I see it the Hon. Member for (Durbawa) mover of this motion, do not understand the meaning of a dam. There are three types of Dams, I. a Dam for watering cattle which is under the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resource. Secondly, there is another type constructed for the people to fetch water. This type of Dam is under the Ministry of Water and Electricity. The third type of dam is for irrigation

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scheme and it is done by the Federal and State Governments. The Hon. Member for (Durbawa) presenting this motion did not specify the type of dam they need. If he needs a small dam for watering cattle then this matter should be referred to the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. If he wants a dam for fetching water, then this can be referred to Ministry of Water and electricity.

**Speaker:** Unfortunately the mover of the motion wants both that is one which will provide them with water to drink and also to give their cattle.

**Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr Speaker we have heard what the Hon. Member for (Durbawa) mover of the motion has said, I think it is better to refer this matter to those responsible.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have got two alternatives here, approaching the Government or the Rima Basin Development Authority.

Do you agree that motion should be passed? Those in favour of passing the motion should please put up their hands.

#### QUESTION PUT AND AGREED TO)

**Resolved:** that the people of Durbawa should be provided with a dam.

**Speaker:** Another question is should it be directed to Rima Basin Development Authority through the Government or to the Government Direct.

Those in favour of passing the request to the Government should put up their hands.

#### QUESTION PUT AND AGREE TO

**Resolved:** that the matter should be passed to the Government direct.

**Speaker:** Next is Item seven.

#### PRESENTATION OF MOTION Construction of a Dam for Lokobi and Mana (Alh. Abdu Majidadi (Wamakko)).

**Alh. Abdu Majidadi (Wamakko):** Mr. Speaker, I am presenting this motion in connection with a dam to be built for the Fulanis to water their cattle. There are several towns gathered together. They have a grazing area during the rainy season but when the dry season comes they have to leave due to lack of water. We have been reporting this matter many times but to no avail, because when these Fulanis stay in rainy season they cause trouble with the farmers to the extent of killing one another. These Fulanis are from Lokobi-Kawawu, Lokobi-Mana, Lungun Alkali, Gatara, Yarume-Yarume and their neighbours from Dingyadi-Kilgori all settled in the grazing area during the rainy season, as there is water but shift to the town in dry season to get water and this is where the trouble starts. That is why we are requesting this House to intervene by directing for a dam to be constructed for the Fulanis, so that there will be no further conflict.

**Speaker:** That is the motion, any seconder to it?

**Muh. Tukur Dikko (Gande):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the Hon. Member for (Wamakko) mover of this motion. This is a very vital issue, for most of us here know the consequence of this Fulani/farmers conflict is disastrous. Once the Fulanis are provided with this dam to water their cattle, that will be the end of the conflict. So I urge this Hon. House to support.

**Speaker:** Any objection as to deliberating the motion?

**Hon. Members:** No, No.

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**Speaker:** Well then comments?

**Alh. Garba Nagodi (Gandi):** Mr. Speaker, I support the Hon. Member for (Wamakko) mover of this motion. If these Fulanis are provided with a dam to water their cattle, they will no more come to the town to destroy the farmers crops, which result in fighting, so I beg the House to support.

**Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, I support the Hon. Member for (Wamakko) mover of this motion and I will like to draw the attention of the Hon. Members to the constitution Section 113(1) *The Governor shall cause to be prepared and laid before the House of Assembly at any time before the commencement of each financial year estimates of the revenues and expenditure of the State for the next following financial year.* This proved that what we are approving (motions) here are contrary to the constitution. It is the work of the executive.

**Speaker:** I am sorry Hon. Member that is not so.

**Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, I have more explanations.....

**Speaker:** As for the estimate, that is totally a different thing, the plans can be initiated anyhow and then there is time, they may be incorporated in the estimate for appropriation bill and in case it is after the estimates then it will be in the appropriation bill.

**Mamudu Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, what I mean is, it will be better if a Hon. Member brought a motion and we pass a resolution to know when the job will be executed. The public eyes are on us, on hearing that we have resolved to do something they will be watching when we will do it. If we do not do it up to the end of our tenure of office, then it will be a shame on us.

**Speaker:** As far as new Ministries are concerned more especially Rural Development we are expecting a supplementary bill and there we will see what they will be doing. As for the motions we have passed, I think they may be incorporated in the bill to be presented for the year 1980-1981 provided we have the money.

**Alh. Muh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Member for (Durbawa) mover of this motion presented, I want to make a correction. The dam is for animals and this dam should be built in grazing area where the cattle are feeding. In fact, this dam is very important to restrict the movement of cattle. All Hon. Members here know that conflict between Fulanis and farmers is serious, because if lives are not lost then crops and properties are damaged. The Farmers are after their crops and the fulanis, after their cattle, each safe-guarding is interest and we should not allow a repetition of such a clash like that of Ambursa. In my view if the Hon. Speaker agrees this motion should be referred to the Ministry of Agriculture as it is her responsibility, thank you.

**Alh. Moh. More Mahuta (Fakai):** Mr. Speaker, the main difficulty the fulanis are encountering, is the lack of places to water their cattle during the dry season and when they try to cross to the marshy area, conflicts usually occur between them and the farmers. I think it is better if a dam will be constructed so that the fulanis will water their cattle without difficulties.

**Alh. Abubakar Tsoho (Anka):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give advice to this House. On seeing estimates are being forwarded to us it is better that we start forwarding ways of revenue.

**Alh. Buhari Garban Yandi (Gusau):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my opinion on this matter. This request is very important

because it concerns two group of people, fulanis and the farmers. We cannot please the farmers at the expense of the fulanis (vis-a-vis) nor can we please the fulanis at the expense of the farmers. Therefore, I support for the construction of this dam and it should be done at the grazing areas as one of the Hon. Members has suggested.

**Alh. Sule Dan Inna (Sabon Birni):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the Hon. Members for (Gusau) who brought the advice that this dam should be constructed so as to enable the fulanis water their cattle. This suggestion is very important as there is nothing which brings conflicts like that since the fulanis are known in the forest while the farmers are known in the marshy area. Conflicts usually occur between them when, in the dry season, the fulanis try to come to the marshy area during which time it is time for the harvest of potatoes, maize etc. The farmers will try to prevent the fulanis from passing to the river side to water their cattle. In view of this, I support for the construction of this, dam for the fulanis to water their cattle and there by settle the conflict amicably.

**Umaru Nakigo (Dakingari/Giro):** Mr. Speaker, I support the Hon. Member for (S/Birni) who has just sat down. He said they are in short of water and come down to the marshy areas. This is not the case. During the rainy season, when the fulanis go to the places where they stay for the most part of the year, they usually use the lake when there is no more water in the lakes and it is not yet time for the guinea-corn harvest. The farmers usually refer to them them "as near the water far from the market." Therefore, where-ever they can get water, they go to such places. With luck, this motion has been presentad here today and when it is implemented in the whole State, I feel it will take some time before a conflict occur between the farmers and the fulanis which they do not intended to do so. Whoever is seeking for water and if he is prevented, will not be

expected to react wisely. That is why I am appealing to the whole House including those who have spoken and those who are intending to, to please give their support to this motion. In my view, there has not been a important motion than this one in this House. I dont know the Hon. Member for (Durbawa) mover of this motion, whether he is a fulani or Hausa. It is said that the faith of a Hausa is not complete, until he becomes a Fulani" "and if he is a Fulani I believe in his faith.....

**Speaker:** Unfortunately the Fulani is not a complete Muslim until he is 60%.. LAUGHTER.....

**Umaru Nakigo (Dakingari/Giro):** It is not true Mr. Speaker.

**Alh. Abdullahi Na-Allah (Wanke):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the construction of this dam. I will be very glad if they could be helped.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, the question is, do the House agree that the dam should be constructed?

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** that a dam should be constructed for Lokobi and Mana.

**Speaker:** The next motion is item No.8.

**Alh. Muh. Augi (Majority Leader):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member Alh. Umaru Maidamina (Besse) is the mover of this motion and he is not here. He has not told me where he was going.

**Speaker:** We defer it until at the end. We go to item (9).

PRESENTATION OF A COMMITTEE REPORT

*Report of the Special Committee assigned to look into the dispute between farmers and cattle fulani's over the Mociyo grazing area and Lake Mekawal at Ambursa in Birnin Kebbi Local Government Area — (Alh. Mamman Dan Tsamaye (Chairman)).*

**Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members I wish to present to you the report of the Special Committee which looked into the conflicts between the farmers and fulani at Ambursa. The Committee consist of seven members;-

A. Mamman Dantsamaye- *Chairman*

Garba Mohammed Kanwa - *Member*

Abubakar Tsoho Anka - "

Yusuf Sarkin Gulbi - "

Yahaya Magarya - "

Alh. Mohammed Mori - "

The Committee met with the officials and the Chairman of the Birnin Kebbi Local Government, the District Head (Uban Doma), and the Secretary of the Local Government met and looked into the problems which it was assigned to do. A brief explanation of this, which has been distributed to each Hon. Member here is what I want to explain to the House so that we should deliberate on what we have been there for. After we met with the Chairman and the Secretary of B/Kebbi Local Government, we went to Ambursa where we met the representative of both the farmers and fulanis in connection with the two areas, the Mociyo and Lake Mekawal. When we met with them, we went together to the place. Some Committees were earlier appointed but they have never went to the place and that is why it has taken along time without

understanding the problems involved. The place is divided into two and the Committee have seen both parts and those who are responsible in area - the farmers and the cattle fulanis. The time we visited the place together with them, I would like to read the report of this Committee, even though it is in English.

"While in the Mociyo Area, the farmers representatives took Committee members round and showed the demarcated areas provided for the fulanis which some of the fulanis representatives confirmed. Also the area belonging to the farmers, to this and some fulanis representatives expressed their disagreement as according to them, there are some areas bought by them from the farmers. The members of the Committee asked them to show such areas which they did. After the Committee members saw things for themselves both parties were advised to go back to their respective business and to await the out come of the investigation.

The Committee come to a conclusion by finding out how the case is realised that the area belongs to farmers."

**Alh. Mob. Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker we should ask the Secretary of the Committee for this document.

**Speaker:** We have seen the document, but we want to know something about it.

**Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, what is contained in the document shows the investigations on the petitions that we have received..We followed the same procedure as contained in the report that was why we asked for a photostat copy to be given to us so that any Member looking for any information can go through the docu-

ment. We also used this document as our guide lines for our investigations.

**Speaker:** How important is the document?

**Alh. Mamman Dantasmaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members this document indicating that it was the Fulanis who presented their petition that the place was given to them by the Authority. They went to the Public Complaint Bureau and launched their complain, and a Committee was set up to investigate the matter. When we considered the report of the Committee we feel it is necessary we follow the same pattern as the Committee did. That Committee too has not resolved the issue. That is what I know about the document.

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I will like to throw more light on this document that we are talking about. The letter was one copy attached to the proceedings of the Committee which was given to me, and I gave this letter to the Clerk so as to make enough copies for the Hon. Members. I do not know why it is so late. At first he argued that the letter was a secret, but I told him that there was nothing secret there. I also told him to please reproduce more copies quickly before this report comes to the House. The letter was from the Ministry for Local Government and was addressed to Birnin Kebbi Local Government. It is the summary of the report of the Commission of Inquiry concerning this land and also the resolution of the Ministry of Local Government concerning it. I feel that this letter should be seen by everybody. All we have to do, is to send for the letter now.

**Speaker:** As the document is a guiding principle as to our resolution on this case I suggest we defer the resolution until we have copies of the letter. Is that also your view?

**Several Hon. Members:** Yes yes!!

**Speaker:** If we get the letter before we close then we can deliberate, otherwise we make it another agenda tomorrow. So we now go back to item 8.

**An Hon. Member:** The mover of the motion is not back.

**Speaker:** As the mover of the motion is not back we withdraw the motion.

*Motion by leave withdrawn*

**An Hon. Member:** Mr. Speaker, I have a question.

**Speaker:** What is your question? I hope it is not a Motion.

**Ibrahim Nahuche (Nahuche):** Mr. Speaker, my question is concerning the presentation of motions. In this arrangement of 10th December these are the motions to be presented:-

1. D. Ibrahim Nahuche
2. Alh. Usman S/Ksabbi
3. Alh. Sule Dan Inna
4. Alh. Abubakar Altine

Today is 10th, but I did not see any of the motions on the Order Paper for today, and they have not also been referred to 11th of December. Does this mean that the motions have been jumped?

**Speaker:** I am sorry Hon. Member for (Nahuche), if you can remember that the three we have before us, are left overs, so we have to finish them before we go to the next.

The dates are immaterial.

**Ibrahim Nahuche (Nahuche):** Mr. Speaker, when are these motions going to be presented?

**Speaker:** They will be the next when we finish the ones before them.

**Ibrahim Nahuche (Nahuche):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker;

**Speaker:** As I have said Hon. Members, all motions should be in writing.

**Ali Abbas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker, I will like to ask a question concerning you.

**Speaker:** alright.

**Ali Abas Durbawa (Durbawa):** Mr. Speaker: I will like to know the stand of the Selection Committee.

**Speaker:** You will know it latter in the day.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Alh. Mamman Giyawa (Giyawa):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the House do now adjourn.

**Speaker:** A motion for adjournment, any seconder to the motion?

**Several Members:** Seconded! seconded!!

**Alh. Galadima Danchadi (Danchadi):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion for adjournment.

*Question put and agreed to*

**Resolved:** that this House do now adjourn.

*House adjourned accordingly at 12.42 p.m. until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.*

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE**

*FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA*

**Tuesday, 11th December, 1979**

The House met at 10.30 a.m.

**PRAYERS**

(The Deputy Speaker presided)

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**Deputy Speaker:** Before we go on to the motion before us I will like to refer this Hon. House to Standing Order section 26 or paragraph 11 to 13 for the smooth running of the House.

I will now call on the Hon. Member for (Besse) mover of the motion to move the first motion before the House.

**Alh. Umaru Maidamma Besse (Besse):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, first I will like to apologise to the Hon. House for my inability to attend the meeting yesterday, because I had a break down near Dogon Daji.

**Deputy Speaker:** Do you pardon him?

**Several Members:** Yes, yes!!!

**Alh. Maidamma Besse (Besse):** Mr. Speaker, I am glad to forward this motion which is for the reconstruction of Koko-Besse - Sanamaji road by the Sokoto State Government.

**Deputy Speaker:** hon. Member for (Besse) we have here on the Order Paper Sanamaji.

**Alh. Maidamma Besse (Besse):** Mr. Speaker it is suppose to read Sanamaji.

**Deputy Speaker:** So Hon. Members you please take the correction.

**Alh. Maidamma Besse (Besse):** Mr. Speaker, this road is about 25 kilometres, At present the road is under Bagudo Local Government. Since this road was constructed that was long ago it has never been rehabilitated. When the Local Government was about to rehabilitate the road at that time, they did not have an engineer. In fact the engineer at that time was a school teacher who doesn't know anything concerning roads or building constructions. At present the problems has even worsened. Now the road is just like a cattle passage (Burtali).

This road serves as a link between Besse and Yauri, between Besse and River Niger, and between Besse and Kwara and also Republic of Benin. At the moment the condition of the road is bad. We produce alot of farm produce in this area but we don't have good roads to transport the produce. This area also has about the largest population in the Local Government area since the time of the Colonial Government, the people of Sanamaji have not been benefitted from the Government. Since that time we were provided with only a dispensary and a primary school, that was back in 1950 and 1952 respectively. In 1974 we were provided with a U.P.E primary school which was located in every place in this country. Since then we did not benefit from the former civilian regime and the former Military regime the people of Besse are looking for ward to seeing something done for then by this Hon. House. I also hope my fellow Members will sympathise with these people by giving their full support to this motion. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Honourable Members once a gain before I ask for the seconder of the motion I will like to refer you to paragraph 26 sub-paragraph (9) of the Standing Order. I will call on the Clerk to read the Paragraph.

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**Clerk:** "Any Member desiring to speak shall rise in his place and if called upon to shall direct his observations to Mr. Speaker or the Chair.

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**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members you have heard what this paragraph says. I hope you will comply with it.

Any Seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Sadi Isa (Isa):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion, presented as these are the types of motions to be considered by this Hon. House. It is interesting to hear that the former government did not do anything for this people. This has given the present government opportunity to fulfil its promises. I feel this Hon. House should give this matter a due consideration and approve it.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members the motion has been seconded, any objection to the motion?

Since there is objection to the motion is there any comment?

**Alh. Abdu Dantagago (Gulma):** Mr. Speaker Hon. Members, I know the road the hon. member for (Besse) is talking about. I cannot even count the number of times I used the road. The condition of this road worsened during the rain season. I usually spend eight or ten hours before I reach the market, and sometimes I don't even reach there at all. There are times when my car got staked in the mud I have to get some people to help me pull out. In my opinion I feel this

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road should be provided for the people of Besse.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, I want to remind you on what the motion said. It said Government of Sokoto State to take over and reconstruct the road from Koko-Besse-Sanamaji so all we are going to comment should be on this.

**Alh. Buhari Garban Yandi (Gusau):** Mr. Speaker, in connection with this motion, I feel it is proper because most of the things we get are from the roads and we have promised to develop rural areas. I am sure if we do not have good roads there will be no development. Therefore in my opinion I think it is proper for the government to take over this road.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, as we have so many items before us and if possible we will like to finish them today. I think it is good to put the question, those in favour of the government to take over and construct this road hands up?

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Resolved: That the government of Sokoto State take over and reconstruct the road from Koko-Besse-Sanamaji.*

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to second the Hon. Member for (Aliero) mover of this motion, because each Hon. Member here knows better what worries his people, everybody has his own problems. I would therefore like to remind you that all this type of work is to be given on contract. As of now there is certain issue facing us which is not yet resolved and which I would like to ask Mr. Speaker. It is a work to be done to the masses which has not been done to the extent that the Hon. Members have reported it to the House concerning the construction of Bridge.....

**Deputy Speaker:** Your question can come later after we have finished with what we

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have on the Order Paper of today.

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Will I be allowed to ask the question Mr. Speaker?

**Deputy Speaker:** It all depends on the time we have after we have finished.

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** I have to ask the question because it is worrying me Mr. Speaker.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon Members, I would like to put this question on. Those in favour of the motion raise your hands.

So the House unanimously agreed.

**Deputy Speaker:** Order! Order!! Order!!!

*(Several Hon. Members talking)*

**Deputy Speaker:** Order! Order!! unless the House is in order we cannot continue. I will like to put the question again.

**An Hon. Member:** It is enough.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, will you please respect yourselves. Those in favour of the provision of the boreholes raise your hands. So it is unanimously agreed.

*(Side talks by several Hon. Members)*

**Deputy Speaker:** Order! Order!! Order!!!

**An Hon. Members:** There is something to be said.

**Deputy Speaker:** I think we have heard so many comments from so many people and now according to the vote casted the majority have agreed on this provision.

*Question put and agreed to*

**Resolve:** That Government should con-

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struct boreholes at Jandutse, Tanza and Katanga.

**Deputy Speaker:** We have now going to the next item I would like the Hon. Member for (S/Birni) mover of the motion to present it before the House.

PRESENTATION OF MOTION

*Post Primary Institution to be built for Sabon Birni Alhaji Sule Dan Inna (S/Birni).*

**Alh. Sule Dan Inna (S/Birni):** Mr. Speaker, I stand to move the motion standing in my name for the construction of a Post primary Institution at Sabon Birni. A land has been acquired since 1973 for the construction of post primary institution but up to now nothing has been done. I have brought this motion today so that the Hon. Members of this House could see to our problem. I think we are supposed to have a School due to our population. The number of UPE primary schools we have in the area is 96 and two Post Primary Institutions in the Local Government. One Secondary School in Shinkafi and the other Girls' School at Isa.....

**An Hon. Member:** You have a lot.

**Alh. Sule Dan Inna (S/Birni):** Mr. Speaker, because of this, Hon. Members, the distance between us and Isa is 65 Kilometers and we have school children up to 12,600. We, the Gobirawas were not opportuned to have a school until in 1956 which resulted to our being backward in education. I am therefore, appealing to this Hon. House to support and let us have this post primary institution.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, before we continue to deliberate on this, I would like to refer you again to another paragraph of the Standing Order which I would like the Clerk to read, paragraph 26.

**The Clerk to the House (Alh. Abubakar Daniya):** "(1) During a sitting all Members shall enter or leave the House with decorum.

(2) Members shall not cross the floor of the house unnecessarily nor sit in place allotted to any other Member.

(3) Members shall not read newspapers in their places and shall only read such books and letters as may be connected with the business under debate.

(4) During a sitting all Members shall be silent or shall confer only in undertones.

(5) Members shall not make unnecessary interruption while any Member is speaking".

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, what I would like to remind you is that when we are on session there are some people at the Gallery watching how you are running the activities of the house. Some may be intelligent enough to see how you are violating the Standing Orders and the Constitution. So it is left to you to think otherwise.

**Deputy Speaker:** Any seconder to this motion.

**Moh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, I second the motion. But we should remember that a similar motion was brought to this House from the same area. We reformed that we should see the Ministry of Education to find exactly what they are doing about the institution in that area.

**Deputy Speaker:** Honourable Member, You have heard what the honourable member Alh. Mohammed Sani (Dendi) has said, he seconded and he brought a motion. Any objection to this motion. What I mean here is the motion has been presented and seconded. Any one who objects on this motion.

**Alhaji Mohammad Sani Galadi (Jangeru/Galadi):** Honourable Speaker Sir, Honourable members, I do not support that this institution to be built in Sabon Birni because I know the town very well. The town is about to be chop off by water or river because of this the post primary should not be built in Sabon Birni and that area, that has been bought from the farmers should be returned to them. If the Post Primary is to be built in that area, it should be built in Unguwar Lalle because it is more suitable. When we build that institution they will have enough roads and enough water because of the importance of the institution. Therefore I am appealing to the Honourable Members to oppose this motion.

**Deputy Speaker:** Any objection to this objection of the motion.

**Alh. Garba Liman (Chafe):** Honourable Speaker Sir, Honourable Members, I rise to second the Honourable Member for (Jangeru/Galadi), as he mentioned that water is about to destroy the town. We are aware that this state is experiencing shortage of manpower and funds, as such I do not support that this institution should be built in Sabon Birni where they said the water is about to swallow off. There are more important things we should concentrate on water supply, roads, bridges etc. In my opinion it is better we concentrate on those first. The Government can do something on that if it is necessary, or the institution should be built in Unguwar Lalle. It is absolutely here that the Members should look into this matter. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Honourable Members, you have all heard that this motion has been seconded and objected. It has been presented, seconded as well as objected, so any one with comment.

**Alh. Yaro Mamman Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** Honourable Speaker Sir, Honourable

Members, I rise up to comment on this motion which was presented in connection with building Post Primary institution in Sabon Birni as earlier the hon. member for (Chafe) has said that this Post Primary institution is not supposed to be built in Sabon Birni. As we all know that is not the problem the people are facing now. People living there are suffering from hookworm, instead of building this Post Primary institution it is better we provide this people with enough medicines to cure them first. There is such institution at Isa, Shinkafi and they are near by, children can be taken there to attend their school. If at all it is to be built or done it should be done in Unguwar Lalle. If this is done it will help the development of that area they will also progress and their farmers will also benefit.

**Alh. Yakubu Mai-Area (Yeldu):** Honourable Speaker Sir, Honourable Members, I rise to give my support on the previous Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Gagi) who has just sat down that institution should be built in Unguwar Lalle.

**Deputy Speaker:** Honourable Members, the motion there is Post Primary institution should be built in Sabon Birni. So is now left to the House, whether they agree institution should be built there or not. As in other places this school to be built in what place it can come as a motion later. Now the question is to agree or not to agree. So we need more comments.

**Safi'u Salihu (Dansadau):** Mr. Speaker, I am not of the view that this Post Primary School should be built at Sabon Birni. The House should first of all look into matters before passing them. There are a lot of things to be considered before building a Post Primary School, like teachers, infrastructural facilities like water etc. How many N.C.E. Holders does Sabon Birni have? The reason why I asked this question is that even if the school is constructed, there is likely go-

ing to be a lot of problems. If a teacher is posted from Sokoto to Sabon Birni to go and teach I am quite sure he will reject the offer, because the enjoyment he gets in Sokoto which he will not get when he goes to Sabon Birni, but if they have many N.C.E. Holders in the area I am sure they will not object to teach there because it is their own area. If this school is built and children are admitted, we should consider their feeding and their journey money and the rest. I am sure these children are not likely to produce good result because of lack of teachers. Establishing this school will be waste of money.

**Usman Sa'adu Sakaba (Sakaba):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I will like to give more explanation on this motion, concerning the building of a Post Primary institution at Sabon Birni. The importance of a post primary institution where ever it is situated can not be over emphasized. Considering the number of primary school leavers in this state I think this motion is justified. A visit to the Ministry of Education will give you the view of what I mean, because you will see many primary school leavers roaming about seeking for jobs. At present we do not have enough Post Primary schools to admit all the primary school leavers. These children have been separated from their parents, by admitting them to primary schools, and now the children cannot help their parents in the farms. I feel that this Post Primary institution should be built. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** The question is whether to agree or not to agree, so as to build this Post Primary institution at Sabon Birni.

**Usman Sa'adu Sakaba (Sakaba):** Mr. Speaker, before I give my full support I have to know this area properly.

**Deputy Speaker:** As we have heard comments on this issue I will like to put the question.



Those in favour of building this post primary school at Sabon Birni should raise up their hands.

It appears those not favour are more than those in favour.

**Question put and Negatived.**

**Deputy Speaker:** I will like to call on the Hon. Member for (B/Kebbi) mover of the next motions to present his motion.

**PRESENTATION OF A MOTION**

*Makera to be provided with a Rural Health Centre*

*Alh. Abubakar Altine (B/Kebbi).*

**Alh. Abubakar Altine (B/Kebbi):** Mr. Speaker, I will like to present a motion for the provision of Rural Health Centre at Makera. Makera is about 24 km from B/Kebbi and in between the two towns there is a river. I can still recollect during our campaign tour to that area when a woman of that area was about to deliver, she had to be carried through Argungu, before coming to B/Kebbi, but unfortunately the woman died on the way. Because of this and many similar problems like this I am appealing to this Hon. house to support, so as to provide a rural health centre at Makera.

**Deputy Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Alh. Tukur Kalambaina (Gumbi):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion. My reason is that we all know the importance of health.

**Deputy Speaker:** Any objection to the motion?

**Several Members:** None! none!!

**Deputy Speaker:** Then any comments?

**Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu (Gwandu):** Mr. Speaker, I will like to give my support for the motion which seeks for the provision of Rural Health Centre at Makera. Health is very important, nothing can be achieved without health.

I know the place the Hon. Member for (B/Kebbi) is talking about, and the people of that area are facing a lot of problems, because patients have to be taken to Birni Kebbi for treatment. In fact there are about 20 and 25 villages surrounding this village and also have a population of about 20 to 30 thousand. The only place near this area where you will find hospitals are Argungu and Bunza. I therefore support that these people should be provided with a Rural Health Centre, because this will save many lives. Thank you.

**Dep. Speaker:** From what the Hon. Member for (Gwandu) has said the population is about 20 to 30 thousand here I will like to draw your attention to the proposal of Ministry of Health. In the rural health policy they say they will provide a Rural Health Centre to an area with a population of 50 thousand and above. If there is anybody who knows more about Health Policy. I will like him to give more explanation to the House.

**Alh. Bawa Ka'oje (Illo/Ka'oje)** Mr. Speaker Hon. Members according to my understanding wherever there is a population of 20 thousand and above can have a Rural Health. This is what I know during my stay at the Ministry of Health and I have been serving this Ministry for twenty years.

**Dep. Speaker:** Hon. Member Alh. Bawa Ka'oje can you explain to the House the difference between the Rural Health Centre and Public Health Center?

**Alh. Bawa Ka'oje (Illo Ka'oje)** Mr. Speaker, a Public Health Centre is the one

where patients are treated and they go back home. There are no beds An example of this is the one at Gwiwa. A Rural Health Centre is a small hospital having about 40 to 50 beds for admitting patients.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the reason I asked this question is that here is the proposed projects for the fourth National Development Plan for the Ministry of Health it is shows that Makera will be provided with a Public Health Centre. Now I want Hon. Members to understand what we have in the motion the proposal of the Ministry. Are we to change the proposal of the Ministry and ask them to build a Rural Health Centre at Makera instead of a Public Health Centre? Or do we allow them to continue with their proposal? If you can recollect the Ministry has promised to present the proposal to the House, it is now left to us, but if we make this change before the presentation, I think we are going too fast.

So the question is, are we to change this to Rural Health Centre or do we allow the Ministry to present its plan to the House, then we can make any changes if we wish.

If they finish with their proposal they will let us have them and deliberate on it. Are you clear with the explanation?

**Alh. Mamuda Shehu Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am quite pleased with what Mr. Speaker has just said. In fact we were suppose to request for the proposal for each Ministry because it will be our guideline when approving something for a particular town within the State. Since at the beginning of this session we did not agree with this. We have been approving projects brought to this House in form of Motions by Members simply because they are the promises the N.P.N. made to people. In the case I therefore give my support for the provision of this Health Centre, even if they need a bigger hospital they should be provided with it.

As the proposal is here any Hon. Member wishing to make an amendment can make it.

It is not fair to consider here, before giving the people of Makera a Rural Health Centre, because there are many villages around, and their total population is large. Instead of providing these people with a dispensary, I think they should be provided with a Rural Health Centre because gradually this village is bound to grow I am appealing to this Hon. House to please give this request a due consideration.

**Ibrahim Dangata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, I have some comments on what the previous Hon. Member for (Shagari) said, that you will see a town with only 20,000 people but with a Rural Health Centre. Rural Health Centres are only built in places with dispensaries because the government has realised that people are regularly attending to the dispensary. Many of us have now said their views on this issue but yet we have not come to a final say. May I cite an example of two people:- one wants to fly and the second wants to climb this building of this Hon. house, I think we will all support the one that will climb this House because we know it is possible. Bigger problems were brought here and attended to while we should have started from the smaller ones. So I think that they should be provided with a dispensary.

**Hon. Members:** They have a dispensary so they want a Rural Health Centre.

**Musa Isa Kakaka (Kotorkoshi):** Mr. Speaker, I am responding to what the previous hon. member for (T/Wada) has said. I myself know this town Makera Maikasuwa for the past twenty years and I go there from Gulma and I know that it has a dispensary. Is when the government see that people attend dispensary that a Rural

Health Centre is built for them. I therefore urge the Hon. House to accept that a Rural Health Centre be built for these people I will also request the Hon. Speaker to put the question to the House to finalise this issue.

**Dep. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I will like you to be attentive on the explanations I will give and also you the Translators, Makera has had a proposal to have this Public Health Centre and this proposal is from the government. As we have in the motion the same things seeking for Rural Health Centre. Are we to wait until this proposal is presented to the House then to make amendments. As we are to pass a resolution that Makera should have this Rural Health Centre. Now I will like to put on the question:- Those in favour of Makera to be provided with a Rural Health Centre hands up? So the House unanimously pass a resolution that Makera should have a Rural Health Centre.

*Question put and agreed*

**Resolve:** That Makera should have a Rural Health Centre constructed.

PRESENTATION OF MOTION

*Construction of a road from Bakura junction to Bakura town with a bridge over river Bakura*  
*Alh. Muh. S/Pawa (Bakura).*

**Alh. Muh. S/Pawa (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker, hon. Members, I am presenting this motion to Hon. Members for the construction of a road from Bakura junction to Bakura town a bridge over River Bakura. This our request is long over-due as it started since the former Civilian Administration. They promised us a road and this road was only tarred up to the Bakura Farm Centre not even up to the bridge and from Bakura town is almost four miles. In Gowon's regime Governor Faruk also promised us but

nothing was done up till now. During Murtala's regime also Governor Umaru promise to us but to no avail, but now our present Governor has promised us during his campaign tour. So that is why I bring this motion now as a reminder as he was successful at the polls. If this road is constructed it will link Bakura-Gandi-Wurno-Goronyo-Isa-S/Birni and Kwanni, Thank you.

**Dep. Speaker:** Hon. Members, the motion has been presented any seconder?

**Alh. Muh. Mori (Fakai):** Mr. Speaker, I fully support the mover of this motion as it is important.

**Dep. Speaker:** Any objection to the motion? Well then comments??

**Alh. Sadi (Isa):** Mr. Speaker, I give my full support to the Hon. Member for (Bakura) mover of this motion, that Bakura road should be rehabilitated. Their request is in accordance with the NPN principles. As they have prayed to the Governor to be successful then the Hon. House should also grant their request as a reward.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, may I refer you to the Standing Orders paragraph 26(7) *The President or the Governor's name shall not be used to influence the House*". So may you please withdraw your statement.

**Hon. Members:** Yes, even the mover of the motion should withdraw his statement.

**Alh. Sadi Isa (Isa):** Mr. Speaker, I have withdrawn.

**Alh. Muh. S/Pawa (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker, I have withdrawn the Governor's name from the motion.

**Alh. Garba Nagodi (Goronyo):** Mr. Speaker, I support the hon. member for (Bakura) mover of this motion. This road

will really link the surrounding villages like Danba, Tudun Barade, Dan kaiwa and Kurun-kudu with Bakura as they are all neighbours. Most of the people here are farmers and traders who sell their farm produce and this road will help them greatly. In the rainy season they have to use canoes to cross this bridge. Bakura has many institutions up to five at least that brings congestion in the town especially on Friday which is their market days and prayer day. So if this road is built, it will give them an easy access.

**Muh. Maigujiya (Cimola):** Mr. Speaker, I am giving my full support on this motion because I know if there is no bridge then there is no good communication.

**Alhaji Muhammadu Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, I want to give more explanations on the bridge. This bridge concerns only Bakura but its importance will extend beyond. There may be some roads to be constructed and this bridge will serve a good purpose. People of Bakalori to can use it. The river also has its importance as it stores water for use in the dry season I also have a request to be forwarded to the Clerk if the Hon. Speaker permits.

**Deputy Speaker:** I will allow it after today's paper. Any more comments?

**Alh. Haliru D/Daji (D/Daji/Jabo):** Mr. Speaker, I fully support the Hon. Member for (Bakura) mover of this Motion. I know this town quite alright and I am sure his request if fully supported by his people, but I only want to ask him a question because I heard him listing the names of towns that the bridge will serve, so how many bridges does he like to be constructed?

**Alh. Muh. S/Pawa (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker.....

**Deputy Speaker:** You have not been called upon to explain. Now you can explain.

**Alh. Muh. S/Pawa (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker, I only want one bridge to be constructed across river Bakura to Link us with the towns I mentioned as there is no river that crosses them.

**Alh. Sirajo (Jangeba):** Mr. Speaker, I support the Hon. Member for (Bakura) mover of this motion I very well know Bakura as we go there on Tuesdays to pass to T/Mafara on market days In rainy season we have to park our vehicles at this river bank and cross by canoe to Mafara with our loads.

**Speaker:** I will now like to put the question.

*Question put and agreed to*

**Resolved:** that the Government should construct a road from Bakura junction to Bakura town with a bridge over River Bakura.

**Speake:** Hon. Members, that is all we have before us

**An Honourable Members Announcements.....**

ANNOUNCEMENT

**Speaker:** Before I ask for any other thing I would like to inform you that earlier there was question being put on me or on the Clerks, any official transaction either administratively or otherwise anybody who has any question on that should meet the Speaker and ask him. The staff are under the Speaker and I think it is the responsibility of the Speaker to see for the efficiency of the staff. Where he found them inefficient, then he can use his power. Any other Question?

**Alh. Mumman Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, all of us are aware when we invited the Commissioner for Works, concerning some projects on the contract awarded to

some Companies. It was promised that after a week we shall be enlightened on the report. We have discovered that one of these Companies has heard invitation of the Commissioner and started its work while the other Company, Fito Mento has placed a deaf ear on that. If the Company is not ready to do the work it should return the money given to and the work be given to another Company, because up to now it has not worked up to 5 Kilometres. My question is who will go and ask, is it the Clerk or the Speaker, because we want to heard some explanation.

**Dep. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I would like to answer the question put. As a resolution was being passed that it has been promised that the Tenders Board Committee will present its reports to the House seven days after the date they promised to hold their meeting. The Clerk has sent a letter to them requesting them to re-produce the report to this House. According to their promise, they were to sit on the the 28th of last month and so their report is to be expected on 5th of the month but they could not submit the report. The Clerk again sent a letter persuing them to produce the report but they have promised to send it within this week. I hope this hon. House will agree with this. Are you satisfied with this answer? The Hon. Member for (*Kaddi*) is not even with the House.

**Alhaji Mamman Dantsamaye:** I am satisfied. Mr. Speaker,

**Deputy Speaker:** You have heard what I explained. Anybody with a question?

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Mr Speaker, what I would like to ask is connected with what the hon. Member for (*Kaddi*) had asked. The report which has been promised is now more than 3 weeks.

**Deputy Speaker:** It was promised that the Tenders Board will submit its report a week after its sitting on 28th of last month. A

week after that means 5th of this Month. We have already sent a letter reference to our letter of the 23/11/79 to them and they have apologised and promised to send the report within this week.....

**Alh. Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** We are mostly worried with NCCL because it has a lot of projects to do in the State. Any work which costs up to ₦20 million they will say only the NCCL will be able to do it.....

#### PRESENTATION OF MOTION

**Alkali's court to be built at Nahuche (Alh. Ibrahim D. (Nahuche).**

**Alh. Ibrahim D. Nahuche(Nahuche):**Mr. Speaker, I rise to move the motion in my name that an Area court be built at Nahuche. This is due to the difficulties we encounter in going to Bungudu Court which is almost over crowded due to the population of the area. So we feel it necessary that another court be built at Nahuche which has also a very big population to serve her neighbours like Karakai, Bera and Rawayya. Due to over crowding and delays before judgement at Bungudu Court sometimes our people withdraw their cases and so forfeit their rights. I seek this Hon. House to support this motion.

**Dep. Speaker:**You have heard how the motion is presented by its mover the Hon. Member for (Nahuche). Any seconder to that?

**Abdullahi Kangiwa**Mr. Speaker, I second the Hon. Member for (Nahuche) mover of this motion. To build a court does not cost much and after its building a judge is to be posted there that is all.

**Dep. Speaker:**The motion is seconded, any objection?

**All Abbas Durbawa(Durbawa):**Mr. Speaker, I have objection to this motion and as the seconder the Hon. Member (Kangiwa) said, that even now a judge can be sent there. He should note that judges are not cheaply got they have to undergo a training before they are posted. What we want is water, roads etc and not courts for troubles. The court at Bungudu is enough for them all.

**Dep. Speaker:**Any seconder to the objection?

**Mamman Danladi(U/Lalle):**Mr. Speaker, I second the Hon. member for (Durbawa). If to say these people from Nahuche are facing conflict between Fulanis and Hausas, then they may deserve a court but as their area is peaceful there is no need for any court to be built for them. That of Bungudu is enough for them.

**Ibrahim Dangata(T/Wada):**Mr. Speaker, I Object to this motion because of the following reasons 1) The mover of this motion Hon. Member for (Nahuche) said they encounter delays before judgement is passed and that is normal due to investigations. 2) from Nahuche to Bugudu is only 3 klm so is not far. Magami and wanke has only one court. If the Hon. House insist that this court should be built, then I will advise that it should be built at Rawaya which is far away from Bungudu so that surrounding villages like Marke, Bayawuri, Gidan Masau, Yallaba, Māmola, Jaurin Gabas and Gidan Kodi will benefit too.

**Deputy Speaker:**Hon. Members on the motion we have here I will like to put the question before the House. Those in favour of building a court at Nahuche hands up, only one. Those not in favour: Majority carries the vote.

*Question put and negatived.*

#### PRESENTATION OF MOTION

*Construction of boreholes at Jandutse, Tanza and Katanga. (Alh. Usman S/Kabi) (Alieru).*

**Alh. Usman S/Kabi(Alieru):**Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to present my motion which seek for the construction of boreholes to three towns. We have got one borehole, but is not functioning and its depth is up to fifty meters which makes it very hard to draw a even a single bucket of water. We want these boreholes to be constructed in Jandutse-Angwada-Tanza and Katanga. This case was forwarded to Jega Local Government but was not done due to lack of funds.

**Alh. Audu Majidadi(Wamakko):**Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I second the Hon. Member for (Alieru) the mover of this motion. As this is one of our promises made to the masses during our campaign and we need not to debate on it for long, as we have plenty of work ahead of us.

**Deputy Speaker:**Hon. Members, I have to apologise for I would have asked for a seconder before allowing him to speak. The motion now has been presented and seconded. Any objection? Well comments?

**Alh. Muh. Augi(Augi):**Mr. Speaker, this request by the Hon. Member.....

**Deputy Speaker:**I am reminding you paragraph 26 (a).

**Majority leader. Alhaji Muhammadu Augi(Augi):**Mr. Speaker, These boreholes, we should know that there are one hundred boreholes which Ministry for Rural Develop-

ment has intended to construct in this State. So this three wells are included not that they will be added to make one three. These three are included in the one hundred wells proposed. I am not saying that I object to their having it but I second in principle that they should have boreholes.

**Dep. Speaker:**Hon. Members, you have heard what the Hon. Member for (Augi) commented. Any body with more comments?

**Alh. Muh. Sanusi(Shanga):**Mr. Speaker, I rise to give more explanations on what the Hon. Member for (Augi) has just said. In fact, there are one hundred boreholes being proposed by the government but that does not mean that these people with urgent request should wait till whenever the government thinks it fit to start constructing these boreholes (which may probably take two to three years to come). The mover of this motion has indicated to us that his people are facing a serious acute shortage of water and we should do something urgently to help them survive not to sit down with our figures cross relying on the promise by the Ministry for Rural Development which we are not sure of. I request Hon. Members to support this motion.

**Deputy Speaker:**Hon. Members, according to Hon. Member for (Augi), we have already received a proposal from the Ministry for Rural Development of 100 boreholes which has not been broken down. What I want to inform you here is that this 100 boreholes are going to be shared within the State according to the 19 Local Government we have and according to demands and urgency. As we are all here to see for the welfare of the people of the State, I would like to advise this House to wait and see the brake down of the 100 boreholes. If there is

any correction or amendment this House has been empowered to do so. Any other comment?

**Mallam Tambari Dingyadi(Bodinga):**Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the Hon. Member for (Alieru) mover of this motion. Even though we have heard only 100 boreholes are going to be done in this State and which are going to be divided among the 19 Local Governments but what I want us to realise is that even if we are to provide one borehole to each constituency some will not get. Some Constituencies require three to four boreholes which are very essential. Therefore, in my view, I would suggest that we add more boreholes to make it 150 since we have the power to do so. I feel that even if we are provided with Hospitals and other amenities, it will be useless if there is no water.

**Garba Mohammed Kanwa(Zurmi):**Mr. Speaker, according to what the previous Hon. Member for (Bodinga) has said, I know there are some which according to the nature of the land, boreholes cannot be constructed there unless dams. From the Eastern part of Sokoto up to Katsina, the area cannot be provided with boreholes. This means the 100 boreholes are going to be done in the Western part of Sokoto.....

#### INTERRUPTIONS

**Garba Moh. Kanwa(Zurmi):**Hon. Members, we should think wisely, because these boreholes will be enough for the western part. What I am saying is, what about the dams that are going to be done in the eastern part of the State because they have water than in our area.

I am speaking with all sincerity that in my Constituency one has to trek for 10 miles before getting drinking water. I feel

therefore, that it is better as the Hon. Member for (Augi) has said earlier, that we should wait until we see the Bill for the construction of these dams then we shall know how to divide these 100 boreholes.....

#### INTERRUPTIONS

**Garba Moh. Kanwa(Zurmi):**Hon. Members, we are all here for the welfare of the whole people of the State not only one part. We should think. There is no human being who can say that people should not be provided with water but it should be distributed evenly. Hon. Members, I am appealing to you to please keep this matter aside until the Ministry for Rural Development has sent us its proposals for the construction of dams. When we know the areas which are to be provided with these dams then the boreholes can be distributed.

**Deputy Speaker:**Hon. Members, I would like to remind you once again what we have on this motion—Provision of boreholes for Jan-Dutse, Tanza and Katanga. So please if you want to comment on this issue, you either oppose or support.

**Deputy Speaker:**May I ask the Hon. Member for (Mayasa) to sit down. Hon. Members, you know whatever we pass here it is the responsibility of the Clerk to pursue it. We have already passed that the Tender's Board will submit its report seven days after its sitting, which is supposed to be on the 5th of this month. After this letter was sent to the Ministry of works, they might have sent it to Tender's Board. This letter was requesting the Tender's Board to furnish this

House the reports on that road. Possible due to lack of efficient communication or lack of manpower, these people were unable to submit the report according to the time scheduled. But they have sent a letter apologising and that they will send the report within this week. Has the House agreed to pardon them? Those in favour raise your hands. So they are pardoned.

#### Question put and agreed to.

**Deputy Speaker:**Majority carries the vote.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**(Majority Leader),**Honourably Speaker Sir, we have something to do after we adjourn the House. I beg to bring the motion of adjournment, I will like the House to adjourn until tomorrow.

**Deputy Speaker:**Any seconder.

**Alhaji Mohammadu Gidado(Kware):**I second the Hon. Member for (Augi) mover of the motion that the House do now adjourn until tomorrow.

**Deputy Speaker:**Honourable Members, the House adjourn at 1.30 p.m. We adjourn until tomorrow.

#### Question put and agreed to.

**Resolved:**that this House do now adjourn till tomorrow.

*The House adjourned accordingly at 1.30 p.m. till tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.*

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Wednesday, 12th December, 1979

*The House met at 11.00 a.m.*

(The Speaker presided)

PRAYERS

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

**Speaker:** Because of yesterday's Parliamentary Meeting there is no message.

ANNOUNCEMENT

**Speaker:** As a result of yesterday's meeting, I was asked to see the Commissioner for Finance to have half a million to our request to the end of the Financial Year but I have to go back to the Governor for a written authority. So it is the authority we are waiting to get the money and I hope it will be got today and things will start to be alright by tomorrow.

PRESENTATION OF BILL

BILL NO. 11

*A law to amend the Local Government Edict, 1977 — (Majority Leader).*

**Speaker:** We go to item 6. As for the Bill No. 11 that too has been discussed yesterday and so I believe the Majority have agreed to it. It is only new to the other Members of the other Party. I now call upon the Majority Leader to present the Bill.

**Majority Leader (Alh. Muhammadu Augi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to present this new Bill to you which our Government is introducing and which empowers the Governor to dissolve

the Local Government Councils and to appoint a Caretaker Committee which will take over the running of the Local Governments for the period of six months from the time they are appointed. I would like the Hon. Members to approve same so as to enable the Governor to carry out his duties.

**Speaker:** Any supporter to the motion?

**Alh. Muh. S/Pawan (Bakura):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion because it is very important and I hope the Hon. Members will agree to this.

**Speaker:** May I know whether there is any objection especially from the other Party.

It appears we can disperse with all the formalities and pass the Bill for it seems we have been anxious waiting for this very Bill. Is that the view of the House? Those who approve the Bill should raise their hands. So the House has empowered the Governor to dissolve the Councils any time from now and appoint a Caretaker Committee and the questions is, you approve that the Governor dissolve the Local Government Councils and appoint Caretaker Committees as in the Bill.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill Read the Third time and Passed.*

**Speaker:** We go to item 7. The missing part of the Report I believe has been given to every one of us. It is to help you decide what resolution to make. I now call upon the mover of the original motion to address the House and tell us briefly the situation as he sees it.

COMMENTS ON COMMITTEE REPORT

**Alh. Shehu Mutawalle (Ambursa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am glad that the Hon. Speaker has given me the chance to give further explanation on this motion. I

am also glad that you considered this motion to the extent of establishing a Special Committee, assigned it to go to this particular place in question, conduct investigations and submit its report to this House. I am sure they went to the place with the best intentions and with best interest of revolving this issue. Unfortunately however, a stranger to a place can easily be misguided and that is why the report that they have brought here is confusing and misleading. I could recall that what I presented to this House was a request for more farmland to Ambursa farmers. I have been asked many question on this, which I answered and now with the permission of the Hon. Speaker I would like to expose all the secrets in the issue. It cannot be disputed that the area belongs to the farmers. What happened was that there is a fulani village called Mociyo who are neighbours to Ambursa people and they have their own area which was shown to the Committee. The area stretching from Ambursa to Ujariyo belongs to Ambursa people. Both Ambursa and Maciyyo people are farmers and during this time the District Head (Ubandoma) brought some fulanis from Sanyinna who are wealthy and when they came to him, they asked him for this fertile area in question so as to rear their cattle. This agreement was made between him (Ubandoma) and the fulanis he brought from Sanyinna alone. He came from B/Kebbi to Ujariyo and saw the Ward Head of Rafi who is a farmer.

The Ward Head of the surrounding villages in the name of Ujariyo, Guddare, Asarara, Mociyyo and Dinawo. The leaders of all these places are farmers and they don't have cattle except few of them. The District Head (Ubandoma) went to Ujariyo and summoned all the Ward Heads, together with the fulanis who are from Sanyinna to a meeting. He requested that a land be made available to these fulanis to rear their cattle. These Ward Heads went into this fertile area in question surveying where they could give to

these fulanis, but one of them asked them what they were going to do. They said they are going to do what they were instructed by their District Head, which was to provide the fulanis with an area which they can rear their cattle in. This gentleman who is called Liman Kakale Guddare protested and argued that why should they give a land which is not theirs to other people. He protested that this area belongs to the people of Ambursa and proclaimed that nobody can claim any part of land right from Dinawo to Ujariyo. This gentleman is still alive.

The leader of the village and the leader of the Fulanis went back and lamented what had happened to the District Head. He (Ubandoma) then went to Ujariyo where he held a meeting with both the leader of the village and the Fulanis. They met in a room and listed names of people who they alleged are the owners of this land in question and decided that the area be given to the Fulanis. On coming back to Birnin Kebbi, he wrote all that they have agreed at their so-called meeting in his book and sent it to Gwandu Native Authority, saying that he has toured the area and saw the representatives of both the Hausas and Fulanis and that they have said that, they have agreed the place should be given to the Fulanis. Hon. Members, you should not forget that this man (Ubandoma), has earlier promised the Fulanis from Sanyinna a land to rear their cattle. When the letter he has sent to the then Gwandu Native Authority was tabled at the Emir's Palace. His Highness, the Emir of Gwandu wrote a reply saying that he would like to see both the Fulanis and Farmers in his Palace physically, so that he would talk to them. When he (Ubandoma) received this letter, instead of him to take these people to the Emir's Palace, he wrote a reply saying that he has gone to the people concerned in this dispute and that they have agreed with the arrangements. I have seen his letter and that of the Emir. At this stage, when the people of Ambursa noticed that their land is

about to be seized by Ubandoma, they went in large number to the Emir and told him so. Unfortunately, by that time, hearing of cases has been transferred to the Courts, from the Emirate Council. So the Emir advised them to go to the Alkali's Court. Mallam Tsoho was then the Alkali from Ambursa went to him, he asked them to come back on an appointed date. On the very day, he sent to the District Head Ubandoma for all relevant documents connected with the dispute and where the Gwandu Native Authority gave the land to the Fulanis. When the file was brought,

He gave it to his Muhti to read the whole thing in the file which he did. He asked for the Emir's reply to be read, which he demanded he would like to see both the farmers and the fulanis so as to talk to them. But the District Head's letter shows that he went back and toured the area and the people have agreed to give the area to the Fulanis which they all disputed at the spot. He asked the list of names purported to have signed the agreement for the selling of their land be read. In the process a name of somebody called Danladi was called and he answered and the Alkali told him that the arrangement was done together with him. But he replied that he had, at no time signed any agreement, verbal or written with anybody for the sell of his grand-father's land. The Alkali then said he would go personally to Ambursa and see things for himself.....

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, remember that the longer you talk the more the Members become dis-interested in what you are saying.

**Alkali Shehu Mutawalle (Ambursa):** The Alkali went to the place and found that more than 1,000 people in the area and whoever is asked, will answer that the land is his. Unfortunately however, he came back to Birnin

Kebbi with illness, which resulted in his death and this man (Ubandoma) went and took away his file back to his Office. When the Local Government was established, the people from (Ambursa) brought back their complaints to the Local Government. The Local Government established a Committee which went and saw the people and it resolved that the area belongs to the Hausas and for the Fulanis and the piece of land in Mociyo which is now in question, belongs to the Fulanis and there is no dispute about it. It was therefore the responsibility of the Secretary to the Local Government to implement the report of the Committee but also, the presence of this man (Ubandoma) prevented the quick dispensation of justice and so the delay in resolving this conflict up to now. Everybody in the Local Government knows this. Hon. Members, in brief, we are now in the Civilian Era and the people are aware of the fact that the Government is theirs, that is why they would like the Government to see that they are given back their land. It was the late Emir Yahaya who initiated that a grazing area should be established at Gayawa near Mociyo, which has nothing to do with this land in question. A grazing Area was established which is 2,560 acres and well fenced for the Fulanis and a passage from the Grazing Area direct to lake Mekawal, so as to allow their cattle drink water.....

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, try to conclude.

**Alt. Shehu Mutawalle (Ambursa):** All these things are and they have been brought to the House by the Committee assigned by this House to go and investigate the matter. Hon. Members, you have heard that this place which was given to the Fulanis is not theirs, it is just a seizure. With this, I would like the Hon. Members to please see that this

land is returned to the Farmers who are the rightful owners. Thank you.

**Speaker:** I will call on the Chairman of the Committee to present his report to the House.

#### PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORT

**Alh. Namman Dantsamaye (Gada):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members the report has already been distributed to Hon. Members and also the Paper of the Government. I am sure every Hon. Member must have gone through the content of the report.

We went to the sight in question together with the representatives of both the Fulanis and the Hausa farmers so as to understand the issue more clearly. What we gather is that, there is a place which is originally for the Fulanis, which is in the Southern part of Mociyo. We went around the disputing area in the Northern part of Mociyo and the Eastern part of Makewal. When we arrived at this place, we asked the Fulanis why they are staying in the place which the Hausas are claiming is theirs? The Fulanis told us that this place was given to them by the Local Government. We asked the Fulanis whether the Hausas were paid any compensation for the land seized. They only told us that there are some places which the Fulanis bought from the Hausas personally. Then we went to Lake Mekewal, there we saw a passage which was done so that the Fulanis can use it to go and water their cattle. In this place we were shown a pillar which the Government White Paper talked of, but unfortunately the pillar was removed. The Fulanis said that it was the Hausas who removed the pillar. When the Hausas were asked why they remove the pillar, they claim that the land is theirs and they see no reason why it should

be given to others. We then went to the Eastern part of Lake Mekawal because the Hausas are also claiming that this is also seized from them. Now we have understood the reason for this dispute which has taken long time to settle.

If the Fulanis are in the original place with their animals and Hausas in their own place, the Hausas are going to farm and there is the possibility that the Fulani's animals are going to enter these farm land, this is the reason for this continuous dispute.

The Fulanis wanted this place to be seized from Hausa farmers and given to them but the Hausa farmers did not agree with this.

What the Committee understood is that, since there are two parties to this dispute and the two parties have all their own land originally, it is only one of the parties wishing to get more land from the portion of the other party. I think the government should pay the farmers compensation for their land which was seized from them. I hope the Hon. Member for (Ambursa) has since seen the report submitted by the Committee. I feel among the Members of this Committee wishing to comment on the report or wishing to throw more light, should be allowed to do so.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, you have heard from the Hon. Member for (Ambursa) mover of the motion and also from the Chairman of the Committee that went to the area in question. We should consider this and find a solution to the problem. I will like to have suggestions which will help us in solving this problem.

**Alh. Ibrahim T/Gwandu (Gwandu):** Mr. Speaker, we have heard alot on this question

concerning the Fulanis in Mociyo and the Farmers in Ambursa, in Birnin Kebbi Local Government area. Mr. Speaker has asked us to give our suggestion on how to solve this problem, well I will like to give my opinion. We have understood that this Fulanis live in this area for a long time, also understood it was intended to increase this land so as to have more grazing field. The land was increase for Fulanis by the then the Gwandu Native Authority. At that time compensations are not paid for fields received for public use e.g. to build offices or grazing fields and the like. Now time has come when things have changed. In my opinion, I will like to suggest to the House that we should consider this carefully. Whoever has a field in this area we appeal to the Local Government to compensate him, but if this will involve a large sum of money and the Local Government cannot do it then we can then appeal to the State Government, to pay for the compensations. The Fulanis should be allowed to continue grazing their cattle in this area so as to arrest further dispute. This is my own opinion. Thank you.

**Alh. Muh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, as the previous Hon. Member has said.....

**Speaker:** I rather hear yours.

**Alh. Muh. Sani Kamba (Dendi):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my views on this issue, that since the Fulanis and Farmers are still in dispute on this area and it has been said that the Fulanis have stayed a long time, my views is, these farmers should be paid compensation.

**Alh. Sani Limand (T/Mafara):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to say something on this motion. This place in question, majority of us here do not know the place is because there

are certain places suitable for rearing and certain places suitable for farming, so an area near the town is not suppose to be for rearing but suitable for farming, especially if the place is fertile. We want the people who know this place.....

**Speaker:** It has been said in the report. Your views.

**Alh. Sani Limand (T/Mafara):** Mr. Speaker, In my view, I feel the farmers should be given their land.

**Yahaya Magarya (Wurno):** Mr. Speaker, we should remember the people who elected us.....

**Speaker:** We have not forgotten.

**Yahaya Magarya (Wurno):** Mr. Speaker, I am a member of the committee that went to Ambursa and what I see is that the Hausas should be given their land. My reason is that, the Fulanis have shown us their area and that of the Hausas which extended up to the Fadama. What the Fulanis are now after is that they have bought some farms from the Hausas on individual agreement, so the Hausas should re-pay them back and take their land. The people responsible to this unrest are all important dignataries of the area like the Secretary, Wali, Turaki, Ubandoma, Bunu and one very rascal called the Ardo. Therefore the Hon. House will see that there is no justice in this case at all and we should be faithful enough to give the Hausas back their land.

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have two good views here supported by two Hon. Members and that is (1). To take the farmers out of their land and be given compensation then another (2) is that the farmers be allowed on their farms and the Fulanis the land

belonging to them. What I want to call your attention is that the Fulanis are not after their rearing of cattle alone but also want to farm. Those in real need of the farm come when the land is not having anything on, so theirs is not a case as I see it. So now if there is no any third opinion we better vote on the issue and close it. Any third solution?

**Alh. Umaru Naklgo (D/Gari/Giro):** Mr. Speaker, I want to bring a new idea, that any conflict which has taken fifty years cannot just be resolved in two minutes.

**Speaker:** I doubt whether our sitting for three consecutive times is two minutes.

**Alh. Umaru Naklgo (D/Gari/Giro):** Mr. Speaker, I have something more to say.....

**Speaker:** What you heard is a direct solution raised by two Hon. Members as a result of what they have read in the report. So what we want from you is a direct solution.

**Alh. Umaru Naklgo (D/Gari/Giro):** Mr. Speaker, but the hon. House can recall that this case is just like that of Rumpfər Kasuwa.

**Speaker:** I am sorry, you have not given us any solution so I ask you to sit down. Now we vote on the two. I doubt if there can be any third solution. If there is anybody with the third solution I will allow him right away to say it.

**Alh. Muh. More (Fakai):** Mr. Speaker, what I want is, if the farmers are given their land and if anything arises later from any Authority....

**Speaker:** That is totally a different thing. I will allow only two more.

**Sa'adu Sakaba (Zuru):** Mr. Speaker, what

I want to say is that, these two places and the parties involved should be taken back to the court.

**Speaker:** I am sorry, sit down.

**Alh. Halilu (D./Daji/Jabo):** Mr. Speaker, these Fulanis should be taken away from that place.

**Speaker:** I am sorry is not possible. Now we are going to vote. Those in favour of displacing the farmers and given compensation hands up only four. Those in favour of leaving the farmers on their farms hands up. Majority. So now is the House agree that the farmers be given their farms and the Fulanis to remain where they have been as we have seen in the report. Those in agreement hands up.

**QUESTION PUT AND AGREED TO.**

**Resolved:** That the Farmers be given their farms and the Fulanis to remain where they have been as in the report.

**PRESENTATION OF MOTION**

*Approval of the Membership of the Standing Committees.*

**Alh. Muh. Augi (Majority Leader)**

**Speaker:** Now the last item. Before presenting the Standing Committees I will like to remind the majority of Hon. Members where this case have been talked of. I now express my opinion as Chairman of the Committee, I prefer in the interest of the House and the State as a whole that we adopt the first selection and if the House is adamant then the second. What is your opinion on the House and the State?

**Hon. Members:** Which is the first?

**Speaker:** The very original one. Those not in favour of the first put up their hands? None, so here is the second which was given to you and everyone has got a copy?

**Hon. Members:** No, no.

**Speaker:** As the majority have got it, I want to hear some comments from you and no member of the Committee should have any comment.

**Alh. Usumanu Maidamma (Besse):** Mr. Speaker, I support this report presented by the Selection Committee because the method they follow in dividing the Committees and the members attached to each Committee is proper and we feel that we should accept it. Is a job well done and I appeal to Hon. Members to accept the report so that the Committees can start their job right away.

**Muh. Danladi Tsamaye (U/Lelle)** Mr. Speaker, now this report is alright but I have not seen one Committee that is the Business Committee.

**Speaker:** It is selected by the Committee of the Whole House and is one of the three.

**Alh. Yaro Moh. Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support and those two members of the Selection Committee on their patience and hard work, because I can remember that they have presented this report and we rejected it and went back now to re-produce a new one which they now present to us. I feel that these people have given their best, so I beg Hon. Members to support so that the various Committees can continue with their job.

**Speaker:** Now what I want is comments that are contrary or adverse to the work, criticisms. Anything that you found lacking on the submission then you can talk on it.

**Alh. Musa Usman (Shinkafi):** Mr. Speaker, everything is alright.

**Speaker:** That is not what we are after.

**Alh. Musa Usman (Shinkafi):** Mr. Speaker, who are to Chairman these Committees?

**Speaker:** That is a different thing. It is from the members of the Committee we shall select a Chairman. Any comments or criticisms? The question is that you all agree on the Committees as presented. Those in agreement should raise their hands. Majority, so the Committees are now passed and what remains is the Chairmanship. Though it is by virtue of the Standing Order I appoint the Chairman, I now leave it for the House to select.

**Alhaji Buhari Garban-Yandi (Gusau):** Honourable Speaker, honourable Members, I want to ask a question, are we to nominate out of the list?

**Speaker:** I have said it earlier.

**Alh. Buhari Garban-Yandi (Gusau):** Now in Social Services Committee I nominate Alhaji Garba Na-Liman (Chafe).

**Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu):** Honourable Speaker Sir, Honourable Members, .....

**Speaker:** Now what we want is secondment of Alhaji Garba Na-Liman. Any other nominations? Carry on, carry on. Order.

**Alhaji Dan-Dare Saminu (Koko):** Honourable Speaker Sir, Honourable Members, now, what I want to present I want all those who are going to be conversant with the work.....



**Speaker:** What we want is nominations.

**Alhaji Dan-Dare Saminu, (Koko):** I am not going to nominate Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker:** Now, thank you.

**Alhaji Amadu Aliyu Binji (Binji):** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to nominate Alhaji Mamman Yaro Shell (Sokoto/Gagi), So that he became a candidate to the Chairman Social Services Committee.

**Speaker:** Any seconder.

**Alhaji Ali Abbas Durbawa, (Durbawa):** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, I second the nomination made by Alhaji Amadu Aliyu Binji. The nomination of Alhaji Mamman Yaro Shell to contest the Chairmanship Social Services Committee.

**Speaker:** Right, any nomination.

**Alhaji Shafi'u Salihu Dansadau, (Dansadau):** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise to nominate Alhaji Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu because of his experience in the name of these people and I know he can do proper things, Thank you.

**Speaker:** Any seconder.

I am sorry I haven't given the floor to you.

**Alhaji Ibrahim Dangata (Tudun-Wada):** Honourable Speaker Sir, Honourable Members, I want to say something.

**Speaker:** I am sorry what we want is secondment.

**Alhaji Ibrahim Dan-Gata (Tudun-Wada):** Please permit me I just explain something.

**Speaker:** What we want is secondment. Alhaji Ibrahim (T/Wada) has been nominated, what we want is secondment.

**Alh. Ibrahim Dan-Gata (T/Wada):** I second the nomination of Alhaji Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu. I am now, begging Mr. Speaker to give me the floor to speak.

**Speaker:** You are permitted.

**Alh. Ibrahim Dan-Gata (T/Wada):** Honourable Members, what I want to say is to you, right from the President of the Country to the Governor of the State back to the Speaker, he has the right to appoint 25%. In this House. If we take.....

**Speaker:** 25% of what?

**Ibrahim D/Gata:** Of Appointments;

**Speaker:** It is not the House that is saying so, it is the Speaker that says the House should nominate by itself.

**Alh. Ibrahim Dan-Gata (T/Wada):** This responsibility is yours, and by virtue of your responsibility and your interject we want you to take this responsibility yourself. When you appoint one person and say that he is the Chairman of six (6) committees, we agree. We are to do the nomination ourselves, but we are not going to nominate rightly. I am appealing to the Members to forgive me. I hope the Honourable House will support me on this.

**Speaker:** All right. Giyawa.

**Alh. Mamman Giyawa (Giyawa):** Honourable Speaker, honourable Members, I second that view given by Alhaji Ibrahim Dan-Gata (Tudun-Wada) that the Speaker, should appoint the Chairman himself on this

responsibility. I hope the whole House support us.

**Alhaji Dan-Tani (Lailaba):** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, I rise up to give my support to this issue, I support that the responsibilities should be left to Speaker as it is within his responsibilities. It is better that he exercises patience if he should leave us with such things we are not going to resolve them. We would like him to take the responsibilities and he should remember that it is Allah that shoulder him with the responsibilities and I also appeal to him to do it honestly.

**Alhaji Muhammadu Augi, Majority Leader, (Augi):** Honourable Speaker, Honourable Members, I am glad that I have been given chance to speak. Since when we close the sub-committee Mr. Speaker, has promised that he will study this issue as it is his responsibility. But you should remember that when this was submitted to the sub-committee, there were some controversial issues. The first thing the Speaker considered as difficult was that you can't establish a Committee and then bring somebody who does not know anything about it to head that Committee. When you appoint Chairman from a particular Local Government, one Local Government will Complain, I am sure if Mr. Speaker should do that we will complain. We all agree that Mr. Speaker should confer to do that but you should give him the assurance that if he should confer three Chairmanship to one person, you will agree. Right, from the beginning of this, he said that he prefers the first submission because the right people were selected. We will like everyone of you who thinks he is competent should try to do this home. Now if you will give Mr. Speaker the full support then he will do it. Now if it is to be done to the advantage of the State it will be better. I have said my own view.

**Speaker:** Is it your view that I should choose the Chairman to these Committees and present them to you?

**Several Hon. Members:** Yes yes!!

**Speaker:** If I am to do it, it will be tomorrow, if you want it urgently then we can do it now.

**Several Hon. Members:** No.No!!

**Speaker:** So we have come to the end of the today's deliberations, as I have earlier said, we do not want motions which are not in writing, but with the exception of one single motion.

#### RECESS

**Alh. Moh. Augi (Augi):** Mr. Speaker; Hon. Members, you are all aware of the fact that we have spent two months in this Session. Earlier it was said we are going on a recess on 12/12/79 but this has to be changed to Friday 14/12/79. and will resume on 7/1/80. This change came about because of the journey we had to Lagos for the Convention.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Alh. Moh. Nonsu (B/Tudu):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the House do now adjourn until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

#### INTERRUPTIONS

*Hon. Members started living their sits before the question was put*

**Speaker:** We have not yet seconded the motion, what more of passing it.

**Alh. Garaba Ganta (Danko):** Mr. Speaker; I beg to second the motion that the House do now adjourn until tomorrow.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That the House do now adjourn  
The House Adjourned accordingly at 1.03 p.m. till tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
SOKOTO STATE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Thursday, 13th December, 1979

The house met at 10.30 a.m.

(The Speaker presided)

**PRAYERS**

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

**Speaker:** There isn't any.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Speaker:** We have got the authority to half million Naira (N500,000) which will enable us settle your claims.

**PRESENTATION OF MOTION**

*Chairmanship of Standing Committee —  
Alhaji Muhammadu Augi (Majority  
Leader).*

**Speaker:** We go to item six (6). Before this is introduced, I want to explain how I arrived at what I did. Considering the gravity of Chairmanship, how the Members have been set up, and the need of distributing it over the Local Government Areas as far as possible. I went through your particulars which you submitted about yourselves and I have seen as far as I could and brought you this, that I have felt I could do the job and this is what I have presented to you as promised yesterday. Will the Leader of the Majority present it.

\* **Majority Leader (Augi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to present this motion to you for Chairmanship of Standing Committee which has been selected. At present you have been presented with names of each Chairman of each Committee. If you go through the list you will see that it is done

with utmost care and I think this is the best we could get. Mr. Speaker, has shown a great deal of ingenuity in this job.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Musa Bawa S/Fada (Wasagu):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion for appointment of Chairmanship of Standing Committees. This shows that the Hon. Speaker has used his experience and intelligent while drafting it.

**Speaker:** Any objection to the motion?

If there is any comment you may do so.

**Alhaji Musa Isa Kakaka (Kwatarkwashi):** Mr. Speaker, I stand to show my appreciation in this selection. As it was said yesterday, whatever you have arranged will be accepted and you have done the job to the admiration of each Hon. Member here.

**Umaru Maidamma (Besse):** Mr. Speaker, fellow Hon. Members, I rise to remind you that when we talked about this appointment I want to say something, but the Hon. Speaker asked me to stop but promised that he would allow me to say it when the election is done. Now that the selection is done, I would like to show my appreciation to it.

**Alh. Mamman Dantsamaye (Kaddi):** Mr. Speaker, the way the selection of the Chairmanship of the Standing Committees was done is good as whoever you trust and authorise on your right, whatever he does you have to accept.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Member for (Kaddi) I want to draw your attention of the fact that whatever delegated power is given it has to be returned to the House, whether it is to one person or to a Committee for it is the only House that has got legislative power.

**Alhaji Dandare Saminu (Koko):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to show my apprecia-

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tion on this selection as each Chairman has been selected through his experience and according to his suitability.

**Ibrahim Dan Gata (T/Wada):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to show my happiness in connection with this selection, I am very happy as every Hon. Member here. We are grateful to the Honourable Speaker for accepting responsibility and I am appealing to the Hon. Members that we should please give each person his due respect, because if we don't respect him, we too cannot be respect. I hope we will stop here so that we continue with our next item.

**Ahmadu Allyu Binji (Binji):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, Mr. Speaker has done what is expected of him when selecting the Chairman of the different Committees. Although some Hon. Members think I have an objection that is not the case. I also give my support to the Committee and the Chairman of the Committee which I am a member. We assigned Mr. Speaker to do this, so I don't think we should have any more arguments on this. May Allah help us all.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Member, if I am not mistaken you are in two Committees, and you have taken upon yourself to be loyal to only one Chairman. I hope you will be loyal to the two Committees.

**Ahmadu Allyu Binji (Binji):** Mr. Speaker, I will give my support to the two Committees.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much for the undertaking.

**Shehu Abdullahi (Kaura Namoda):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, as these Chairmen have already been selected and almost every Hon. Member of this Hon. House is in support of the appointment, I beg to move that the question should be put so as continue with our deliberation instead of wasting time on this issue.

**Alhaji Yahaya Maidodo (Bungudu):** Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, I appreciate the appointment of these Chairmen of the Standing Committees. One advise I will like to give them is that they should be faithful in their work and may Allah help them.

**Mohammed Mzigujya (Chimmola):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my support for this selection. We gave the Hon. Speaker the responsibility of selecting these Chairmen and he has done it in the way we want it done, I don't think there is any other simpler way of doing this.

**Speaker:** The question is that do you agree with the Chairmen of the Standing Committees presented to you?

**Several Hon. Members:** Yes? yes?

**Speaker:** Those in support should put up their hands.

*Question put and agreed to*

**Resolves:** That the House confirms the appointment of Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

**Speaker:** So we have the Committees and their Chairmen to the Committees. What remains is the terms of reference to each Committee and that will be done by the Committee of Selection next Saturday.

**Several Members:** Next Saturday the House must have adjourned.

**Speaker:** Even if the House adjourn, the Committees will continue.

I will call on the Leader of the Majority to present the next motion.

**PRESENTATION OF MOTION**  
*Renumeration of some of Public Officers (Section 116 of the Constitution) — Alhaji Muhammadu Augi (Majority Leader).*

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**Majority Leader: Alhaji Muhammadu Augi:** Mr. Speaker, I will like to present this motion which concern the renumeration of some public officers, right from His Excellency the Governor, down to the Hon. Members of the State House of Assembly. This is a very important issue, I therefore need your attention. At present we do not have enough copies of this list but as soon as we have enough copies, they will be distributed to you. I will start from the top of the list.

*Name Renumeration per annum (N)*

1. Governor of Sokoto State: . . .	₦20,000
2. Deputy Governor: . . . . .	16,000
3. Speaker: . . . . .	14,500
4. Commissioners: . . . . .	14,500
5. Secretary to the Government .	14,500
6. Head of Service . . . . .	14,500
7. Deputy Speaker . . . . .	12,000
8. Majority Leader . . . . .	11,000
9. Minority Leader . . . . .	9,000
10. Members of the Assembly . . . . .	8,000

Apart from the salaries, I will also like to present the allowances of the Members. These allowances will be their travelling expenses and also for any Secretarial duties which they may want and this is ₦2,000.00 (Two Thousand Naira). The allowance for those not provided with accommodation is ₦2,400.00 per annum.

There will be entertainment allowances for the following:- Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader.

**Several Hon. Members:** We want to know the amount for the entertainment allowance for these people.

**Majority Leader:** The entertainment allowance is as follow:-

Speaker: . . . . .	₦1,200
Deputy Speaker . . . . .	.600
Majority Leader . . . . .	.600
Minority Leader . . . . .	.400

I am sure most of you are aware of this before it is presented to this House, and you will all accept it. This applies to the whole Federation and not Sokoto State alone.

**INTERRUPTIONS**

**Several Hon. Members:** What of the allowances for the different Chairmen of Committees.

**Majority Leader:** Allowances for the Chairmen of different Committees is not included in this, but it will be presented to you as soon as it is ready.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Usman Sa'adu Zuru (Sakaba):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the motion just presented concerning the renumeration of some public officers.

**Speaker:** Any objection to the motion? May I remind the N.P.N. Members, that it was in this very place the Governor himself discuss the matter with you, and you have precisely agreed with it. This will enable the legislators to get their areas. If this is not presented to you in this form, we will have to wait for a Bill. So it is left to you to honour your pledge or do otherwise.

Any comment?

**Several Members:** No comments.

**Speaker:** The question is do you agree with the motion presented to you? Those in favour should put up their hands.

*Question put and agreed to*

**Resolve:** That the House confirms the renumeration of some Public Officers as in (Section 116 of the Constitution).

**Speaker:** We have come to the end of the today's deliberations.

**Alhaji Yaro Muhammadu Shell (Sokoto/Gagi):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I will like to appeal to Mr. Speaker, now that the Order Paper is finished and still there is time, I think it is better to allow us to present a motion verbally...

**Hon. Members:** No, no.

**Speaker:** Order, order.

**Majority Leader:** We have N.P.N. Parliamentary Meeting now so other Members from the other party can go.

**Speaker:** And we have not adjourn yet?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the motion for adjournment.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Garba Mohammed Kanwa (Zurmi):** I second the motion for adjournment.

*Question put and agreed to*

**Resolve:** That this House do now adjourn.

*House adjourned accordingly at 11.50 a.m. until tomorrow at 9.00 a.m.*

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SOKOTO STATE

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Friday, 14th December, 1979

(Speaker Presided)

The House met at 10.30 a.m.

### PRAYERS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Speaker:** The Selection Committee will meet on 6th January 1980 instead of tomorrow and the time is 4.30 p.m. as we all resume on the 7th January, 1980.

Today being Friday and having discussed what is before us in our Parliamentary meeting, I hope we will dispense some formalities. The first item we have before us on the motions is Bill No. 12 which you have already agreed to in a motion. I will call on the Clerk to read the title of the Bill.

### PRESENTATION OF A BILL

*"Bill No. 12 — A Law to provide for the administrative Machinery of the House of Assembly"*.

**Speaker:** Will the Majority Leader please present the Bill?

**Alh. Moh. Augi (Majority Leader):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members of the House of Assembly. I will like to present this Bill for provision for the Administrative Machinery of the House of Assembly. This contains many important things which if you go through you will see yourselves.

There will be a Commission which will include the Speaker, the Leader of the Majority Party in the House; a member of the House nominated by the Minority Party in the House; and seven other members of the House this means ten members altogether.

I refer to Section 3 Sub-section 2(c) which reads: "a member of the House nominated by the Minority". I will like to present the name of Alhaji Ibrahim Na-Alhaji Labbo into this Commission. Section 3 Sub-section 2(d) which reads "seven other members of the House". I will like to present the following names:-

1. Alhaji Mohammed-Bello Suru
2. Alhaji Jeli S. Sudan
3. Alhaji Sanusi Shanga
4. Alhaji Amadu Aliyu Binji
5. Alhaji Maccido Maradun
6. Alhaji Sadi Isa
7. Alhaji Dodo Aliero

These are the names to be in this Commission and I am sure they are well known to you. As for the rest of the things in the Bill, I am sure you must have gone through the Bill and have understood what it means. I hope you will give your support to establish this Law.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the Bill?

**Alh. Garba Liman (Chafe):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members I beg to second the Majority Leader. It will be better to support this Bill to enable them to employ our staff. I am appealing to the Members of this Commission to work faithfully and employ suitable staff for the legislature.

**Speaker:** Any objection to the Bill in its totality?

**Several Hon. Members:** No objection.

**Speaker:** Any objection to any part of the Bill?

**Several Hon. Members:** No, no!!

**Speaker:** Any comments?

**Several Hon. Members:** No comments.

**Alh. Mamuda Yabo (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, since you all agreed with the Bill, I would like Mr. Speaker to please put the question.

**Speaker:** Do you support that?

**Several Members:** Yes!!!

**Speaker:** Those in favour of the Bill should put up their hands.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the third time and passed.*

**Speaker:** The next Bill is No. 13, I will call on the Clerk to read the title of the Bill.

### PRESENTATION OF A BILL

*Bill No. 13 — "A Law to make futher supplementary provision for the services of Sokoto State of Nigeria for the Year ending on the 31st day of March, One thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty"*.

**Speaker:** Will the Majority Leader present the Bill.

**Majority Leader:** Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to present this Bill for further supplementary provision for the Services of the State Government from now to the year ending on the 31st of March, 1980. The total amount is N21,748,000.08k. I would like to present to you the break down and how the money will be allocated. The Ministry of Agriculture including Fisheries and Irrigation Departments, and Gusau Agricultural Project, need N800,000 additional for the rest of the time. Transport Kware — Binji Project — N1.5 million. Arkilla Housing Estate — N500,000 needed for the completion. Permanent Accommodation for Members — N2,890,000.

Government House — N177,000.  
Education — N8,528,090.08.

Housing Loan Scheme — N1 million.  
Rented Quarters — N1.050 million.  
Ministry for Rural Development,  
Co-operative Division — N300,000.

The Ministry itself — N5 million for the construction of wells boreholes and alot of others. These things are necessary because they are part and parcel of that we have ordered to be executed. As such, they are not new to you and it is with this money that these projects are going to be executed. You would all like to see the improvement and development of Agriculture, Roads, Shelter as well as loans to the Civil Servants. I hope we would not deliberate unnecessarily. This when adopted will help the Government execute its projects accordingly. The Ministry for Rural Development is a new establishment it is just now that it will be provided with funds to start its operations.

**Speaker:** Any seconder to the motion?

**Muh. Tukur Dikko (Gande):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I second this motion for the provision of funds in order to allow for the execution of some important projects. I hope this will be supported without wasting time on deliberations.

**Speaker:** Any objection to the Motion? Any comments?

**Alh. Abbas Durbawa (Durlawa):** Hon. Speaker, I support the Bill presented by the Majority Leader. The importance of this, cannot be over emphasised. We have all gathered here for the purpose mentioned in the Bill.

**Atiku Zurmi (Mayasa):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to express happiness and support to this Bill. This has shown that the NPN Government is ready to fulfil its promises to the electorate and we Members have also the opportunity of fulfilling our promises.

**Alh. Mamuda Shehu (Shagari):** Mr. Speaker, I support this Bill as everybody did, but as the House has bestowed some responsibility on the Speaker, I would like to apologise to the Speaker. When we held a Parliamentary Meeting, I investigated on the Government Loan. I understand that this will be granted to officers from salary grade level 07 downwards. Hon. Speaker, since the House is going on recess today and it will take time before we return. It is possible that after passing this Bill, those concern may start distributing the loan. I appeal to the Speaker and the rest of the Members for amendment. I would like where it says Head 836 where it is mentioned "Miscellaneous — Expenses" and at the bottom it is written "Staff Housing Loan Scheme". Which shows about one million naira is to be released for this purpose. The amendment should be made thus: "Staff Housing Scheme to all Civil Servants" on the explanation I had made to the House earlier. Some Civil Servants have applied along time ago and now they have been promoted. I hope I will be supported.

**Speaker:** Do you support this comments? Any supporter?

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, I support this Hon. Members for (Shagari) who suggested for an amendment in the Bill. It is improper to categorise this issue because many who were on 07 have now been promoted and a Bill has been passed for those on 07 and downwards.

**Speaker:** I am sorry there is no Bill there. You have not got any written evidence as the Secunder.

**Bala Ahmed Shuni (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, My written evidence is the Hon. Member for (Shagari) who made the investigation to find this is true.

**Speaker:** May I advice the mover of the motion Hon. Member for (Shagari). Before

he leaves for home to bring any documentary evidence. I know what was agreed as you referred to, but I will see the executives to plead with them to change it if at all they have made it a policy. And after all it is in the interest of the State that it was done. They have been shown that they will get some things from the Federal Government for those who are above level 07. What we have in question is increasing the funds of the Scheme. If we agree to this, it is alright.

**Bala Ahmed (Tsamiya):** Mr. Speaker, I support this motion, but the funds should be increased so that workers will benefit in order to help us fulfill our promises since we don't know when the Federal Government will make the funds available.

**Speaker:** Those who support this comments should put up their hands. That is to instruct on how to give out the loan. Those not in support, hands up. So we put it away.

*Question put and negatived.*

**Garba Liman (Chafe):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am pleased to have the chance of expressing my own views. Everyone knows that it is the intention of the NPN Government to provide shelter throughout the Country. The step taken by the State Government is in the right direction. If this has not been taken, the low income group will never own a house and if everybody is to get such loan, some people will not get it. Therefore if we should be faithful, it is people on salary grade level 07 and below that should have such loan.

**Speaker:** We are only on the Bill, not on the execution of it.

**Garba Liman:** Mr. Speaker, this Bill is in order, I support it.

**Speaker:** The majority have agreed on what you are trying to tell us again.

**Alh. Haliru Dogondaji (Jabo):** Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, as regards to this Bill presented to the House, I would like to suggest that Head 836 which involves giving loans for the purpose of building houses should be increased.

**Speaker:** Any supporter to the increase in the amount? But don't forget it is from now to March ending and what they have written is, with the view of the applications before them. So, do you agree to the suggestion of increasing this?

**Majority Leader:** Mr. Speaker, I appeal that we should put all formalities and Standing Orders aside and pass this Bill so that we will do something else.

**Speaker:** Is that supported?

**Several Hon. Members:** Yes.

**Speaker:** Then the question is: — That Bill No. 13 is passed by the House. Those in favour put up your hands.

*Question put and agreed to.*

*Bill read the third time and passed.*

RECESS

**Alh. Sama'ila Sani (Dabai):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House go on recess till on 7th January, 1980.

ADJOURNMENT

**Speaker:** Motion for adjournment for recess, any seconder?

**Moh. Maigujiya (Cimmola):** Mr. Speaker, I beg to second for this House to adjourn and go on recess until 7/1/80.

**Speaker:** Those in favour of the motion for adjournment for recess hands up. Right, the House adjourns until Monday, 7th January, 1980, in the year of our Lord.

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Resolved:** That this House do now adjourned to go on recess.

*House adjourned accordingly at 1.15 p.m. and go on recess till on Monday, 7th January, 1980, at 10.00 a.m.*