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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER



The true mark of quality representation lies not just in vision but in the unstoppable determination to bring that vision to life. It is the calibre of leadership that distinguishes mere politicians from statesmen, the latter being driven by a profound commitment to the welfare of their people and the relentless pursuit of progress. His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, the Deputy Speaker of the 10th House of Representatives, embodies this rare blend of visionary foresight and resolute action, exemplifying what it means to serve with distinction.

Since our inauguration on June 13, 2023, Deputy Speaker Kalu, a two-time representative of Bende Federal Constituency, has hit the ground running, fulfilling his mandate with exceptional vigour. His leadership has not only consolidated his previous achievements but has also set new benchmarks in legislative excellence and constituency service.

Working closely with Deputy Speaker Kalu has been an enriching experience. Our collaboration has been marked by a shared commitment to legislative excellence and a collective focus on addressing the pressing issues facing our country. Together, we have navigated complex challenges, striving to enact laws that promote social justice, economic development, and national security, among others.

Deputy Speaker Kalu's contributions have been instrumental in our joint efforts to advance the legislative agenda of the People's House. His strategic insight and proactive approach have been critical in driving key initiatives, including sectoral debates and stakeholder engagements that ensure transparency and accountability in governance. His leadership has been pivotal in the ongoing review and amendment of the 1999 Constitution, a task of immense national importance that he is approaching with diligence and a deep sense of responsibility.

In terms of legislative contributions, he has sponsored about 100 pivotal bills over the past year. Notable among these are the South East Development Commission (SEDC) Bill and the State Police Bill, which aim to tackle long-standing regional and national challenges. Deputy Speaker Kalu's commitment to peace and security transcends legislative measures. The Peace In South East Project (PISE-P), launched in December 2023, seeks non-kinetic solutions to the region's security challenges. His establishment of a Peace Fund Committee and an initial donation of N10 million exemplify his proactive approach to supporting victims of insecurity and fostering lasting peace.

Furthermore, Rt. Hon. Kalu's unwavering dedication to his constituents is evident in his numerous developmental projects over the past year. These include the construction of vital roads such as Amokwe-Akanu Item Road, Agboakoli Ancient Road in Alayi, and several others. He has also spearheaded the establishment of processing mills in Uzuakoli and Nkpa, the construction of classrooms at Igboji Secondary Commercial School in Alayi, and various empowerment programs for the disabled, widows, pensioners, and underserved citizens.

In conclusion, this report encapsulates the impact of Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu's first year in office. His legislative acumen, strategic vision, and heartfelt dedication to his constituents and the nation at large stand as a witness to his exemplary service. As you read, you will discover a leader who not only understands the needs of his constituents but also possesses the drive and capability to meet those needs. It is my hope that this account will inspire others to pursue excellence in governance and contribute to the continued progress of our nation.

Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas

Speaker, House of Representatives
Federal Republic of Nigeria



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DEPUTY SPEAKER
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We must continue to foster inclusivity, promote social justice, and empower our youth. We must invest in education, healthcare, and infrastructure. We must create opportunities for economic growth and sustainable development. And above all, we must cultivate a culture of peace, respect, and understanding.

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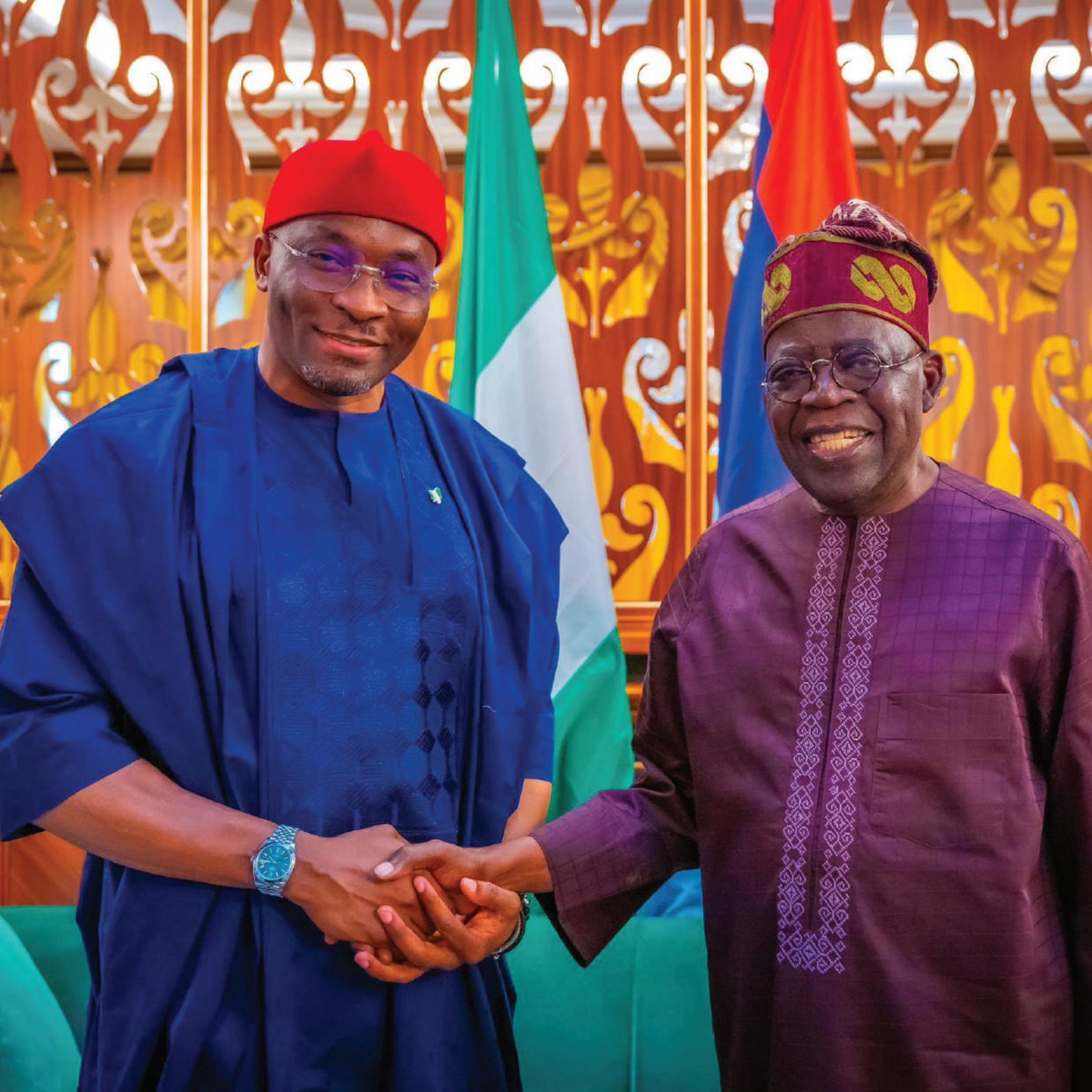
The Deputy Speaker is of a remarkable leadership trajectory – from serving as Chairman of Bende Local Government Area in Abia State at a young age; to offering his expertise as Senior Special Adviser to a governor, and to winning the seat for Bende Federal Constituency in 2019.

I celebrate an exceptional gentleman who has broken concrete moulds to rise through the political ladder and commend Mr. Kalu for his avowed devotion to the cause of building a united and prosperous nation where all Nigerians can thrive.

HIS EXCELLENCY

BOLA AHMED TINUBU, GCFR.

PRESIDENT, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.



THE

CALL



BEFORE THE BEGINNING



The air was thick with a blend of anticipation of new beginnings and the sweet nostalgia of hard-won victories on the last day of the 9th Assembly. Under the seasoned guidance of Speaker Femi Gbajamila, the House of Representatives gathered for their valedictory session, a moment resonating with the echoes of passionate debates, policy triumphs, and the relentless pursuit of democratic ideals. Among the esteemed representatives, stood Honourable Benjamin Okezie Kalu.

Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu's political journey reads like an epic saga, each chapter infused with perseverance, resilience, and unwavering commitment. His ascent to the Deputy Speakership of the 10th House of Representatives is not merely a tale of political advancement; it is a testament to the power of sheer dedication and vision.

His career in public service began long before he set foot in the grand halls of the National Assembly. Armed with a robust legal background and an unyielding passion for peace, he served his constituents with a blend of responsibility and empathy. His early roles in various capacities were marked by a profound understanding of the delicate dance between law and societal needs, sharpening his skills in policy-making and governance.

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SPARKS OF ACHIEVEMENT

His Excellency, Honourable Benjamin O. Kalu's journey is punctuated by key milestones, each a stepping stone to his eventual role as Deputy Speaker, House of Representatives. His initial impact was striking; he moved the first motion in the 9th Assembly, a bold move that set him apart. He has also received multiple awards for being one of the lawmakers with the highest number of bills introduced. As the chairman of the House committee on media and public affairs, he pioneered the creation of the Green Chamber Magazine to foster transparency and democracy.

His relentless advocacy for economic reform, healthcare improvement, and educational advancement, among others, resonated deeply with his peers and constituents alike. Also, his ability to navigate the intricate landscape of Nigerian politics with clarity and focus earned him widespread respect and recognition.

A pivotal moment in his journey came during his campaign for the Deputy Speakership. His promise to uphold parliamentary impartiality and ensure that policies genuinely reflected the needs of the Nigerian people was a clarion call for integrity and transparency. This pledge to foster institutional trust and reinvigorate belief in the legislative process struck a powerful chord, rallying support from diverse political spectrums.

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INAUGURATION

And so it began. On the day Benjamin Kalu was elected Deputy Speaker of the 10th House of Representatives, the atmosphere was charged with anticipation. Representing Bende Federal Constituency, Hon. Kalu's journey to this pinnacle was marked by a blend of humility and profound gratitude.

His nomination came from Jimi Benson, representing the Ikorodu Federal Constituency of Lagos State, and was seconded by Khadijat Abba-Ibrahim, representing the Damaturu Federal Constituency of Yobe State. As a second-term member of the House, he was elected unopposed, reflecting the widespread confidence in his ability to lead. This unanimous support was a testament to his respected stature among his peers.

While reflecting on the trust of his colleagues and Nigerians at large, Honourable Kalu's words were imbued with a promise of progress, unity, and prosperity. "This opportunity to serve our great nation fills my heart with immense joy and responsibility," he declared. "Together, we will strive for progress, unity, and prosperity."

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Indeed, his election and inauguration as deputy speaker was not just a personal triumph but a flag of hope for a nation yearning for effective leadership. It heralded a new era, one where the legislative body would work cohesively towards the collective good of the Nigerian people.

Honorable Benjamin Okezie Kalu's journey is a rich combination of dedication and visionary leadership. His rise to Deputy Speakership is a powerful reminder that with unwavering commitment, integrity, and a clear vision, the summits of public service are not just attainable but transformative.

In the pages that follow, we will delve into the vibrant first year of his tenure. This book will explore his dynamic work, revealing how his legacy is being shaped by the progress, unity, and prosperity he vowed to achieve. We will highlight his numerous development and constituency projects, his diplomatic engagements, advocacy and policy work, showcasing his relentless efforts to uplift and empower his community and guide Nigeria towards a brighter, more inclusive future.



Hon. Benjamin Kalu with the Speaker of the 9th House of Representatives and the Chief of Staff of the President, His Excellency, Femi Gbajabamila.



Deputy Speaker, 10th House of Representatives talking to the Speaker of the 10th House of Representatives.



Hon. Benjamin Kalu being congratulated by the Governor of Lagos State, Babajide Sanwo-Olu during his inauguration as Deputy Speaker.



Honourable Benjamin Kalu, Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas and House of Representatives Clerks on Inauguration day.



Hon. Benjamin Okezie on the House floor after being voted unopposed as the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives.



A group photograph of Honourable Benjamin Kalu with his wife, Dr Ezinne Kalu, Speaker Abbas Tajudeen, Clerk of the House of Representatives and other distinguished persons.



I am deeply humbled and immensely grateful to my Honourable colleagues for this incredible honour of being elected as the Deputy Speaker of the 10th House of Representatives.

This opportunity to serve our great nation fills my heart with immense joy and responsibility. Together, we will strive for progress, unity, and prosperity.

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CO-

LEADERSHIP



TWIN LIGHTS



Speaker Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas and Deputy Speaker Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu shine as twin lights guiding the legislative process. Together, they illuminate the path of Nigeria's democratic journey, each bringing unique strengths and dedication. Their partnership is a testament to the synergy that can exist at the highest levels of leadership, fostering an environment where collaboration and mutual respect thrive. This

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relationship has enabled them to co-lead the People's House with a vision that is both bold and inclusive, ensuring that the House of Representatives remains a symbol of hope and progress for the nation.

REPRESENTING THE SPEAKER



Often, effective leadership thrives not in the spotlight, but in the quiet competence that underpins a system. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, exemplifies this principle. As the right hand of Speaker Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas, Hon. Kalu has become a pillar of the House, showcasing dedication, leadership, and a deep commitment to Nigeria's democratic future.

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across various platforms. At the 2023 Democracy Day lecture organized by the National Institute for Legislative Democratic Studies, Rt. Hon. Kalu didn't merely attend but represented the Honorable Speaker, sharing powerful and encouraging words to actively praise institutions like NILDS for their crucial role in strengthening democracy. This dedi-

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cation extends to educational initiatives, such as the NILDS Matriculation Ceremony, where his commendation of faculty underscored his belief in education as a cornerstone of a thriving democracy.

The Deputy Speaker's role goes beyond mere representation; he actively champions critical national issues. His presence (on behalf of the Speaker) at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Gwagwalada Independent Power Plant highlighted his focus on addressing

Nigeria's energy challenges. Here, he went beyond attendance, insisting on thorough oversight to ensure the responsible use of public funds. His commitment to accountability was further demonstrated by his participation in the inaugural session of the House Ad-Hoc Committee on Public Funds Recovery and his leadership at the investigative hearing on Non-Remittance to the National Housing Fund, emphasizing his dedication to tackling financial discrepancies.

His insightful message at the NILDS retreat for National Assembly leadership reflected the Speaker's vision for a more responsive and responsible legislature. Honourable Kalu's

representation of Speaker Abbas reflects the mutual respect and camaraderie that underpin their leadership.

Furthermore, Hon. Kalu's dedication to fostering national unity was evident in his keynote address at The Kukah Center's National Integration Conference. He doesn't shy away from engaging with crucial sectors either, as evidenced by his goodwill message at the Nigerian Society of Engineers Conference, where he emphasized the importance of engineering in national development.

This focus on legislative oversight and sector-specific challenges continued with his keynote address at the unveiling of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), highlighting the importance of fiscal responsibility. His opening address at the retreat for enhancing legislative oversight of the security sector showcased his dedication to both effective legislation and national security. His presence at the unveiling of the Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education, coupled with his address on the importance of technical education, reflected his well-rounded approach to fostering development. His recent meeting with the Nigerian Institute of Surveyors demonstrated his ability to engage with professional bodies for national benefit.

In conclusion, Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu continues to emerge as a pillar of reliability, representing Speaker Abbas with unwavering humility and exceptional excellence.



Like a skilled conductor ensuring every note is perfectly played, he has judiciously utilized each opportunity bestowed upon him, ensuring that no detail is overlooked. Hon. Kalu's unyielding support for the Speaker, laser-focused attention on pivotal national issues, and commitment to fostering collaboration sets him apart as an exemplary deputy. As they continue to co-steer the Green Chamber, this partnership promises to chart a course toward a robust legislative process and a brighter, more prosperous future for Nigeria.

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A JOINT EFFORT



Effective leadership is not merely about wielding power or occupying positions of authority; it is about dedication, strategic foresight, and the ability to collaborate effectively for the betterment of the nation. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, epitomizes these qualities and more. His tenure as Deputy Speaker in the 10th House of Representatives

under the leadership of Speaker Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas has been characterized by his profound contributions to legislative leadership, fostering unity, and advancing critical national agendas.

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have set a tone of unity and purpose within the House, ensuring that legislative proceedings are guided by a clear vision for Nigeria's future. Their collaborative efforts have been instrumental in navigating the challenges and opportunities that have defined the 10th House of Representatives.

One of the foundational tasks of any legislative session is the formation of committees, which serve as the engines driving legislative action and oversight. On July 27, 2023, Speaker Abbas announced the Chairmanship and Deputy Chairmanship of Standing Committees, a crucial moment that set the stage for the House's work ahead.

In collaboration with Speaker Abbas and the Legislative Agenda Committee, Hon. Kalu helped shape the legislative roadmap of the House. This roadmap, unveiled on November 15, 2023, represented a strategic plan to address key national priorities, from economic reforms to security challenges. His support of this agenda underscored his commitment to legislative excellence and his proactive

approach to addressing the critical issues affecting Nigerians.

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Economic reforms have also been a central focus of the House under Speaker Abbas and Deputy Speaker Kalu's leadership. Their joint efforts were evident during the two-day retreat on Economic Transformation & Development held in April 2024. This retreat focused on the effective implementation of the Petroleum Industry Reform Act (2021) and Tax Reforms/Modernization. Deputy Speaker Kalu's active participation in these discussions underscored his commitment to driving economic growth and modernization through legislative initiatives.

Furthermore, the presentation of the 2024 Appropriation Bill to the National Assembly by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on

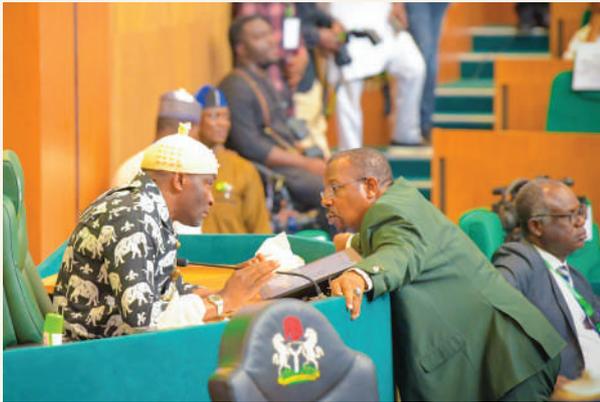


November 29, 2023, marked a critical juncture in the House's legislative agenda. Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu, in close collaboration with Speaker Abbas, played a crucial role in ensuring that the budget addressed the socio-economic priorities of the nation. His advocacy for transparency, equitable resource allocation, and citizen engagement during the budget process reflected his dedication to accountable governance and effective representation.

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A notable event in this regard was the Citizens' Town Hall on the 2024 Budget and Appropriation Process, organized by the Committee on Appropriations in December 2023. Hon. Kalu's involvement in this town hall demonstrated his commitment to incorporating citizen feedback into the budget deliberations, ensuring that the voices of Nigerians were heard and considered in the legislative process.

Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu's commitment to institutional development was evident during



his visit, alongside Speaker Abbas, to inspect the newly renovated House of Representatives Chamber and the National Assembly Library on May 2, 2024. His vision for a modern, efficient legislative environment highlighted their joint efforts to create a conducive space for effective lawmaking and governance.

In conclusion, Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu has been a pillar of leadership in the 10th House of Representatives. His collaborative approach with Speaker Abbas has fostered unity, strategic planning, and professional development within the House. Together, they have navigated the complex landscape of Nigerian politics and governance, addressing critical national issues and advancing legislative agendas that reflect the aspirations of Nigerians.

Through his collaborative leadership in committee formations, legislative roadmaps, national security debates, economic reforms, budgetary oversight, citizen engagement, and institutional development, Hon. Benjamin Kalu is leaving an indelible mark on the 10th House of Representatives. His dedication to legislative excellence, unwavering commitment to national progress, and collaborative spirit with Speaker Abbas have positioned him as a key figure in shaping Nigeria's future through effective legislative leadership.

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PRESIDING OVER PLENARY



The seat of the Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives is one of immense responsibility and honour. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, serving as Deputy Speaker under Speaker Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas, has consistently demonstrated his ability to preside over plenary sessions with grace, competence, and a keen sense of duty.

One of the fundamental aspects of Kalu's role is his frequent stewardship of plenary sessions in the absence of the Speaker. This responsibility underscores the trust and confidence Speaker Abbas has in Hon. Benjamin Kalu's ability to preside over the House's deliberations effectively. On numerous occasions, Honourable Kalu adeptly steered the



discussions, ensuring that legislative business continued smoothly. His presence has been marked by passionate debates, resolute discussions, and decisive actions that shape the House's legislative agenda.

Presiding over plenary is not just a ceremonial duty for Deputy Speaker Kalu; it is an opportunity to uphold the integrity of parliamentary proceedings and ensure that the legislative agenda moves forward smoothly. On numerous occasions, when Speaker Abbas has been unavailable, Deputy Speaker Kalu has stepped into the role of presiding officer, ensuring that the business of the House continues uninterrupted.

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The art of presiding over plenary sessions requires a delicate balance of fairness, attentiveness, and procedural knowledge. Deputy Speaker Kalu has mastered these qualities, allowing him to navigate through passionate debates, complex discussions, and the decision-making processes that shape Nigeria's legislative landscape.

During plenary sessions, Deputy Speaker Kalu meticulously oversees the flow of proceedings, ensuring that all lawmakers have the opportunity to voice their opinions and contribute to the deliberations. His approach is marked by a firm commitment to parliamentary decorum and the principles of democratic governance.

Moreover, Deputy Speaker Kalu's leadership during these sessions is characterized by his ability to manage time effectively, allocate speaking slots equitably, and maintain order in the chamber. His presence commands respect, and he fosters an atmosphere where

robust debate and constructive dialogue thrive.

Beyond the procedural aspects, Deputy Speaker Kalu's approach to presiding over plenary reflects his deep understanding of the legislative process and its significance in shaping Nigeria's future. He remains steadfast in his commitment to upholding the rule of law, advancing the interests of the Nigerian people, and ensuring that the House operates in accordance with its constitutional mandate.

In essence, Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu's stewardship during plenary sessions exemplifies his dedication to public service and his role as a unifying force within the House

of Representatives. His ability to preside over sessions with integrity, impartiality, and effectiveness is a testament to his leadership qualities and the trust placed in him by Speaker Abbas and his colleagues.

As Nigeria continues on its democratic journey, Deputy Speaker Kalu's contributions to the leadership of the House through his presiding over plenary sessions stand as a testament to his commitment to the ideals of democracy and the legislative process. His leadership ensures that the voices of Nigerians are heard, their concerns addressed, and their aspirations reflected in the laws that govern our nation.





His Excellency, Hon. Kalu observing one-minute silence in honour of the deceased.



Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu providing guidance and leadership during a plenary session.



A picture of the Deputy Speaker exercising his duty, representing the speaker during plenary.



His Excellency, Honourable Benjamin Kalu presiding over plenary.



Hon. Benjamin Kalu delivering a speech during a parliamentary session.



Rt. Hon. Kalu holding the gavel during plenary.

LEGISLATIVE DIALOGUE ON NATIONAL ISSUES



The leadership tandem of Speaker Tajudeen Abbas and Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu has been pivotal in addressing the nation's pressing challenges. Deputy Speaker Kalu's role has been particularly significant, marked by his active involvement in legislative dialogues and sectoral debates that shape national policy. Indeed, Hon. Kalu's contributions across various national issues, illustrate his commitment to

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His focus on transparency, accountability, and effective legislative oversight has significantly enhanced governance within the House of Representatives. His proactive approach in sectoral debates and his emphasis on scrutinizing government actions have ensured that legislative processes are not only thorough but also aligned with the needs and aspirations of the Nige-

rian people. Through his dedicated efforts, Kalu has played a critical role in strengthening the legislative framework and promoting sustainable development across the nation.

Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu's contributions to the House of Representatives have been marked by his active involvement in legislative dialogues and sectoral debates across various national issues. His leadership has been pivotal in shaping policies that address economic challenges, security concerns, agricultural development, education, housing, and labour issues. Through his efforts, Kalu has demonstrated a commitment to driving legislative effectiveness and fostering national development, ensuring that the House of Representatives remains responsive to the needs of the Nigerian people.





His Excellency, Rt. Honourable Benjamin O. Kalu presiding over plenary.



Honourable Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives exchanging pleasantries.



Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu, Chief of Staff to the President, Femi Gbajabiamila and Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Tajudeen Abbas.



His Excellency, Rt. Honourable Benjamin O. Kalu presiding over plenary.



The Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives with the Majority Leader, Hon. Julius O. Ihonvbere.



The 10th House of Representatives during a plenary session.



Honourable Benjamin Kalu in an engaging conversation.





Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu is one Nigerian who deserves to be celebrated for his commitment, dedication, and zeal to nation-building.

Since our emergence as Speaker and Deputy respectively on June 13, 2023, Rt. Hon. Kalu has been a worthy partner. He has been giving me all the necessary support in piloting the affairs of the House.

I am quite thrilled by his good qualities. His contributions are worthy of commendation. He is an ally who shares my vision for the 10th House and the nation as a whole.

HIS EXCELLENCY

RT. HON TAJUDEEN ABBAS

SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.

MR.

CHAIRMAN



CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION REVIEW



Deputy Speaker Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu has been instrumental in steering the legislative agenda towards substantial constitutional reforms. As the Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on the Review of the Constitution, Hon. Kalu has led efforts to address pressing national issues, including the establishment of

State Police and enhancing women's rights and representation in politics.

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ADVANCING STATE POLICE LEGISLATION

On February 26, 2024, a landmark bill aimed at altering the Constitution to provide for the establishment of State Police successfully passed its second reading. Sponsored by Deputy Speaker Hon. Kalu and his colleagues, this bill represents a critical step towards empowering states to address their unique security concerns. The proposed legislation seeks to shift policing authority from the Exclusive to the Concurrent Legislative List, granting states the autonomy to manage and control their police forces.

Hon. Kalu emphasized the urgency of this reform, stating, “Given recent security challenges, establishing State Police has become not just necessary but urgent to empower states in addressing local issues.” The bill outlines a robust framework for coordination, accountability, and uniform standards between Federal and State Police, with safeguards to prevent undue Federal interference. It also proposes the creation of distinct State Police Service Commissions, clearly defining their roles and jurisdictions.

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INAUGURATION OF THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

February 26, 2024, also marked the inauguration of the House of Representatives Committee on the Review of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), and Citizens' Engagement. Deputy Speaker Kalu, in his capacity as Chairman, underscored the significance of this event, highlighting the Constitution as the fulcrum of Nigeria's democracy and a testament to the nation's collective aspirations for an inclusive, equitable, and prosperous society.

"The Constitution has undergone five significant alterations since the inception of the Fourth Republic, each strengthening our democratic institutions. This sixth amendment by the 10th House of Representatives aims to deliver a comprehensive review, focusing on national development areas such as the devolution of powers, including

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state policing, enhancement of fiscal federalism through local government autonomy, decongesting the Exclusive Legislative List, and promoting greater gender equity and women representation in appointive and elective positions," Hon. Kalu remarked during the inauguration.



PROMOTING WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND REPRESENTATION

A key component of his leadership in the constitutional review process is his focus on women's rights and representation. Recognizing the persistent gender disparities in Nigerian politics and society, Kalu has advocated for revisiting previously rejected bills aimed at improving female representation and addressing other women's issues.

"Promoting gender equity is not just a matter of fairness but a critical factor in achieving sustainable development. We must ensure that women have equal opportunities to participate in the political process and hold

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Under the Deputy Speaker's guidance, the Committee is working to introduce constitutional amendments that guarantee greater representation of women in both elective and appointive positions. This includes implementing quotas to ensure a minimum level of female participation in governance and addressing legislative barriers that hinder women's political involvement.



CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

On February 29, 2024, the Committee on Constitution Review issued a call for memoranda, inviting governmental bodies, civil society organizations, and the general public to submit suggestions for further constitutional alterations. This call for public participation underscores Kalu's commitment to the principles of dialogue, advocacy, participation, unity, and inclusivity throughout the review process.

“We strive to deliver a comprehensive review that reflects the yearnings of all Nigerians in record time,” Hon. Kalu stated.

“As Chairman of this Committee, our commitment to these principles stands resolute. We strive to deliver a comprehensive review that reflects the yearnings of all Nigerians in record time,” Hon. Kalu stated.



PROMOTING INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

Deputy Speaker Kalu's leadership extends beyond security reforms and women's rights to include significant strides towards promoting inclusive governance. The constitutional review process under his guidance aims to enhance fiscal federalism, promote local government autonomy, and ensure greater representation of women

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in governance. These efforts are designed to create a more equitable and inclusive political landscape, reflecting the diverse needs and aspirations of the Nigerian populace.



Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu's role as Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee has been marked by a dedication to addressing critical national issues through comprehensive legislative reforms. His leadership in advancing the establishment of State Police, promoting women's rights and representation, and fostering inclusive governance highlights his commitment to ensuring that Nigeria's laws evolve to meet the changing needs of its citizens. As the constitutional review process progresses, Kalu's efforts continue to pave the way for a more secure, equitable, and democratic Nigeria.

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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE



The role of the Deputy Speaker in Nigeria's House of Representatives is multifaceted, with responsibilities that extend beyond presiding over legislative sessions. One of the key roles held by Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu is serving as the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole. This critical position involves overseeing the entire membership of the House of Representatives when it functions as a committee, a process that is pivotal for thorough legislative review and debate.

The Committee of the Whole is a unique legislative body comprising the entire membership of a legislative assembly. In the House of Representatives, it is chaired by the Deputy Speaker, while in the Senate, it is chaired by the President of the Senate. This committee structure allows for more detailed examination of bills and issues than is typically possible in a full House session. It provides a more informal setting for debate, facilitating open discussion and detailed scrutiny of legislative proposals.

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DEPUTY SPEAKER KALU'S ROLE AND CONTRIBUTIONS

As Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, Deputy Speaker Kalu has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication. His role involves managing the proceedings of the committee, ensuring that debates are conducted orderly, and that all members have the opportunity to contribute. This responsibility is critical for maintaining the efficiency and effectiveness of legislative processes.

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Under Kalu's chairmanship, the Committee of the Whole has tackled numerous significant issues, ranging from economic policies and security matters to social and infrastructural development. His leadership style is marked by inclusivity and thoroughness, ensuring that every piece of legislation is examined in detail and that diverse viewpoints are considered.



LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

Several legislative achievements under Hon. Kalu's chairmanship highlight his commitment and effectiveness. For instance, the Committee of the Whole has been instrumental in advancing bills that address pressing national issues such as economic reforms, security enhancements, and social welfare improvements. Kalu's insistence on comprehensive debates and his ability to foster consensus among members have been crucial in these legislative successes.

One notable instance of Deputy Speaker, Kalu's effective leadership was during the review of the budget. As Chairman, he facilitated detailed discussions on budget allocations, ensuring that funds were appropriately allocated to sectors in need. His meticulous approach helped uncover inefficiencies and redirected resources to more critical areas, exemplifying his dedication to transparency and accountability.

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PROMOTING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

Deputy Speaker Kalu's role in the Committee of the Whole also extends to promoting legislative oversight. By steering debates and reviews of government policies and programs, he ensures that the executive branch is held

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accountable. This oversight function is vital for maintaining a balance of power and ensuring that government actions align with legislative intent and public interest.



FUTURE OUTLOOK

Despite the successes, the role of Chairman of the Committee of the Whole is not without challenges. Navigating diverse opinions and interests within the House requires diplomatic skill and unwavering commitment. Kalu has consistently demonstrated these qualities, ensuring that the Committee of the Whole remains a robust platform for legislative scrutiny and decision-making.

Looking ahead, Deputy Speaker Kalu's continued leadership is expected to further strengthen the legislative process. His dedication to thorough debate, transparency, and accountability will be crucial as the House of Representatives tackles future challenges and opportunities.

In conclusion, Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu's tenure as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole has been marked by significant contributions to Nigeria's legislative process. His leadership has ensured that critical issues are addressed with the depth

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and attention they deserve, promoting effective governance and national development. As the House of Representatives continues to navigate complex legislative landscapes, Hon. Kalu's role remains indispensable in fostering a well-functioning and accountable legislative body.



The Honourable Speaker and his deputy, exchanging pleasantries.



The Deputy Speaker, Honourable Benjamin Kalu in a conversation with a stakeholder during the inauguration of the House Committee on Constitution Review.



His Excellency, Benjamin Kalu in a private conversation during the retreat of the Constitution Review Committee organized in partnership with PLAC and FCDO.



(L-R) The Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu, Deputy Senate President, Hon. Jibrin Barau, Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas, and the Etsu of Nupe.



Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee in a group photograph with members of the Committee and other participants during a retreat.



A cross section of Constitution Review Committee members.







As the Chairman of this committee, I want to state that our commitment is resolute—to engage in thorough discussions, revisiting constitutional provisions that will ensure the yearnings and aspirations of Nigerians are achieved.

The 10th House of Representatives will approach this constitution amendment with a comprehensive perspective, recognizing and addressing the critical challenges of our nation, Nigeria.

HIS EXCELLENCY

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DEPUTY SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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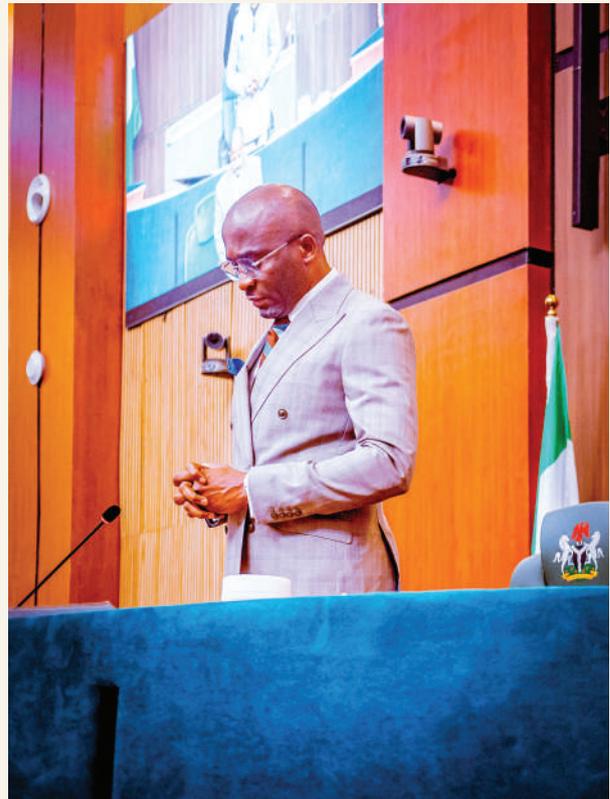
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BENJAMIN KALU: A LEGISLATIVE TITAN PROPELLING NIGERIA'S DEVELOPMENT

When it comes to legislative excellence, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu stands as a beacon of dedication, innovation, and unyielding commitment to the development of Nigeria. His tenure as a legislator, particularly in the 9th and 10th Houses of Representatives, has been marked by an impressive array of bills and motions aimed at addressing critical issues

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and fostering national progress. Recognized as one of the most prolific bill sponsors, His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Kalu has become a legislative titan, whose contributions have had a profound impact on Nigeria's legislative landscape.

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where he would consistently demonstrate his dedication to both his constituency and the nation.

Honourable Kalu's approach to legislation transcends parochial interests. His self-introduction on the House floor as a representative of Nigeria, starting from Bende Federal Constituency, underscores his commitment to national unity and progress. This perspective has guided his legislative efforts, resulting in the sponsorship of over 40 bills and 100 motions during the 9th Assembly alone. Notably, many of these bills have received presidential assent, becoming integral parts of Nigeria's legal framework.

Among the impactful bills he sponsored during his first term are the Federal College of Education Bende (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2020, the Industrial Development (Income Tax Relief) Act (Amendment) Bill, the Counterfeit Currency (Special Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill 2020, and the Nigerian Meteorological Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019, among others. These bills reflect his commitment to education, economic development, and national security.



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A landmark achievement in this period is the bill for the establishment of the Federal University of Medical and Health Sciences in Item, Bende LGA. This bill, which passed its second reading on November 14, 2023, aims to provide comprehensive training in medical and health sciences, develop academic and professional programs, and disseminate research findings to benefit not only Bende Federal Constituency but also the broader Nigerian community. This initiative underscores his commitment to enhancing educational opportunities and healthcare services in his constituency and beyond.

In addition to this, Hon. Kalu sponsored the bill for the establishment of the Federal College of Education, Bende, Abia State. Passed by the House in a plenary session on November 17, 2021, this bill aims to address the educational needs of the largest Local Government Area in the South-East geo-political zone. Recogn-



nizing the importance of education for social equality, better income, and stable livelihoods, Deputy Speaker Kalu’s bill seeks to establish an institution that offers full-time courses leading to the award of National Certificates of Education. This institution is expected to stimulate economic activities, create job opportunities, and provide quality training for future educators, addressing the gaps created by brain drain and the lack of qualified educationists.

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Moreover, Hon. Kalu recently co-sponsored the “Seat Reservation Bill,” which seeks to amend the 1999 Constitution to allocate special seats for women in the legislature. His Excellency emphasized that, if passed, the bill would significantly advance women’s representation in politics, acknowledging the urgent need for gender equality and inclusiveness in governance.

“In Nigeria, where women and girls constitute 49.32% of our population, representation in institutions and governance needs urgent attention,” Hon. Kalu stated. This bill highlights his commitment to addressing fundamental issues and striving for equitable development.

In the past year alone, Deputy Speaker Kalu has sponsored a plethora of significant bills, such as the National Eye Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023, the National Apprenticeship

Scheme Bill, 2023, the South-East Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023, the Federal Capital Territory Transport Authority (Establishment) Bill, 2024, the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023, the Federal Capital Territory Health Insurance Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2023, and the Nigeria Industrial Revolution Plan Bill, 2023. These bills reflect his broad legislative agenda aimed at fostering national development across various sectors.

Honourable Benjamin Kalu's influence extends beyond legislative achievements. He is known for his intelligence, charisma, and competence in the discharge of his duties. As a legal luminary himself, he excels as the Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee, a position traditionally held by the Deputy Speaker in the House of Representatives. His leadership has already started bringing significant advancements in constitutional amendments and reforms.



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In summary, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu's legislative journey is a testimony to his unstoppable commitment to Nigeria's development. His prolific sponsorship of valuable bills, proactive measures to address regional challenges, and dedication to national unity and progress underscore his status as a legislative titan.



DEPUTY SPEAKER,
HONOURABLE BENJAMIN O. KALU

SCHEDULE OF BILLS
(FROM JUNE 2023 - JUNE 2024)



OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER 10TH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

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1.	Acts Authentication Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.06	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Acts Authentication Act, Cap. A2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 To Provide the Time Frame for the Performance of Functions of the Clerk of the National Assembly; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the Acts Authentication Act, Cap A2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to, among other things, provide the time frame for the performance of functions of the Clerk of the National Assembly under the Act.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Tajudeen Abbas Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere Hon. Ahmed Usman Jaha Hon. Davidson Kolawole Hon. Regina Akume Hon. Patrick Umoh	Referred to Committee on Justice
2.	Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.07	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 To Provide for the Appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff; And for Other Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provisions for the appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff and for the appointment of Service Chiefs only from within the officer corps of the respective services.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Alhassan Ado Doguwa Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere Hon. Blessing Onuh Hon. Esset Mark Udo Hon. Zakari Dauda Nyampa Hon. Steve Fatoba	Referred to Committee on Defence

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3.	Bio-Fuels Energy Bill, 2023 HB.08	A Bill for an Act to Provide a Policy Framework for the Development of Bio-Fuels Energy Industry in Nigeria; Establish the Bio-Fuels Energy Regulatory Commission; Establish the Bio-Fuels Research Agency; and for Matters Connected Therewith	This Bill seeks to provide for the bio-fuels energy development policy, the establishment of the Bio-fuels Energy Regulatory Commission and the Bio-fuel Research Agency for the purpose of developing and utilizing bio-fuels for automotive and other uses in Nigeria. It also seeks to amend the Petroleum Technology Development Fund Act to ensure the transfer of funds from the Petroleum Technology Development Fund to the Bio-fuels Research and Development Fund.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu Hon. Amobi Godwin Ogah Hon. Khadija Bukar Ibrahim Hon. Julius Ihonvbere Hon. Leke Abejide Hon. Babajimi Benson	Referred to Committee on Science Research Institutes
4.	Chartered Institute of Cooperatives and Social Enterprise Management Bill, 2023 HB.09	A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Cooperatives and Social Enterprise Management to Regulate, Control and Determine the Standards of Knowledge to be Attained by Persons Seeking to Become Chartered Cooperators and Social Entrepreneurs; and for Related Matters	This Bill, among other things, seeks to establish the Chartered Institute of Cooperatives and Social Enterprise Management to regulate and control membership, operations and professional practice within not-for-profit establishments (Third Sector).	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Mansur Manu Soro Hon. Akiolu Moshood Kayode Hon. Shaibu Idris Hon. Ebikake Marie Enenimiete Hon. Yusuf Saidu Miga Hon. Eze Nwachukwu	Referred to Committee on Commerce
5.	Federal Capital Territory Education Resource Centre (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2023 HB.10	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Education Resource Centre Charged with the Responsibility To, Among Other Things, Plan and Implement Curriculum; Measure and Evaluate Students and Other Applicants for Placement into Schools Under the Administration of the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish the Federal Capital Territory Education Resource Centre charged with the responsibility to, among other things, plan and implement curriculum, measure and evaluate students and other applicants for placement into schools under the administration of the Federal Capital Territory.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Ahmed Adamu Saba Hon. Hammed Adewale Waheed Hon. Aliyu Wakili Boya Hon. Rodney Ambasowei	Referred to Committee on Federal Capital Territory

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6.	Federal Character Commission (Est., etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.24	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. F7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 To Strengthen the Act, Prosecute Violators, and Stiffen the Punishment for Offenders; And for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. F7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by strengthening it to among other things prosecute violators of the Act, and to stiffen the punishment for offenders.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Usman Bello Kumo Hon. Afolabi Afuape Hon. Ahmed Yusuf Badau Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere Hon. Aluko Yinka Ahmed Hon. Joseph Bassey	First Time Read
7.	Federal University of Medical and Health Sciences, Item Bende (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2023 HB.25	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Medical and Health Sciences, Item Bende; To Make Comprehensive Provisions for Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish the Federal University of Medical and Health Sciences, Item Bende in Abia State.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nnolim Nnaji Hon. Nicholas Mutu Hon. Oluwole Oke Hon. Jamo Aminu Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Obed Paul Shehu	Referred to Committee on University Education
8.	Foreign Service Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2023 HB.26	A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Foreign Service Commission; To Vest it with the Responsibility for the Recruitment, Training, Discipline, and Promotion of Foreign Service Officers; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith	The Bill, among other things, seeks to establish the Foreign Service Commission and to vest it with the responsibility for the recruitment, training, discipline, and promotion of foreign service officers, as well as for the promotion and protection of Nigeria's national interest.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Khadija Bukar Ibrahim Hon. Chinedu Obika Hon. Abdullahi Kalamaina Hon. Ibe Okwara-Osonwa Hon. Tolulope Akande-Sadipe Hon. Boma Goodhead	First Time Read

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9.	Interpretation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.27	A Bill for An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act, Cap I23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 To Provide Conditions for Appointment and Assumption of Office in Acting Capacity; To Provide the Meaning of Certain Words; And for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the Interpretation Act, Cap I23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide conditions for the appointment and assumption of office in an acting capacity and to include the meaning of certain words.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere Hon. Muhammad B. El-Rufai Hon. Peter Akpanke Hon. Fatima Talba Hon. Onanuga A. Oriyomi Hon. Abubakar H. Nalaraba	Referred to Committee on Justice
10.	Oaths Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 HB.122	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Oaths Act, Cap. O1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Oaths Bill, 2023 To Take Cognizance of Technological Advancements and Make Provisions for Digital and Electronic Means of Administering Oaths and Affirmations in Nigeria; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to repeal the Oath Act, Cap. O1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to enact the Oath Bill, 2023 to make provisions for digital and electronic means of administering oaths and affirmation in Nigeria in compliance with advancements in technology.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence
11.	National Universities Commission Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2023 HB.123	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Universities Commission Act, Cap. N81, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Enact the National Universities Commission Act for the Purposes of Establishing the National Universities Commission; to Reform the Nigerian University System in Line with Modern Realities and International Best Practices; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to repeal the National Universities Commission Act, Cap. N81, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to enact the National Universities Commission Act, 2023 for the purpose of reforming the Nigerian university system in line with modern realities and international best practices.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Tajudeen Abbas, Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Hon. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo, Hon. Amobi Godwin Ogah, Hon. Chimaobi Sam Atu, Hon. Ahmad Sani Muhammad Hon. Khadija Bukar Ibrahim	First Time Read

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12.	Nigerian Communications Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.124	A Bill for An Act to Amend the Nigerian Communications Commission Act, Cap. N97, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, To Provide for Remittance of All Monies Received by the Commission into the Federation Account Pursuant to Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Altered); and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Communications Commission Act, Cap. N97 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to provide for the remittance of all monies received by the Commission into the Federation Account pursuant to Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Altered).	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Oluwole Oke Hon. Julius Ihonvbere Hon. Abubakar Hassan Nalaraba Hon. Mansur Manu Soro Hon. Hassan B. Shinkafi Hon. Bala Abubakar	First Time Read
13.	Federal College of Education, Bende (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2023 HB.125	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Bende to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Sciences, Commerce, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Management and to Carry Out Research in the Development and Adaptation of Techniques; Make Provision for the Appointment of Provost and Officials of the College; and For Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Education, Bende as an institute to offer full-time courses leading to the awards of National Certificate of Education, Diplomas, etc.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Bagos Dachung Hon. Idu Igariwey Hon. Festus Akingbaso Olarewaju Hon. Murphy Omoruyi Hon Bello A. Kaoje Hon. Bukar Talba	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence

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14.	Legal Aid Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.126	A Bill for an Act to Amend Section 8 of the Legal Aid Act, 2011 to Expand the Scope of Legal Aid Council Services to Indigent Persons Who Are Involved in Either Criminal or Civil Cases Before Sharia Courts of Appeal and Customary Courts Appeals as Recognized by Section 275 and 280 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (As Altered) Respectively; and for Related Purposes	This Bill seeks to amend the Legal Aid Act to expand the scope of Legal Aid Council service to indigent persons who are involved in either criminal or civil cases before Sharia Courts of Appeal and Customary Courts of Appeal as recognized by section 275 and 280 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (As Altered).	Rt. Hon. Benjamin O. Kalu Hon. Lilian Orogbo Hon. Victor Bisong Hon. Yusuf Saidu Miga Hon. Babale Aminu Hon. Rabiu Bala Hon. Idris Salman Hon. Chinedu Obika Hon. Muktar T. Shagaya	First Time Read
15.	Michael Okpara University Teaching Hospital (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2023 HB.127	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Michael Okpara University Teaching Hospital, Umuahia; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide a legal framework for the establishment of the Michael Okpara University Teaching Hospital, Umuahia.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Tajudeen Abbas Hon. Usman Bello Kumo Hon. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo Hon. Kelechi Nwogu Hon. Pascal Agbodike Hon. Musa Agah Avia	First Time Read
16.	Michael Okpara University, Umudike (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2023 HB.128	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Michael Okpara University, Umudike; To Make Comprehensive Provisions for Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish the Michael Okpara University, Umudike in Abia State; to transform the existing Federal University of Agriculture Umudike to a conventional university with mandate to conduct teaching and research in all aspect of academic endeavours.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Obinna Aguocha Hon. Kelechi Nwogu Hon. Bamidele Salam Hon. Mohammed Jamilu Hon. Mohammed Audu Hon. Tanko Adamu	First Time Read

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17.	Statutory Bodies (Annual Reports, etc.) Bill, 2023 HB.129	A Bill for an Act to Require Statutory Bodies to Prepare and Forward to the National Assembly, Through the President, Annual Reports of its Operations and Finances; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith	This Bill seeks to require statutory bodies to prepare and forward to the National Assembly, through the President, annual reports of its operations and finances and for the enhancement of transparency and accountability by statutory bodies.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Abdulmumin Jibril Hon. Francis Waive Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere Hon. Mohammed A. Ari Hon. Abbas Agboworin Hon. Hashimu Adamu	First Time Read
18.	Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.130	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act, 2015 for the Purpose of Providing a Precise, and Unambiguous Definition of the Word "Cyberstalking" in Accordance with the Provisions of Section 36(12) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999(As Amended); and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the Section 24 of the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Act to provide for the proper and unambiguous definition of the offences and the elements of same under the section in accordance with the criteria for drafting penal provisions and penal legislation as provided under section 36 (12) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and for related purposes.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Bagos M. Dachung Hon. Garba Inuwa Hon. Bala Abubakar Hon. Madaki Aliyu Sani Hon. Cornelius Adesida Hon. Blessing Amadi Hon. Miriam Onuoha Hon. Ibe Okwara Osonwa	First Time Read
19.	Trade and Investment Agreements (Reform and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2023 HB.131	A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Review of Existing Trade and Investment Agreements and Renegotiation of Trade Agreements Based on the Review; Provide for the Terms for Future Trade and Investment Agreements; Provide for the Establishment of the Joint Trade and Investment Agreement Review Committee; and for Other Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the review of existing trade agreements and for the renegotiation of the existing trade agreements and as well to provide for the basis and conditions for which future trade agreements will be entered upon.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Christian Nkwonta Hon. Peter Akpatason Hon. Olusola Fatoba Hon. Ekene A. Adams Hon. Dabo Haruna Hon. Umaru Jeremiah Hon. Joshua A. Gana Hon. Taofeek Ajilesoro	First Time Read

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20.	Federal Fire and Rescue Service Bill, 2023 HB.211	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Fire Service Act, Cap. F29, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Federal Fire and Rescue Service (Establishment) Bill, 2023	This Bill seeks to create legal, institutional and regulatory framework for the extinguishment, control, investigation and prevention of fire, the saving and protection of life and property and the provision of allied humanitarian services.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Bagos M. Dachung Hon. Garba Inuwa Hon. Bala Abubakar Hon. Madaki Aliyu Sani Hon. Cornelius Adesida Hon. Blessing Amadi Hon. Miriam Onuoha Hon. Obi Okwara Osonwa	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence
21.	Abuja Environmental Protection Board (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.212	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Abuja Environmental Protection Board for the Protection, Regulation, Management and Control of all Forms of Environmental Degradation, and Enforcement of Standards and Guidelines on Prohibition of Pollution, and Promotion of Cooperation on Environmental Science and Technologies in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish the Abuja Environmental Protection Board for the protection, regulation, management, monitoring and control of all forms of environmental degradation, enforcement of standards and guidelines on prohibition of pollution, and promotion of cooperation on environmental science and technologies in the Federal Capital Territory.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Bagos Dachung Hon. Idu Igariwey Hon. Festus A. Olarewaju Hon. Murphy Omoruyi Hon. Bello A. Kaoje Hon. Bukar Talba	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)
22.	Nigeria Atomic Energy Commission Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 HB.213	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Atomic Energy Commission Act, Cap. N91, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigeria Atomic Energy Act for the Development and Deployment of Atomic Energy for Peaceful Uses and the Socio-Economic Development of Nigeria; and for Related Matters	The Bill seeks to repeal the Nigeria Atomic Energy Commission Act, Cap. N91, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Enact the Nigerian Atomic Energy Act, to among other things, streamline its provisions to cater for robust implementation of the National Nuclear Energy programme in line with acceptable international standards, compliance with Nigeria's obligations under relevant international legal instruments. This Bill also lays down general principles for the use of nuclear energy and the implementation of nuclear waste management by competent authorities.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Lilian Orogbo Hon. Victor Bisong Hon. Yusuf Saidu Miga Hon. Babale Aminu Hon. Rabi Bala Hon. Idris Salman Hon. Chinedu Obika Hon. Muktar T. Shagaya	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)

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23.	Administration of Criminal Justice Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 HB.214	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 and Enact the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2023 to Among Other things, Provide for the Establishment of Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Council for Effective and Efficient Administration of Justice in Nigeria; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to repeal the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 and Enact the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2022 to among other things provide for the institutional/legal framework for the administration of criminal justice system, with a view to promoting the efficient management of criminal justice institutions, speedy dispensation of justice, protection of the society from crimes and safeguards of the rights and interests of suspects, defendants and victims in Federal Courts and other Courts in Nigeria, exercising jurisdiction over federal offences and for trial of offences in the Federal Capital Territory.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Tajudeen Abbas Hon. Usman Bello Kumo Hon. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo Hon. Kelechi Nwogu Hon. Pascal Agbodike Hon. Musa Agah Avia	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence
24.	Federal College of Agriculture, Ishiagu (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.215	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Agriculture, Ishiagu to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Agriculture and to Carry Out Research in the Development and Adaptation of Techniques; and Also Make Provision for the Appointment of a Provost and the Officials of the College to Carry Out the Administration and the Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Agriculture, Ishiagu, Ebonyi State to offer full-time courses leading to the awards of Ordinary National Diplomas, Higher National Diplomas, etc. in agriculture and related disciplines.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Obinna Aguocha Hon. Kelechi Nwogu Hon. Bamidele Salam Hon. Mohammed Jamilu Hon. Mohammed Auda Hon. Tanko Adamu Hon. Nkemkanma Kama	First Time Read

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25.	Federal Cooperative College, Ibadan (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.216	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Cooperative College, Ibadan to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Cooperative Studies and Management; To Make Provision for the Appointment of a Provost and the Officials of the College to Carry Out the Administration and the Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Federal Cooperative College, Ibadan to offer full-time courses leading to the awards of Ordinary National Diplomas, Higher National Diplomas, etc. in cooperative studies and management as well as related disciplines.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Tajudeen Abbas Hon. Julius Ihonvbere Hon. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo Hon. Amobi Godwin Ogah Hon. Chimaobi Sam Atu Hon. Ahmad Sani Muhammad Hon. Khadija Bukar Ibrahim	First Time Read
26.	Federal Cooperative College, Kaduna (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.245	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Cooperative College, Kaduna to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Cooperative Studies and Management; To Make Provision for the Appointment of a Provost and the Officials of the College to Carry Out the Administration and the Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Federal Cooperative College, Kaduna to offer full-time courses leading to the awards of Ordinary National Diplomas, Higher National Diplomas, etc. in cooperative studies and management as well as related disciplines.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Oluwole Oke Hon. Julius Ihonvbere Hon. Abubakar H. Nalaraba Hon. Mansur Manu Soro Hon. Hassan B. Shinkafi Hon. Bala Abubakar	First Time Read
27.	Federal Cooperative College, Oji River (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.246	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Cooperative College, Oji River to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Cooperative Studies and Management; To Make Provision for the Appointment of a Provost and the Officials of the College to Carry Out the Administration and the Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the Federal Cooperative College, Oji River to offer full-time courses leading to the awards of Ordinary National Diplomas, Higher National Diplomas, etc. in cooperative studies and management as well as related disciplines.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Abdulummin Jibril Hon. Francis Waive Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere Hon. Mohammed A. Ari Hon. Abbas Agboworin Hon. Hashimu Adamu	First Time Read

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28.	Broadcasting Practitioners Bill, 2023 HB.247	A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Regulation and Conduct and Practice of Broadcasting Profession in Nigeria; and for Related Matters.	This Bill seeks to provide for the Regulation and Conduct of the practice of Broadcasting Profession in Nigeria.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Christian Nkwonta Hon. Peter Akpatason Hon. Olusola Fatoba Hon. Ekene A. Adams Hon. Dabo Haruna Hon. Umaru Jeremiah Hon. Joshua A. Gana Hon. Taofeek Ajilesoro	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence
29.	Office of the Epidemiologist-General of the Federation of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.248	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of Epidemiologist-General of the Federation of Nigeria for the Purpose of Providing Professional Advice on Issues of Public Health, Medical and Health System Issues to the President, the Minister of Health, the National Assembly and Other Officials of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish the Office of Epidemiologist-General of the Federation of Nigeria for the purposes of providing a coordinated, systematic emergency response for prevention and control of communicable disease (such as the Covid-19) that affect or are likely to affect public health within Nigeria and to expert professional advice on communicable diseases and health, medical and health system issues to the President, the Minister of Health, the National Assembly and other officials of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for related matters therewith.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Ehriatake Ibori-Suenu Hon. Uchenna Okonkwo Hon. Thaddeus Attah Hon. Fatima Talba Hon. Abubakar H. Nalarabe	First Time Read
30.	Federal University of Dental Technology and Therapy, Enugu 2023 HB.249	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Dental Technology and Therapy, Enugu; To Make Comprehensive Provisions for Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish the Federal University of Dental Technology and Therapy, Enugu.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nnolim Nnaji Hon. Yusuf Gagdi Hon. Donald Ojogo Hon. Benedict Etanabene Hon. Ahmed Usman Jaha Hon. Bello Ambarura	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)

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31.	Currency Change (Procedure) Bill, 2023 HB.250	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Decimal Currency Act, Cap. D2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, No. 7, 2007; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the Decimal Currency Act, Cap. D2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and the Central Bank of Nigeria Act No. 7, 2007.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Oluwole Oke Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Felix U. Nweke Hon. Leko Jaafaru Gambo Hon. Joshua Audu Gana	First Time Read
32.	Federal Roads Authority Bill, 2023 HB.288	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2002 (As Amended), the Federal Highways Act, 1971 and the Control of Advertisement on Federal Highways Act, 1986 and Enact the Federal Roads Act for the Establishment of Federal Roads Authority, the Framework for Private Sector Participation; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to repeal the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Establishment etc.) Act, 2002 (as amended) the Federal Highways Act, 1971 and the Control of Advertisement (Federal Highways) Act, 1986 and establish the Federal Roads Authority for the safe and efficient management of the Federal Roads Network to meet the socio-economic demands of the country; promote the sustainable development, management, operation and regulation of the road sector; and facilitate the development of competitive markets and the promotion of enabling environment for Private Sector Participation in the financing, maintenance and improvement of roads in Nigeria.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)
33.	National Roads Fund Bill, 2023 HB.305	A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Roads Fund for the Purpose of Financing Routine and Periodic Maintenance of National Roads; and for Other Related Matters	This Bill seeks to Establish the Roads Fund which shall be a repository of revenue accruing from road user charging systems and other sources for the purpose of financing the maintenance and upkeep of national roads and promote sustainable development of the road sector.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)
34.	National Transport Commission Bill, 2023 HB.306	A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-modal Economic Regulatory Authority and Provide for a Legal Framework for the Economic Regulation of Transport Services in the Industry; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish the National Transport Commission as an independent multi-modal economic regulatory authority in the transport industry sectors to promote the implementation of the national transport policy and provide for an efficient economic regulation of the transport sector.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)

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35.	Nigeria Railway Bill, 2023 HB.307	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act, Cap. N129, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Enact the Nigeria Railway Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigeria Railway Authority; the Establishment of the National Railway Authority; the Establishment of the National Railway Regulatory Commission; the Establishment of a Framework for Private Sector Participation in the Provision of Rail Services and Infrastructure and to Provide for the Regulation of the Railway Sector; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to repeal the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act Cap N129 LFN 2004, to provide for the establishment of the Nigeria Railway Authority, to provide for the establishment of a framework for private sector participation in the provision of rail services, to provide for the regulation of the railway sector and for matters connected therewith.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Ehriatake Ibori-Suenu Hon. Jonathan Ukodhiko Hon. Uchenna Okonkwo Hon. Leko Jaafaru Gambo Hon. Donald Ojogo Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Regina Akume Hon. Aminu Jamo Hon. Abdulumumin Jibril	First Time Read
36.	Federal University of Agriculture, Mpu Bill, 2023 HB.308	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Mpu, Enugu State; Make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters.	The Bill seeks to establish the Federal University of Agriculture, Mpu, Enugu State to meet the learning and research needs of prospective students and researchers in Nigeria and beyond and makes comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)
37.	Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.309	A Bill for an Act to establish the Nigerian Peace Corps to Facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Services, Neighbourhood Watch, Nation-Building; and for Related Matters.	This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Peace Corps as a body charged with the responsibility to Develop, Empower and Provide gainful employment for the youth, Facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Service, Neighbourhood Watch and Nation-Building.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence

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38.	National Postgraduate College of Medical Laboratory Science (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.310	A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Postgraduate College of Medical Laboratory Science to Conduct Professional Postgraduate Examination of Candidate into Various Specialties in Medical Laboratory Science; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establishes the National Postgraduate College of Medical Laboratory Science to conduct professional postgraduate examinations of candidates into the various specialties in Medical Laboratory Science.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)
39.	Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.311	A Bill for an Act to Amend Armed Forces Act, Cap A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Foster Collaboration Between the Armed Forces and Other Security Agencies in the Provision of National Security and Establish the Armed Forces Human Rights Unit to Provide a Reporting Channel for Civilian Whose Human Rights are Violated by Members of the Armed Forces; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend Armed Forces Act Cap A20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to foster collaboration between the Armed Forces and other Security Agencies in the provision of national security and establish the Armed Forces Human Rights Unit to provide a reporting channel for civilians whose fundamental human rights are violated by members of the Armed Forces.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence
40.	Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.312	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Civil Defence Corps Act No. 6 of 2007 to Institutionalize Collaboration Between the Corps and Relevant Security Agencies to Strengthen its Complementary Role in the Maintenance of Public Law and Order; and for Related Matters.	This Bill seeks to amend the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Act of 2003 to institutionalise collaboration between the Corps and relevant security agencies to strengthen its complementary role in the maintenance of public law and order.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence

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41.	Nigeria Police Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.313	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Police Act 2020 to Regulate the Powers of the Police to Promote Effective Collaboration Between the Police and Other Security Agencies and to Provide for the Operational Framework for Community Policing in Nigeria; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the Nigeria Police Act 2020 to regulate the powers of the Police to promote effective collaboration between the Police and other security agencies and to provide for the operational framework for community policing in Nigeria.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)
42.	ECOWAS Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons, their Ammunition and Other Related Materials (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2023; HB.314	A Bill for an Act to Enable effect to be given, in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to the ECOWAS Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons, their Ammunition and Other Related Materials made in Abuja, Nigeria on the 14th day of June 2006 and for Related Matters.	This Bill seeks to enable effect to be given, in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, to the ECOWAS Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons, their Ammunition and Other Related Materials made in Abuja, Nigeria on the 14th day of June 2006.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)
43.	Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.315	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, 2004 to Enhance Effective Collaboration with Relevant Law Enforcement Agencies; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (Establishment) Act, 2004 to enhance effective collaboration with relevant law enforcement agencies.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence

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44.	Corrupt Practices and other related Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.316	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, Cap No.5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Clearly Define the Scope of Powers of the Chairman of the Commission to Revoke Order or Notice Under the Act to Avoid Arbitrariness and Ensure Effective Collaboration Between the Commission and Other Agencies Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, Cap No.5 Laws of Federation of Nigeria 2004, to clearly define the scope of powers of the Chairman of the Commission to revoke order or notice under the Act to avoid arbitrariness, and ensure effective collaboration between the Commission and other agencies.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence
45.	National Assembly Budget and Research Office (NABRO) (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.600	A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Assembly Budget and Research Office Which Provides the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-Partisan Analysis Needed for Economic and Budget Decisions; and for Related Matters.	This Act establishes the National Assembly Budget and Research Office which provides the National Assembly with objective, timely and non-partisan analysis needed for economic and budget decisions.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Ehriatake Ibori-Suenu Hon. Jonathan Ukodhiko Hon. Uchenna Okonkwo Hon. Leko Jaafaru Gambo Hon. Donald Ojogo Hon. Oluwole Oke Hon. Amos Daniel Hon. Kama Nkemkanma	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence
46.	Bankruptcy and Insolvency Bill, 2023 HB.611	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Bankruptcy Act No. 16 of 1979 Cap. B2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and Enact the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act to Make Provision for Corporate and Individual Insolvency; to Provide for the Rehabilitation of the Insolvent Debtors and to Create the Office of the Supervisor of Insolvency; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to repeal the Bankruptcy Act No. 16 of 1979 Cap B2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and enact the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Bill, 2023 to make provision for corporate and individual insolvency to provide for the rehabilitation of the insolvent debtor and to create the Office of the Supervisor of Insolvency.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)

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47.	Real Estate (Regulations, Development and Other Purposes) Bill for the Federal Capital Territory, 2023 Real Estate Regulatory Council of Nigeria Bill, 2023 HB.612	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Real Estate Regulatory Agency of the Federal Capital Territory to Provide Globally Acceptable Standard of Service and Transparent Administration of the Business of Real Estate Development in the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish the Real Estate Regulatory Agency of the Federal Capital Territory to provide efficient, effective and transparent administration of the business of real estate development and prescribe minimum standards for the conduct of the business of real estate development in the Federal Capital Territory.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Amobi Godwin Ogah Hon. Chinedu Obika Hon. Abdulrahman Ajiya Hon. Joseph Bassey Hon. Oluwole Oke Hon. Ahmed Yusuf Badau	First Time Read
48.	National Food Safety Council and National Food Safety Management Committee (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.613	A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Food Safety Council and National Food Safety Management Committee for the Official Control of Food and Feed Safety, the Obligation of Food and Feed Business Operators and Define the Functions and Powers of Institutions of Government with the Objective of Ensuring that Food and Feed Safety Risks are Effectively Managed; and for Related Matters.	The Bill seeks to establish the National Food Safety Management Committee for the official control of food and feed safety and define the functions and powers of institutions of Government with the objective of ensuring that food and feed safety risks are effectively managed by providing institutional requirements for running a world class technologically compliance Committee to meet the learning and research needs of consumers and business in Nigeria and beyond.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)
49.	Nigerian Weights and Measures Regulatory Agency Bill, 2023 HB.614	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Weights and Measures Act, Cap. W3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian Weights and Measures Regulatory Agency (Establishment) Act, 2003 for the Development and Enforcement of Varying Scopes of Legal Metrology Activities for the Promotion of Fair Trade, Protection of Public Health, Safety and the Environment; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to repeal the Weights and Measures Act, Cap. W3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and establishes the Nigerian Weights and Measures Regulatory Agency, for the development and enforcement of varying scopes of legal metrology standards for the promotion of fair trade, protection of public health, safety and the environment.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence

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50.	Legislative House (Power and Privileges) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.615	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Legislative House (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2017; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the Legislative House (Powers and Privileges) Act to provide for the designation of members of the Senate and House of Representatives.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)
51.	Federal Produce Inspection Service (Enforcement of Exports Standards) (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.616	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Produce (Enforcement of Exports Standards) Act, Cap. P23, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Federal Produce Inspection Service (Enforcement of Export Standards) (Establishment) Act, 2023 to Provide for the Inspection and Enforcement of Grades and Quality Standards of Produce and Commodities Intended for Export from Nigeria at Ports of Shipment; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to repeal the Produce (Enforcement of Export Standards) Act, Cap. P32 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and enacts the Federal Produce Inspection Service (Enforcement of Export Standards) (Establishment) Act, 2023, to provide for the inspection and enforcement of grades and quality standards of produce and commodities intended for export from Nigeria at ports of shipment.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence
52.	Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Act (Alteration) Bill, 2023 HB.617	A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 To Provide for the Establishment of State Police; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the alteration of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Altered) to provide for the establishment of State Police and the transfer of Police as an item under the Exclusive Legislative List to the Concurrent Legislative List.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Julius Ihonvbere Hon. Onanuga A. Oriyomi Hon. Joseph Bassey Hon. Ibe Okwara-Osonwa Hon. Abdulmumin Jubril Hon. Thaddeus Attah Hon. Hassan B. Shinkafi Hon. Chinwe Clara Nnabuife Hon. Obed Paul Shehu Hon. Fatima Talba Hon. Tolani Shagaya Hon. Abubakar H. Nalaraba Hon. Blessing Onuh Hon. Joshua Audu Gana	Referred to Committee on Constitution Review

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53.	Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Act (Alteration) Bill, 2023 HB.618	A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Set Time Within Which Civil and Criminal Causes and Matters Are Heard and Determined at Trial and Appellate Courts in Order to Eliminate Unnecessary Delay in Justice Administration and Delivery; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the alteration of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Altered) to set time within which civil and criminal causes and matters are heard and determined at trial and appellate courts in order to eliminate unnecessary delays in justice administration and delivery.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Ademorin Kuye Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi Hon. Blessing Onuh Hon. Mohammed El'Rufai Hon. Mark Bako Useni Hon. Dennis Idahosa Hon. Chinedu Obika Hon. Nnolim Nnaji	First Time Read
54.	Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Act (Alteration) Bill, 2023 HB.619	A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to Specify the Time Within Which the Executive Shall Present to the National Assembly any Treaty Between the Federation and Any Other Country for Enactment; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the alteration of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Altered) to specify the time within which the Executive shall present to the National Assembly any treaty between the Federation and any other country for enactment.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Bamidele Salam Hon. Ari A. Mohammed Hon. Usman Ahmadu Jaha Hon. Yakubu Sani Alhaji Hon. Mark Bako Useni Hon. Peter Akpatason Hon. Fred Agbedi Hon. Nkemkanma Kama	First Time Read
55.	National Broadcasting Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.620	A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, Cap. N11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Payment of all Monies Received into the Federation Account in Accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (As Altered); and for Other Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, Cap N11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the payment of all monies received by the Commission into the Federation Account in accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Altered).	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nnolim Nnaji Hon. Benedict Etanabene Hon. Makinde Abiola Peter Hon. Ibrahim Auyo Usman Hon. Aliyu Aminu Garu Hon. Lawan Ali Shettima Hon. Umaru Jeremiah	First Time Read
56.	National Planning Process Bill, 2023 HB.621	A Bill for an Act to Provide for National Planning Process; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith	This Bill seeks to provide for a process of national planning and for the compliance with the provisions of a National Development Plan for the overall objective of achieving rapid national development.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Jimbo Clement Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki Hon. Blessing Onuh Hon. Emmanuel Uguru Hon. Bamidele Salam Hon. Oluwaseyi Ayopo Sowumi Hon. Gimba Zainab	First Time Read

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57.	National Planning Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.622	A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Planning Commission Act, Cap. N66, Laws of the Federation of Nigerian, 2004 to Provide for a Better Process of National Planning Under Enhanced Legislative Control; and for Other Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the National Planning Commission Act to provide for a better process of national planning under enhanced legislative control for purposes of attaining rapid national development.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Patrick Umoh Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi Hon. Ekene Abubakar Adams Hon. Abel David Fuoh Hon. Sani Nazifi Hon. Kelechi Nwogu Hon. Ibe Okwara Osonwa	First Time Read
58.	Public Accounts Implementation Tribunal Act (Repeal) Bill, 2023 HB.623	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Public Accounts Implementation Tribunal Act, Cap. P36, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to repeal the Public Accounts Implementation Tribunal Act, Cap E36, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Chris Nkwonta Hon. Isah Bello Ambarura Hon. Sani Lawal Hon. Saad Wada Taura Hon. Obordor Mitema	First Time Read (Consolidated)
59.	National Tax Crimes and Oversight Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.624	A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Tax Crimes and Oversight Commission to Address Revenue Leakages Emanating from Non-payment and Under-Payment of Taxes; Irregularities in the Assessment, Reporting and Remittances of Taxes; To Prevent and Combat Tax-Related Crimes; To Plug All Leakages in the Tax Administration System; To Ensure the Protection of Tax Payers Rights; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish the National Tax Crimes and Oversight Commission to promote economic efficiency and effectiveness in administering the nation's tax system, detect and deter fraud and abuse in taxation programme and operations and to protect tax payer's rights.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Regina Akume Hon. Oboku Oforji Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi Hon. Felix Uche Nweke Hon. Ahmed Santome Hon. Bala Sani Umar Hon. Festus Akingbaso	Referred to Committee on Finance
60.	Commodity Exchange Bill, 2023 HB.625	A Bill for an Act to Regulate Commodities Futures Trading in Nigeria; Provide for the Establishment of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission; and for Other Matter	This Bill seeks to provide for the regulation of commodities futures business in Nigeria and for the establishment of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Bamidele Salam Hon. Ari A. Mohammed Hon. Usman Ahmadu Jaha Hon. Yakubu Sani Alhaji Hon. Mark Bako Useni Hon. Peter Akpatason Hon. Fred Agbedi Hon. Nkemkanma Kama	First Time Read

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61.	South-East Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.626	A Bill for an Act to Establish the South East Development Commission Charged with the Responsibility Among Other Things to Receive and Manage Fund From Allocation of the Federation Account for the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Roads, Houses and Other Infrastructural Damages Suffered by the Region as a Result of the Effect of the Civil War as Well as Tackle the Ecological Problems and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the South East States; and for Related Matters.	This Bill seeks to establish the South East Development Commission charged with the responsibility among other things to receive and manage fund from allocation of the Federation Account for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of roads, houses and other infrastructural damages suffered by the region as a result of the effect of the Civil War as well as tackle the ecological problems and any other related environmental or developmental challenges in the Southeast States.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Igariewe Iduma Enwo Hon. Nnolim Nnaji Hon. George Ozodinobi Hon. Mariam Odinaka Onuoha Hon. Chinedu Emeka Hon. Ugonna Ozuruigbo Hon. Chinedu Ogah Hon. Victor Ogene Hon. Dennis Agbo Hon. Obinna Aguoché Hon. Pascal Agbodike Hon. Canicmoore Nwachukwu Hon. Dominic Okafor Hon. Obiageli Origbo Hon. Uchenna Okonkwo Hon. Clement Eleodimmuo Hon. Maureen Gwacham Hon. Emmanuel Uguru Hon. Eze Nwachukwu Hon. Osi Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Peter Aniekwe Hon. Chinwe Nnabuiife Hon. Joseph Nwaobasi Hon. Stainless Okereke Hon. Chimaobi Atu Hon. Chijioko Nwodo Hon. Paul Nnamchi Hon. Sunday Umeha Hon. Chidi Mark Obetta Hon. Jonas Okeke Hon. Tochukwu Okere Hon. Onyinye Ikeagwuonwu Hon. Matthew Nwogu Hon. Eugene Dibiagwu Hon. Akarachi Amadi Hon. Emeka Idu Hon. Emeka Sunday Nnamani Hon. Ibe Okwara Osonwa Hon. Onwusibe Ginger Obinna Hon. Ogah Amobi Godwin Hon. Alozie Munachi Ikechi Hon. Chris Nkwonta	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence

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62.	University of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.688	A Bill for an Act to Amend the University of Nigeria Act Cap. U11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Specify the Minimum Qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council; Ownership of Intellectual Property and to Provide for Pre-action Notice to the University Authority; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the University of Nigeria Nsukka Act Cap. U11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by specifying the minimum qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, ownership of intellectual property and providing for pre-action notice to the University authority from an aggrieved student or staff.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Julius Ihonvbere Hon. Aminu Sani Jaji Hon. Aminu Wakili Boya Hon. Abubakar H. Nalaraba Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi Hon. Akin Rotimi	First Time Read
63.	Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.689	A Bill for an Act to amend the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research Act Cap. N115 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004	This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Amobi Ogah Hon. Kelechi Nwogu Hon. Bamidele Salam Hon. Makki Yalleman Hon. Hashimu Adamu Hon. Muktar Tolani Shagaya	First Time Read
64.	Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.690	A Bill for an Act to amend the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Act Cap. N112 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters.	This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Jonathan Gaza Gbefwi Hon. Obed Paul Shehu Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki Hon. Donald Ojogo Hon. Dennis Idahosa	First Time Read
65.	Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council Act (Amendment) Bill 2023 HB.691	A Bill for An Act to amend the Nigerian Education Research and Development Council Act Cap. N105 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004	This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Education Research and Development Council Act Cap. N105 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Lilian Orogbo Hon. Joseph Bassey Hon. Akiolu Moshood Kayode Hon. Ahmad Aminu Chindo Hon. Khadija Bukar A. Ibrahim	First Time Read

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66.	National Institute of Nigerian Languages Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 HB.692	A Bill for an Act to Repeal National Institute for Nigerian Languages Act and Establish National Institute for Nigerian Languages; to Ensure that the Legal Framework of the Institute Conforms with the Regulations of National Universities Commission in Order to Enable the Institute to Continue to Run Degree Programmes; and for Related Matters.	This Bill seeks to repeal National Institute for Nigerian Languages Act and establish National Institute for Nigerian Languages, to ensure that the legal framework of the Institute conforms to the regulations of National Universities Commission in order to enable the institute to continue to run degree programmes.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Philip Agbese Hon. David Abel Fuoh Hon. Mu'azu Abdullahi Gwarzo Hon. Muhammad Bello El-Rufai Hon. Jimi Benson Hon. Henry Odi Okogie Hon. Matthew Nwogu	First Time Read
67.	Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.693	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency Act, No. 17, 2017; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Act No. 17, 2017 to provide for the collection of 3% of gross freight of international cargo for remittance to the Nigerian Safety Investigation Bureau as provided for under the Nigeria Safety Investigation Bureau Act No. 35 of 2022.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Erhiatake Ibori-Suenu Hon. Boma Goodhead Hon. Okey-Joe Onuakalusi Hon. Aliyu Wakili Boya Hon. Abubakar H. Nalaraba Hon. Abdullahi Idris Garba	First Time Read
68.	Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians (Registration, etc.) Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 HB.694	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians (Registration, etc.) Act and to Enact the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians (Registration, etc.) Bill, 2023 to Provide for the Establishment of the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Registration Council Charged with the Registration and Regulation of Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith	This Bill seeks to repeal the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians (Registration, etc.) Act and to Enact the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians (Registration, etc.) Bill, 2023 to Provide for the Establishment of the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Registration Council Charged with the Registration and Regulation of Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians in Nigeria.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Shehu Saleh Rijau Hon. Mark Bako Useni Hon. Abdullahi Kalambaina Hon. Olumide Osoba Hon. Joseph Bassey Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Jafaru Gambo Leko	First Time Read

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69	Landscape Architects (Registration, etc) Bill, 2023 HB.695	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Landscape Architects Registration Council of Nigeria Charged with the Registration and Regulation of Landscape Architects in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith	This Bill seeks to establish the Landscape Architects Registration Council of Nigeria charged with the responsibility for the registration and control of the practitioners and for monitoring, standardization and regulation of the practice of the landscape architecture in Nigeria.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Joseph Bassey Hon. Abubakar H. Nalaraba Hon. Usman Ahmed Jaha Hon. Patrick Umoh Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Chris Nkwonta Hon. Mohammed B. El-Rufai Hon. Steve Olusola Fatoba	Referred to Committee on Housing & Habitat
70.	Institute of Landscape Architects of Nigeria (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2023 HB.696	A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Institute of Landscape Architects of Nigeria to Control and Determine the Standards of Knowledge to be Attained by Persons Seeking to Become Landscape Architects; and for Related Matters	This Bill, among other things, seeks to establish the Institute of Landscape Architects of Nigeria to regulate and control membership, operations and professional practice within the landscape architecture profession.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Blessing Onuh Hon. Abubakar H. Nalaraba Hon. Dennis Idahosa Hon. Patrick Umoh Hon. Festus Akingbaso Hon. Iduma Igariwey Hon. Felix Nwaeke Hon. Ali Lawan Shettima	First Time Read
71.	National Research and Innovation Council (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.697	A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Research and Innovation Council and National Research and Innovation Foundation to Set National Priorities on Research, Innovation and Development; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish the National Research and Innovation Council and National Research and Innovation Foundation to, among other things, set national priorities on research, innovation and development, promote the gains of the application of the outputs of research and innovation, set directions to coordinate innovation activities in line with national priorities, and facilitate fund raising activities to support science, technology and innovation activities in areas of national needs and priorities.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Passed by the House and Transmitted to the Senate for Concurrence

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72.	Office of Budget Management of the Federation (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.698	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of Budget Management of the Federation and to Provide a Legal Framework for Budget Process Management in the Federal Government of Nigeria to Ensure Effective Regulation of Budget Preparation, Presentation, Implementation and Auditing; and for Related Matters.	This Bill seeks to establish the Office of Budget Management of the Federation and to provide a legal framework for budget process management in the Federal Government of Nigeria to ensure effective regulation of budget preparation, presentation, implementation and auditing.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Amobi Godwin Ogah Hon. Patrick Umoh Hon. Makinde Abiola Peter Hon. Bello A. Ka'oje Hon. Mohammed Inuwa Bassi Hon. Blessing Onyeché Onuh	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)
73.	Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.946	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy Act to Provide for Location of the Existing College; To Provide for the Establishment of Other Colleges in Other Locations; and for Other Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the Amendment of the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy Act to provide for the location of the existing College in Enugu and to provide for the establishment of other Colleges in other locations across the Federation.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Akin Rotimi Hon. Aliyu Bappa Misau Hon. Abdulrahman Ajiya Hon. Mohammed B. El-Rufai Hon. Blessing Amadi Hon. Emmanuel Uguru	First Time Read
74.	National Apprenticeship Scheme Bill, 2023 HB.1059	A Bill for an Act to Provide Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Framework for the National Apprenticeship Scheme; and for Other Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the legal, administrative and regulatory framework for the National Apprenticeship Scheme.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Daniel Asama Ago Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Amobi Godwin Ogah Hon. Esset Mark Udo Hon. Zakaria Dauda Nyampa Hon. Steve Fatoba Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Babajimi Benson Hon. Idu Igariwey Hon. Ahmed Usman Jaha	First Time Read
75.	National Eye Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2003 HB.1060	A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Eye Centre Act, Cap. N38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of More Specialist Eye Care Centres; and for Other Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the National Eye Centre Act, Cap. N38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the establishment of more specialist eye centres in various locations across the federation for the prevention and cure of various eye defects and diseases.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Ahmed Usman Jaha Hon. Blessing Amadi Hon. Chinedu Obike Hon. Jonathan Ukodhiko Hon. Ginger Onwusibe Hon. Babajimi Benson	First Time Read

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76.	National Ear Centre Bill, 2023 HB.1061	A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Ear Centre, Bende for the Prevention, Management and Cure of Ear Defects and Diseases; to Establish a Board to Govern the Centre and an Academic Committee to Take Charge of the Centre's Academic Affairs; and for Other Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the National Ear Centre, Bende for the prevention, management and cure of ear defects and diseases and for the training of specialist medical personnel.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Mansur Manu Soro Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Daniel Asama Ago Hon. Francis E. Waive Hon. Nasiru Shehu	First Time Read
77.	National Security Agencies Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 HB.1062	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Security Agencies Act, Cap N74, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Enact the National Security Agencies Act to Provide for Better and More Effective Coordination of National Security; and for Other Related Matters.	This Bill seeks to repeal the National Security Agencies Act, Cap. N74, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to enact the National Security Agencies Act to provide for better and more effective coordination of national security.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Jaafaru Gambo Leko Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Daniel Asama Ago Hon. Francis E. Waive Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Akiolu M. Kayode	First Time Read
78.	National War College Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 HB.1063	A Bill for an Act to Amend the National War College Act Cap. N82, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Change of Name to National Defence College; and for Other Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the National War College Act, Cap. N82, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the change of name from National War College to National Defence College.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Mansur Manu Soro Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Daniel Asama Ago Hon. Nasiru Shehu	First Time Read
79.	Telecommunications Facilities (Lawful Interception of Information) Bill, 2023 HB.1064	A Bill for an Act Mandating Telecommunications Services Providers to Facilitate the Lawful Interception of Information Transmitted Through their Facilities by Relevant Security Agencies; for the Provision of and Access to Telecommunications Subscriber Information; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith	This Bill seeks to mandate telecommunications service providers to put in place and maintain certain capabilities that facilitate the lawful interception of information transmitted through telecommunications and to provide basic information about their subscribers to the Nigeria Police Force and the State Security Service.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Mansur Manu Soro Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Daniel Asama Ago Hon. Francis E. Waive Hon. Nasiru Shehu	First Time Read

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80.	National Cotton, Textile and Garment Development Council (Est., etc.) Bill, 2023 HB.1065	A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Cotton, Textile and Garment Development Council to Provide Guidance on the Development of Cotton Plantation and Estates and to Enhance Domestic Production of Cotton, Textile, Garments and Allied Products; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the National Cotton, Textile and Garment Development Council to enhance the development of the cotton, textile and garment value chain and to enhance the domestic production of cotton, textile and garment and allied produce.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Muktar Shagaya Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Mansur Manu Soro Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Daniel Asama Ago Hon. Francis E. Waive Hon. Nasiru Shehu	First Time Read
81.	National Oil Palm Development Council (Est., etc.) Bill, 2023 HB.1066	A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Oil Palm Development Council to Provide Guidance on the Development of Oil Palm Estates and to Enhance Domestic Production of Oil Palm and Allied Produce; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the National Oil Palm Development Council to enhance the development of the oil palm value chain and to enhance the domestic production of oil palm and allied produce.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Mansur Manu Soro Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Francis E. Waive Hon. Nasiru Shehu	First Time Read
82.	Institute of Healthcare Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.1260	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Health Care Management of Nigeria, To Make Provisions, Amongst Other Things, for Membership and Control of the Profession of Health Care Management; and for Related Matter	This Bill seeks to establish the Chartered Institute of Health Care Management of Nigeria charged with the responsibility for registration of persons seeking to be public administrators, and for the promotion, study and practice of the profession of Health Care Management.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Akintunde Rotimi, Jr. Hon. Pascal Agbodike Hon. Lawan Shettima Ali Hon. Daniel Asama Ago Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Leko Jafaru	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)
83.	Chartered Institute of Human Capital Development (Est., etc.) Bill, 2023 HB.1261	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Human Capital Development of Nigeria To Make Provisions, Amongst Other Things, for Membership and Control of the Profession of Human Capital Development; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish the Chartered Institute of Human Capital Development of Nigeria charged with the responsibility for registration of persons seeking to be public administrators, and for the promotion, study and practice of the profession of Human Capital Development.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Akintunde Rotimi, Jr. Hon. Pascal Agbodike Hon. Lawan Shettima Ali Hon. Daniel Asama Ago Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Leko Jafaru	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)

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84.	Chartered Institute of Export and Commodity Brokers of Nigeria (Est., etc.) Bill, 2023 HB.1262	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Export and Commodity Brokers of Nigeria to Regulate the Practice, Professional Conduct and Promote the Highest Standards of Competence Among the Members of the Profession; and for Related Matters	This Bill establishes the Chartered Institute of Export and Commodity Brokers of Nigeria to regulate the practice, professional conduct and promote the highest standard of competence among the members of the profession.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Pascal Agbodike Hon. Akintunde Rotimi, Jr. Hon. Lawan Shettima Ali Hon. Daniel Asama Ago Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Leko Jafaru	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)
85.	International Trade Commission of Nigeria (Est., etc.) Bill, 2023 HB.1263	A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the International Trade Commission of Nigeria; Among Other things, for the Co-ordination of Trade Policies, Trade Defence and Safeguards, Trade Diplomacy and Negotiations; and for Other Matters	The Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the International Trade Commission of Nigeria for the purposes of co-ordinating policies, interests and issues related to international trade for the Federal Republic of Nigeria.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Oriyomi A. Onanuga Hon. Pascal Agbodike Hon. Akintunde Rotimi, Jr. Hon. Lawan Shettima Ali Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Leko Jafaru	First Time Read
86.	Nigeria Industrial Revolution Plan Bill, 2023 HB.1264	A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Rapid Build Up of Industrial Capacity in Nigeria and to Promote Competitiveness of Nigeria's Manufactured Goods and Products; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish a legal and institutional framework for the implementation of the Industrial Revolution Plan and the National Enterprise Development Programme of the Federal Government to provide for their implementation, continuity and sustainability.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi Hon. Pascal Agbodike Hon. Akintunde Rotimi, Jr. Hon. Lawan Shettima Ali Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Leko Jafaru	First Time Read
87.	Environmental Health Bill, 2023 HB.1265	A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Protection, Promotion and Maintenance of Health for Proper Sanitation and Hygiene in Matters Relating to Housing, Food, Recreation, Hospitality and Generally, for the Protection of the Environment to Safeguard Human Health and for the Control of Services, Activities, Improvement of Healthful Living; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the protection, promotion and maintenance of health, for proper sanitation and hygiene in matters relating to housing, food, recreation and generally, for the protection of the environment to safeguard human health and for the control of services, activities, improvement of healthy living in Nigeria.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Oriyomi A. Onanuga Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi Hon. Akintunde Rotimi, Jr. Hon. Pascal Agbodike Hon. Lawan Shettima Ali Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Leko Jafaru Hon. Amobi Ogah	First Time Read

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88.	National Grains Development Council (Est., etc.) Bill, 2023 HB.1311	A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Grains Development Council to Provide Guidance on the Development and Improvement in the Domestic Production, Processing and Storage of Various Grains; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the National Grains Development Council to enhance the development and improvement in the domestic production of various grains and their derivatives.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Mansur Manu Soro Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Daniel Asama Ago Hon. Francis E. Waive Hon. Nasiru Shehu	First Time Read
89.	Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2024 HB.1349	A Bill for an Act to alter the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for seat reservation for women in the National and State Houses of Assembly; and for related matters	This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for seat reservation for women in the National Assembly and State Houses of Assembly. It seeks to remedy the low representation of women in Legislative Houses by providing for women constituencies to be contested and filled by women as a temporary measure to promote women's political representation. The provision is subjected to a review after four general election cycles of sixteen years for the purpose of either retaining, increasing, or abolishing the temporary measure.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Tolani Shagaya Hon. M. D. Hassan Hon. Oriyomi A. Onanuga Hon. Blessing Onuh Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Chinwe Clara Nnabuiife Hon. Amobi Godwin Ogah Hon. Khadija Buka Ibrahim Hon. Jonathan Gaza Gbefwi Hon. Jafaru Gambo Leko	First Time Read
90.	African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons (Domestication and Enforcement) Bill, 2024 HB.1350	A Bill for an Act to Give Effect to the Provisions of the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Nigeria; and for Related Matters.	This Bill seeks to domesticate and enforce in Nigeria the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons and elimination of root causes of internal displacement in Nigeria in line with the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and other relevant laws and international instruments to which Nigeria is a party.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Jonathan Gaza Gbefwi Hon. Khadijat Bukar Ibrahim Hon. Blessing Onuh Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Felix Uche Nwaeke Hon. Steve Fatoba	Committee of the Whole (Order Twelve Rule 17)

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91.	Nigerian Institute of Agricultural and Applied Economics (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2024 HB.1351	A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Nigerian Institute of Agricultural and Applied Economics to Regulate, Control and Determine the Standard of Knowledge to be Attained by Persons Seeking to Become Members of the Institute; and for Related Matters.	This Bill seeks to establish the Nigerian Institute of Agricultural and Applied Economics charged with responsibility for regulating the profession of Agricultural and Applied Economics.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Pascal Agbodike Hon. Tolani Shagaya Hon. Jafaru Gambo Leko Hon. Amobi Ogah Hon. Felix Uche Nwaeke Hon. Joshua Audu Gana	First Time Read
92.	National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 HB.1405	A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Youth Service Corps Act, Cap. N84, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of Agricultural and Entrepreneurship Hubs and Incubation Centres in all States of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory for Skills Development Among Corps Members; and for Other Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the National Youth Service Corps Act, Cap. N84, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the establishment of agricultural and entrepreneurship hubs and incubation centres in all states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory for skills development among corps member.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nnolim Nnaji Hon. Julius Ihonvbere Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Tolani Shagaya Hon. Abbas Agboworin Hon. Mansur Manu Soro	First Time Read
93.	National Anthem Bill, 2024 HB.1470	A Bill for an Act to Provide for the National Anthem of Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the National Anthem of Nigeria	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu	Passed & Assented
94.	Chartered Institute of Project Management of Nigeria Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill HB.1476	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Chartered Institute of Project Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, No. 3 of 2018; and to Enact the Chartered Institute of Project Management of Nigeria Act, Charged with the Responsibility for the Regulation of the Project Management Sector and the Registration, Licencing and Discipline of its Members; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to repeal the Chartered Institute of Project Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, No. 3 of 2018 and to enact the Chartered Institute of Project Management of Nigeria Act charged with responsibility for regulation of the project management sector and the registration, licencing and discipline of its members.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Akintunde Rotimi, Jr. Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Nnolim Nnaji Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Lawan Ali Shettima Hon. Ehriatake Ibori-Suenu	First Time Read

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95.	Federal Capital Territory Health Insurance Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2023 HB.1477	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Health Insurance Agency; To Institute the Federal Capital Territory Health Insurance Scheme and Provide Comprehensive, Quality and Affordable Health Care Services for All Residents of the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish the Federal Capital Territory Health Insurance Agency to institute the Federal Capital Territory Health Insurance Scheme and to provide comprehensive, quality and affordable health care services for all residents of the Federal Capital Territory.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi Hon. Pascal Agbodike Hon. Akintunde Rotimi, Jr. Hon. Lawan Shettima Ali Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Leko Jafaru	First Time Read
96.	Fiscal Responsibility Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2024 HB.1478	A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Fiscal Responsibility Act, No. 31 of 2007 and to Enact the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2024 to Provide for Prudent Management of the Nation's Resources; Ensure Long Term Macro-Economic Stability of the National Economy; Secure Greater Accountability and Transparency in Fiscal Operation Within the Medium Term Fiscal Policy Framework; and the Establishment of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission to Ensure the Promotion and Enforcement of the Nation's Economic Objectives; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to repeal the Fiscal Responsibility Act, No. 31 of 2007 and to enact the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2024.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Julius Ihonvbere Hon. Mansur Manu Soro Hon. Lawan Ali Shetima Hon. Ikeagwuonu Ugochinyere Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Akiolu M. Kayode	First Time Read
97.	FCT Signage and Advertisement Agency (Establishment) Bill HB.1479	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Capital Territory Signage and Advertisement Agency as the Regulatory Body for Outdoor Structures Used for Signage and Advertisement to Protect the Environment from Potential Adverse Impact that May Arise from Signage and Outdoor Advertisement and Visual Blights; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to establish the Federal Capital Territory Signage and Advertisement Agency as the regulatory body for outdoor structures used for signage and advertisement, to protect the environment from potential adverse impact that may arise from signage, outdoor advertisement activities and visual blights.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Jonathan Gaza Gbefwi Hon. Tolani Shagaya Hon. Jafaru Gambo Leko Hon. Babajimi Benson Hon. Felix Uche Nwaeke Hon. Joshua Audu Gana	First Time Read

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98.	Nigerian Independent Warehouse Regulatory Agency (Establishment) Bill HB.1480	A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Independent Warehouse Regulatory Agency to Regulate the Operations of Licensed Warehouses; to Provide Regulatory Framework for Trading in Warehouse Receipts; to Provide Regulatory Framework for Collateralization of Agricultural and Other Commodities Stored in Commercial Warehouses; and for Other Related Matters	This Bill seeks to – (a) establish the Nigerian Independent Warehouse Regulatory Agency to regulate the operations of licensed warehouses and to provide a regulatory framework for trading in warehouse receipts and for other related matters; (b) enable depositors store agricultural or other commodities in commercial warehouses and upon issue of negotiable warehouse receipt by the warehouse, be able to use it as collateral to obtain finance from financial institutions; and (c) make warehouse receipt valid negotiable instruments.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Akin Rotimi, Jr. Hon. Sulaiman A. Gumi Hon. Kama Nkemkanma Hon. Jonathan Ukodhiko Hon. Mohammed A. Ari Hon. Usman Bello Kumo	First Time Read
99.	Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill HB.1481	A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Establishment of Certain Specialized Colleges; and for Other Related Matters	This Bill seeks to amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act to provide for the establishment of certain specialized Colleges for manpower development across the Federation.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Patrick Umoh Hon. Bako Mark Useni Hon. Amobi Godwin Ogah Hon. Akin Rotimi, Jr. Hon. Halims Abdullahi	First Time Read
100.	Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill HB.1482	A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the Involvement of the National Assembly in the Process of Negotiation for and Entering into Treaties with Other Countries; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith	This Bill seeks to alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (As Altered) to provide for the involvement of the National Assembly in the process of negotiation for and entering into treaties with other countries.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Steve Fatoba Hon. Felix Uche Nwaeke Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Mansur Manu Soro Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Tolani Shagaya	First Time Read

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101.	Federal Capital Territory Transport Authority (Establishment) Bill, 2024 HB.xxx	A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Transport Authority for the Federal Capital Territory; and for Related Matters	This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of a Transport Authority for the Federal Capital Territory.	Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu Hon. Chinedu Obika Hon. Felix Uche Nwaeke Hon. Joshua Audu Gana Hon. Mansur Manu Soro Hon. Akiolu M. Kayode Hon. Nasiru Shehu Hon. Tolani Shagaya	

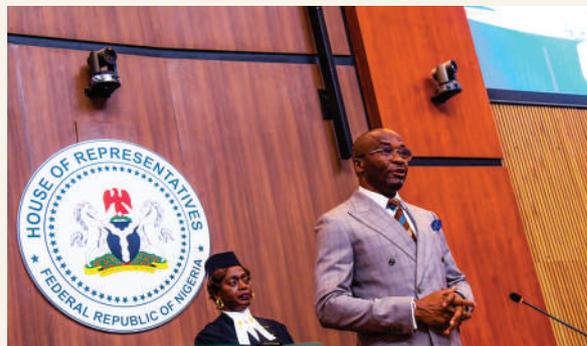
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As @ Thursday, 13th June, 2024



The Deputy Speaker, Honourable Benjamin Kalu during plenary.



His Excellency, Honourable Benjamin Kalu in Chamber.



Honourable Benjamin Kalu entering into the Green Chamber with the Sergeant at Arms.



Honourable Benjamin Kalu presiding over plenary.

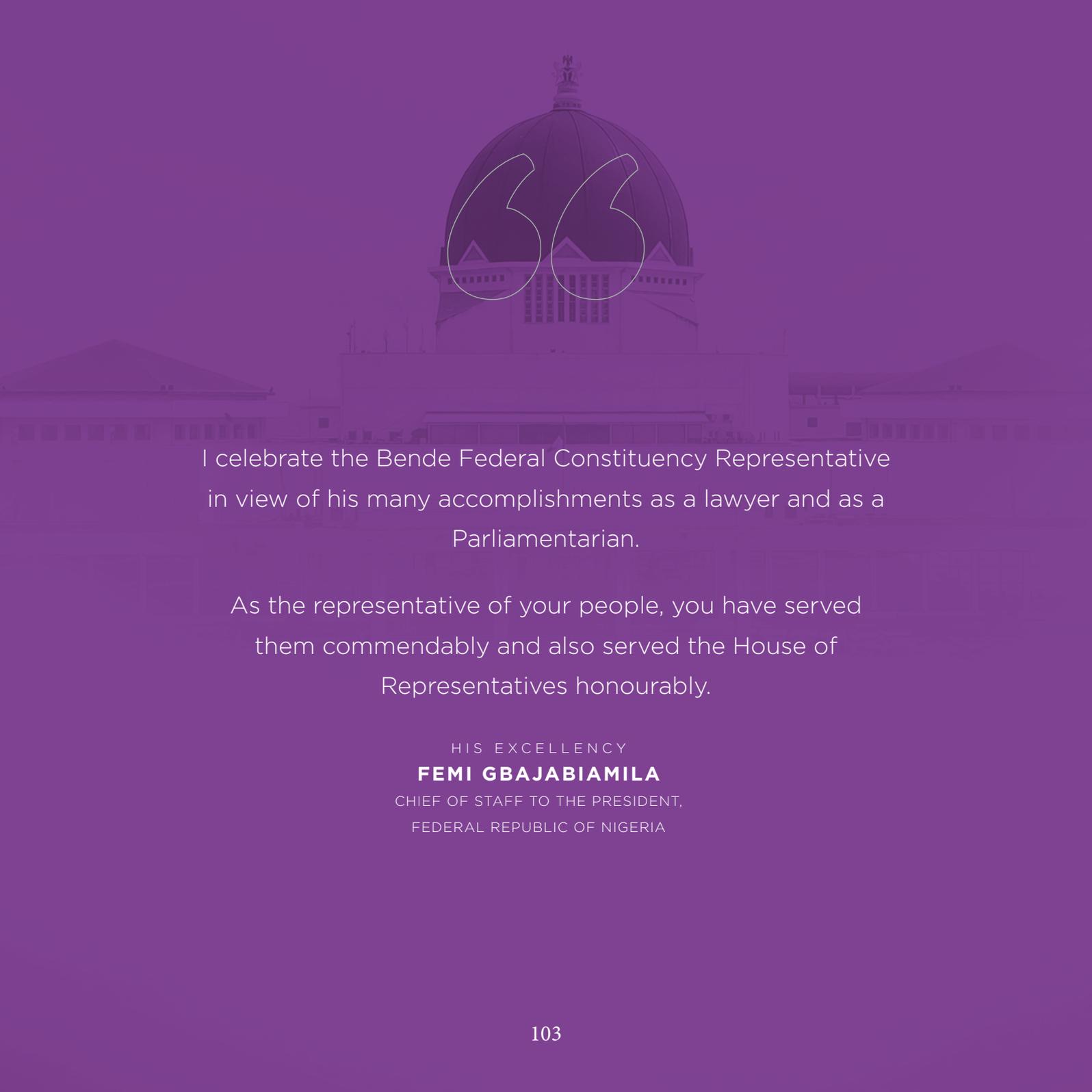


Honourable Benjamin Kalu speaking with Majority Leader of the House during plenary.



Honourable Benjamin Kalu chairing the Committee of the Whole.





I celebrate the Bende Federal Constituency Representative
in view of his many accomplishments as a lawyer and as a
Parliamentarian.

As the representative of your people, you have served
them commendably and also served the House of
Representatives honourably.

HIS EXCELLENCY
FEMI GBAJABIAMILA
CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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THE PEACE IN SOUTH EAST PROJECT



Historically, the South East has been one of Nigeria's safest and most prosperous regions, known for its vibrant commerce, innovative spirit, and cultural contributions. However, recent years have seen a decline in security and economic stability due to various factors, including polit-

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ical tensions, economic hardships, among other things.

The Southeast region of Nigeria, once a vibrant hub of economic and social activities, has faced significant challenges due to a prolonged security crisis. This instability has severely disrupted the region's economic and social fabric, necessitating urgent and comprehensive measures to restore peace and foster sustainable development. In response to this critical need, a new initiative, the Peace in South East Project (PISE-P), has emerged with a mission to rebuild and rejuvenate the region.

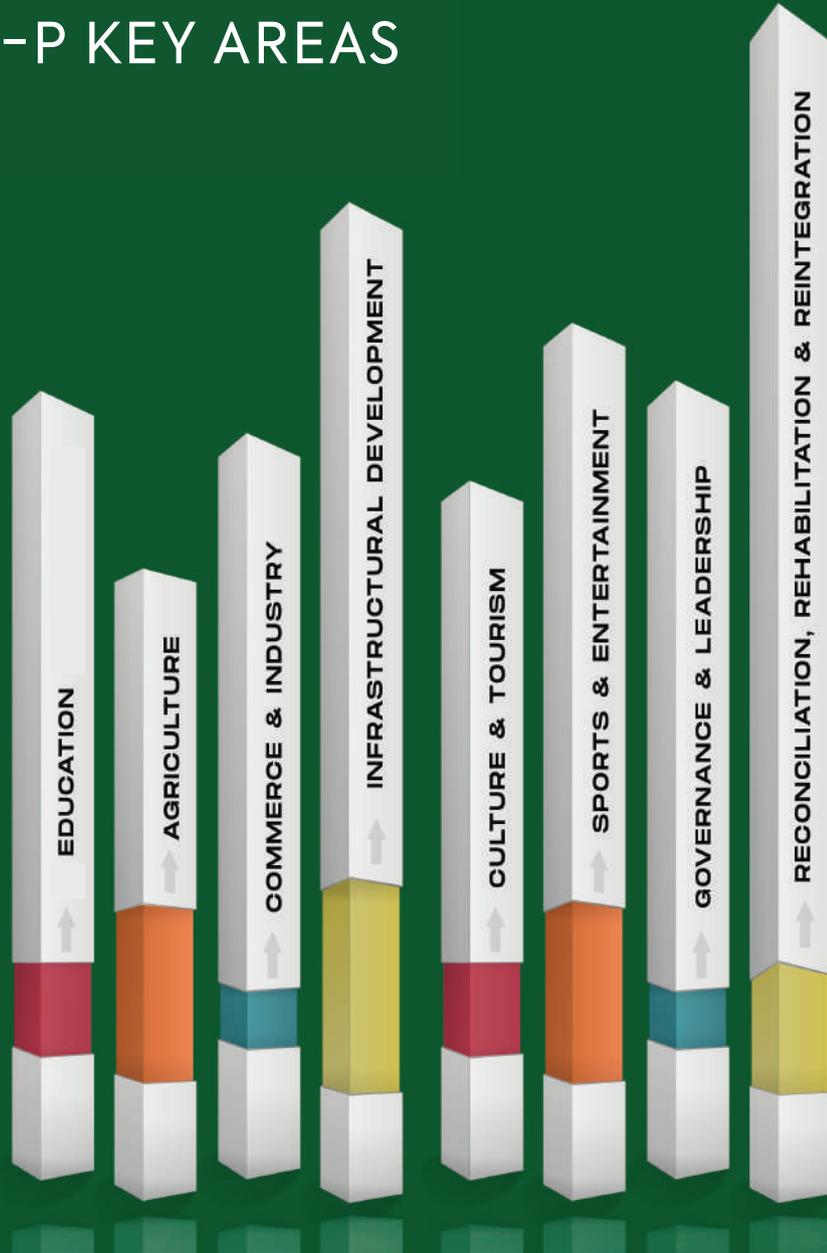
The Peace in the South East Project (PISE-P) is an ambitious initiative spearheaded by Honourable Benjamin Okezie Kalu, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives. This project aims to address the multifaceted security challenges in Nigeria's South East region through a comprehensive non-kinetic approach. Launched on December 29, 2023, in Bende



Prominent Igbo leaders like Chief Mike Ahamba and Mazi Sam Ohuabunwa have also commended the initiative. Chief Ahamba urged the community to give PISE-P a chance to succeed, while Mazi Ohuabunwa described it as a timely and divine intervention for the Southeast.

Local Government Area, Abia State, PISE-P represents a significant shift from traditional military strategies to community-driven peacebuilding efforts. The project's unveiling was a landmark event attended by the Vice President of Nigeria, Kashim Shettima, governors from the five South-East states, traditional rulers, opinion leaders, and captains of industry, underscoring the broad-based support and collective commitment to fostering peace and development in the region.

PISE-P KEY AREAS



VISION AND OBJECTIVES

PISE-P is founded on the principle that violence and military force alone cannot resolve the deep-rooted issues plaguing the South East. Instead, it advocates for dialogue, community engagement, and socio-economic development as more sustainable solutions. The project's vision is to create a peaceful, secure, and prosperous South East by addressing underlying causes of unrest, such as economic deprivation, political disenfranchisement, and social marginalization.

The project's foundation rests on a non-kinetic approach, focusing on eight key areas:

1. Education
2. Agriculture
3. Commerce and industry
4. Infrastructural development
5. Culture and tourism
6. Sports and entertainment
7. Governance and leadership
8. Reconciliation, Rehabilitation and reintegration

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LAUNCH EVENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The launch of PISE-P was a significant event that coincided with a homecoming reception for Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu. The event celebrated Hon. Kalu's unswerving commitment to public service and his outstanding contributions to the South East region. It also highlighted the project's collaborative nature, bringing together various stakeholders from government, traditional institutions, and the private sector.

Addressing a press conference, Mrs. Mary Ikoku, Chairperson of the Media and Commu-

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nication Committee of PISE-P, emphasized the project's dedication to non-kinetic strategies. She noted that the initiative was organized by PISE-P and the people of Bende Local Government Area to honour His Excellency, Benjamin Kalu's remarkable achievements and tireless efforts in promoting the well-being and progress of his constituents and the region at large.



(L-R): Fmr. Governor Rochas Okorocha, Speaker Tajudeen Abbas, Dr Ezinne Kalu, Hon. Benjamin Kalu, H.E. Kashim Shettima, Governor Alex Otti and Deputy Senate President Jibrin Barau.

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT

The initiative has garnered significant support from high-profile leaders, including Vice President Kashim Shettima, who has endorsed the project. His endorsement underscores the federal government's favourable disposition towards PISE-P and its objectives. The Vice President's backing signals a strong governmental commitment to exploring non-kinetic solutions to the region's security challenges.

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in advancing the PISE-P agenda. Leading a passionate group of Nigerians, Kalu has been instrumental in marketing the project to key stakeholders, including Vice President Shettima.

Additionally, the project has received endorsements from high-ranking officials, Senate President Godswill Akpabio, and Speaker of the House of Representatives Tajudeen Abbas.



Emir of Kano, HRH Alh. Dr. Aminu Ado Bayero CFR, Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Ogunwusi CFR, Emir of Bichi, HRH Nasiru Ado Bayero OFR, Chief Mrs Folashade Tinubu-Ojo and other traditional rulers with Deputy Speaker Hon. Benjamin Kalu.



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emphasized the importance of peace for the region's development. Governor Alex Otti of Abia State reinforced this sentiment, highlighting the collective commitment to peace and prosperity. Governor of Anambra State, Professor Chukwuma Soludo, has endorsed PISE-P, describing Deputy Speaker Kalu as a worthy son of Igboland. During a visit led by the Deputy Speaker, Soludo expressed his support for the project and its objectives. This endorsement is significant, as it reflects the regional government's commitment to the initiative.

This widespread backing underscores the importance of PISE-P's mission and the collective commitment to restoring peace and stability in the South East. The project's multi-faceted approach, combining political advocacy, economic development, and community engagement, represents a comprehensive strategy to address the region's challenges.

ADVOCACY FOR NNAMDI KANU'S RELEASE

A crucial aspect of PISE-P's strategy is its advocacy for the release of Nnamdi Kanu, the leader of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB). Recognizing that Kanu's detention has been a major source of unrest, PISE-P is committed to pursuing



his release through peaceful and legal means. The project acknowledges that the use of violence, threats, and fear has not been effective in securing Kanu's release. Instead, it calls for continued dialogue and peaceful efforts to achieve this goal.

PISE-P expressed joy at IPOB's recognition of its efforts, viewing it as a positive step towards meaningful conversation and collaboration. The project reiterated its stance that peace and economic stability in the South East are paramount and urged all parties to maintain the peace observed during the recent holiday season.

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ENDING THE SIT-AT-HOME ORDER

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Kalu has emphasized the need for residents to return to their farms, schools, and markets to revive economic activities and improve living standards.



TACKLING SECURITY CHALLENGES

Addressing the security challenges in the Southeast is a core focus of the Peace in South East Project (PISE-P). The initiative recognizes that lasting peace and stability are fundamental to the region's socio-economic revival. PISE-P adopts a non-kinetic approach, prioritizing dialogue, community engagement, and development over militarization.

Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu emphasized the importance of empowering the youth and integrating them into the socio-economic framework to mitigate unrest. The project includes strategies for identifying the root causes of conflicts, such as socio-economic disparities and political grievances, and developing comprehensive solutions to address them. These efforts aim to reorient citizens towards national unity and peace. PISE-P's security agenda encompasses the following

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- **Conflict Management**

Developing and implementing effective strategies for conflict resolution.

- **Youth Empowerment**

Providing vocational training, entrepreneurship opportunities, and startup capital to disengage youth from violent activities.

- **Community Engagement**

Facilitating dialogue between different community stakeholders to build trust and collaboration.

- **Law Enforcement Collaboration**

Working with security agencies to ensure a coordinated approach to peacebuilding.

By fostering a sense of community and providing economic opportunities, PISE-P seeks to reduce the allure of militancy and promote sustainable peace in the region.

THE ENTERPRISE DIGITAL HUB

A significant milestone for PISE-P was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Nigerian Communications Satellite (NIGCOMSAT) for the establishment of an Enterprise Digital Hub. This collaboration aims to leverage digital technology to drive economic development and innovation in the Southeast.

The Enterprise Digital Hub will serve as a center for technological innovation, providing the necessary infrastructure and resources for startups and entrepreneurs in the region. Key features of the hub include:

- **Digital Infrastructure:**
State-of-the-art facilities equipped with high-speed internet and advanced technological tools.
- **Training and Development:**
Programs focused on digital skills, entrepreneurship, and business management.



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- **Business Incubation:**
Support for startups through mentorship, access to funding, and market linkages.
- **Community Engagement:**
Initiatives to involve local communities in digital literacy and innovation.

This partnership with NIGCOMSAT highlights the commitment of PISE-P to integrate modern technology into its developmental strategies, fostering a digitally inclusive environment that supports economic growth and job creation.

ROAD WALK FESTIVAL – 1,000 MAN MARCH FOR PEACE

In a bid to galvanize public support for peace in the Southeast, PISE-P organized the Road Walk Festival, featuring a 1,000 Man March in collaboration with Xtreme Fitness and De Latinos Concept. This event was a powerful demonstration of unity and commitment to peace, drawing participants from diverse backgrounds to advocate for stability in the region.

Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu led the march, walking the entire length of the march to symbolize the journey towards peace and development. The festival included public engagement which saw interactive sessions where participants discussed the importance of peace and shared ideas for community building. Led by Xtreme Fitness, the fitness activities emphasized the importance of health and well-being as part of holistic development.

His Excellency, Hon. Kalu's participation underscored his personal commitment to the

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cause, reinforcing the message that peace is a collective responsibility. The Road Walk Festival not only raised awareness but also fostered a sense of solidarity and hope among the people of the Southeast, marking a significant step in the region's journey towards lasting peace and prosperity.

FOOD FOR PEACE INITIATIVE

PISE-P's "Food for Peace" initiative is a cornerstone of its economic development efforts. This initiative focuses on enhancing agricultural productivity and food security in the region. It involves the distribution of essential food items and agricultural tools to support local farmers and boost food production. By addressing hunger and improving livelihoods, the initiative aims to reduce the desperation and unrest that often fuel conflicts.

The launch event saw the distribution of over 6,000 bags of rice, 150 bags of beans, 80 bags of garri, 3,000 cartons of spaghetti, and numerous other items and tools to empower the people. This initiative not only provides immediate relief but also lays the groundwork for long-term economic stability and peace.

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SUPPORTING BEREAVED FAMILIES OF FALLEN SOLDIERS

On a somber day in Aba, the Peace in South East Project (PISE-P), represented by its dedicated members and led by Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Benjamin Kalu, paid a heartfelt visit to the families of



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the soldiers who were tragically killed at Obikabia Junction on May 30, 2024. This visit underscored the project's commitment to supporting those affected by violence and to condemning acts of lawlessness that disrupt the peace and security of the region.

During the visit, the delegation expressed their deepest sympathies to the bereaved families, offering condolences and prayers for strength and fortitude to cope with their loss. Hon. Kalu, speaking on behalf of the PISE-P, condemned the reckless actions of those responsible for the attack, emphasizing the profound pain and sadness inflicted upon the families and the community. He prayed for the Almighty God to grant the bereaved the strength to bear this indescribable loss.

The tragic loss of these dedicated soldiers, who had selflessly served the nation, high-

lighted a particularly devastating time when more personnel in the security sector were urgently needed. Their bravery and commitment to duty were exemplary, making their untimely deaths a significant blow to ongoing efforts to maintain peace and security in the South East region.

Through the Peace in South East Project, Deputy Speaker Kalu and his team have consistently championed a non-kinetic approach to restoring peace and stability. The visit to the bereaved families reinforced their

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determination to continue advocating for peace despite the challenges posed by those who seek to undermine these efforts. The perpetrators of this violence, they assured, would not be ignored and would face appropriate consequences.

Despite the grief and anger stemming from the incident, His Excellency, Benjamin Kalu urged the military and all involved parties to



remain steadfast in their commitment to peace and restraint, ensuring that innocent citizens did not suffer due to the actions of a misguided few. He commended Brigadier General Olusola Diya, Commander of the 14 Brigade, Ohafia, for his

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exemplary leadership during this difficult period, acknowledging his crucial role in maintaining stability and responding to the tragedy with professionalism and compassion.

The Peace in South East Project pledged to work closely with the state government and security agencies to ensure that those responsible for the attack were apprehended and brought to justice. Their heinous acts, the PISE-P asserted, would not go unpunished.

In closing, the delegation honored the memory of the fallen soldiers, vowing that their sacrifices would never be forgotten. The commitment to achieving lasting peace and security in the South East region remained unwavering, with a collective resolve to turn this moment of sorrow into a renewed drive for unity and stability.



THE BENDE PEACE DECLARATION

We the people of the South East hereby
declare that peace is what we stand
for as a region.

We declare peace for prosperity.
Peace for progress.

We stand for peace in the South East as a
catalyst that will drive growth in all sectors
of the economy and rekindle the confidence
of the future generations.

We declare that peace is better.
Udo Ka Nma

Made this day, the 29th of December 2023,
at Bende, Bende Local Government Area of
Abia State, South East Nigeria. Before the
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR.



(R-L) Speaker Tajudeen Abbas, Governor Hope Uzodinma, Vice President Kashim Shettima, Governor Alex Otti and Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu.



The Obi of Onitsha and Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu.



The Obi of Onitsha, Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu and a cross section of stakeholders.



Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu with the Arch Bishop of Umuahia Diocese, His Grace, Chibuzor Okpoko



Hon. Benjamin Kalu and Chief Dr. Emmanuel Iwuanyawu, President-General of Ohaneze Ndi Igbo



Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu and Rochas Okorocha, former Governor of Imo State.



Empowerment Programme of the Deputy Speaker.



Food for Peace Initiative of the Deputy Speaker.



Deputy Speaker shares a smile with a child in his constituency.



Deputy Speaker engages with Youth during the Walk for Peace.



Women and children identify with Peace in South East Project.



Deputy Speaker shares gift items to constituents.



Deputy Speaker with National Security Adviser, Mallam Nuhu Ribadu.



Deputy Speaker Hon. Benjamin Kalu with Vice President Kashim Shettima, Speaker Tajudeen Abbas, Dep. President of the Senate, Barau Jibrin, Gov. Hope Uzodinma, Gov. Alex Otti, and other dignitaries.



Deputy Speaker with Ooni of Ife Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi



Deputy Speaker Hon. Benjamin Kalu with APC National Chairman, Abdullahi Umar Ganduje.



Deputy Speaker on a Peace Advocacy visit.



Deputy Speaker Hon. Benjamin Kalu with the symbolic release of a Dove.





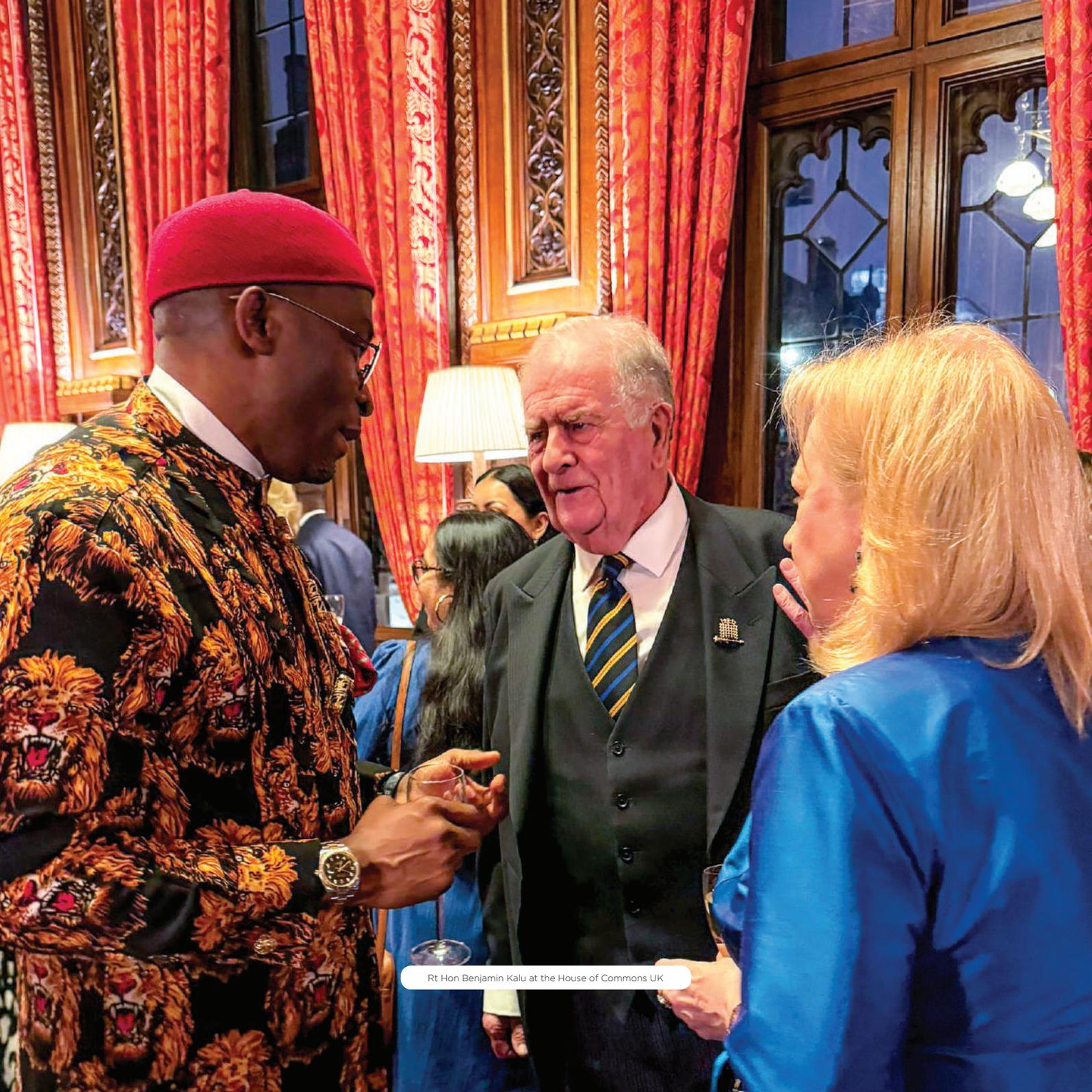
Honourable deputy speaker, I can say without mincing words that you're a patriot. Since your emergence as deputy speaker, you have been preaching peace and unity, trying to reintegrate the people of the South East to the centre.

I must commend you for floating the PISE-P, whose sole aim is to re-establish enduring peace in the South East region. I celebrate you for being a worthy representative of your constituents, the people of South East and Nigeria as a whole.

HIS EXCELLENCY
CHIEF GODSWILL OBOT AKPABIO CON
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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Rt Hon Benjamin Kalu at the House of Commons UK

A TESTAMENT TO GLOBAL RELEVANCE



Through foreign engagements, Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu has demonstrated his global relevance and commitment to representing Nigeria on the international stage.

His efforts in fostering diplomatic relationships, promoting legislative initiatives, and supporting sports diplomacy highlight his

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dedication to advancing Nigeria's interests and contributing to global peace, prosperity, and sustainable development.

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) ASSEMBLIES

In October 2023, Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu participated in the 147th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in Luanda, Angola. This historic assembly, which includes 178 parliaments, focuses on strengthening public trust and improving governance. Hon. Kalu delivered a speech on Nigeria's commitment to promoting Parliamentary Action for Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions (SDG 16), highlighting the nation's legislative achievements, including the Petroleum Industry Act and the Climate Change Act.

Continuing his international engagement, Hon. Kalu attended the 148th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, in March 2024. Alongside Senate President H.E. Godswill Akpabio, he discussed challenges in the African trade market and explored legislative measures to enhance inter-African trade. The delegation also held significant discussions with Dr. Ngozi Okon-



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jo-Iweala at the World Trade Organization, emphasizing Nigeria's commitment to global trade relations.

BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL RELATIONS

On June 23, 2023, Hon. Kalu joined the 10th Assembly members to commemorate the 247th Independence Day of the United States at the US Embassy in Abuja, reinforcing bilateral relations and celebrating democratic values. Similarly, on September 28, 2023, he delivered a goodwill message at the 74th Anniversary of the People's Republic of China, highlighting the mutually beneficial relationship and ongoing cooperation between Nigeria and China.

Hon. Kalu's participation in the Europe Day 2024 celebration on May 10, 2024, in Abuja further exemplifies his commitment to international diplomacy. He praised the long-standing partnership between Nigeria and Europe in various sectors, acknowledging the EU's continuous support in building institutional capacity and reaffirming Nigeria's commitment to deepening ties and exploring new partnership opportunities.

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SPORTS DIPLOMACY

Hon. Kalu's involvement in the Super Eagles' visit to Abidjan for AFCON 2023 underscores the significance of sports in fostering diplomatic relationships and promoting national pride. By supporting the Super Eagles, Hon. Kalu highlights the role of sports as a unifying force and a means to enhance Nigeria's global image.

“It's a happy day for Nigeria. Nothing unites us like sports. We appreciate the women out there who are working to bring back the trophy. We are with you, we are praying for you and hopefully, you will bring back the trophy and we will be here to celebrate.”

Rt. Hon. Benjamin O. Kalu hailed the Super Falcons for their victory against Australia in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup match.



L-R: Senator Ned Nwoke, Deputy Speaker, Benjamin Kalu, Senate President, Godswill Akpabio, and other members of the Nigerian delegation during the AFCON tournament in Abidjan.

PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION

Deputy Speaker Kalu's diplomatic efforts extend to fostering relationships with other nations through parliamentary exchanges and friendship groups. On December 12, 2023, he received a delegation from the Anhui Provincial People's Congress Standing Committee of China, aiming to strengthen diplomatic relations and promote collaboration in trade, investment, education, and cultural exchange.

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On February 14, 2024, Hon. Kalu met with the Saudi Arabia Shura Council, emphasizing the importance of deepening partnerships in various sectors, including trade, ICT, and agriculture. This visit highlighted the longstanding bond between Nigeria and Saudi Arabia and explored potential opportunities for further cooperation.



COMMONWEALTH ENGAGEMENTS

Hon. Kalu participated in the 75th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Commonwealth at the House of Commons in London on March 11, 2024. This engagement underscored his commitment to promoting Nigeria's inter-

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ests within the Commonwealth, strengthening ties with member nations, and contributing to shared goals and values.



The European Union (EU) Ambassador to Nigeria, Samuela Isopi and her delegation on a courtesy visit to the Deputy Speaker's office.

EUROPE DAY CELEBRATION

On May 10, 2024, Hon. Kalu delivered a goodwill message at the Europe Day 2024 celebration in Abuja. He acknowledged the deep and historical relationship between Nigeria and Europe across various sectors, including trade, culture, education, technology, peace, migration, and governance. Hon. Kalu expressed appreciation for the EU's continuous support in building institutional capacity through various initiatives and trainings, reaffirming Nigeria's commitment to deepening ties and exploring new opportunities for partnerships.

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The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands to Nigeria, Amb. Wouter Plomp, on a courtesy visit to the Deputy Speaker's Office.



The Deputy Speaker, receiving a gift from the Saudi Arabia Shura Council, on a courtesy visit to his office.



Ambassador Gabor Krauss, the Deputy Ambassador of Hungary to Nigeria on a courtesy visit to the Deputy Speaker's Office.



Please edit the caption for this picture to this: Hon. Kalu, sitting on the seat of the Speaker of the House of Commons during 75th Anniversary of the Commonwealth in London, UK.



Hon. Benjamin Kalu received the delegation from Meta, led by Sir Nick Clegg, President of Meta Global Affairs and Former Deputy Prime Minister of the UK.



European Union (EU) Ambassador to Nigeria, Samuela Isopi led delegation in a group photograph with Hon. Kalu.





Sunday's deliberation on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza showed us what parliamentary diplomacy should not be. We failed to reach a consensus, missing a crucial opportunity for collective action.

It is a cause for concern that the plight of Africa, where thousands of lives are lost to ongoing conflicts, has yet to be addressed as an emergency item.

It is in this regard that IPU must as a matter of utmost imperative create a task force for Sudan. The unchecked crises in Sudan, Somalia, and D.R. Congo, all in Africa, create a ripple effect of instability across the continent, breeding conditions for extremism, mass displacement, and a drain on resources that could be used for development.

HIS EXCELLENCY

RT. HON. BENJAMIN OKEZIE KALU

DEPUTY SPEAKER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.

CHAMPION

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CONSTITUENCY PROJECTS



In the area of effective representation, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, the Deputy Speaker of the 10th House of Representatives, flies as a waving flag of dedication and progress. His unwavering commitment to the development of Bende Federal Constituency has been evident long before he assumed the esteemed position of Deputy Speaker. Over the years, he has spearheaded numerous transformative projects, setting a robust foundation for sustainable growth and prosperity in Bende. His visionary approach and

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relentless pursuit of excellence have not only addressed critical infrastructural needs but also significantly enhanced the quality of life for his constituents.

Before his tenure as Deputy Speaker, Hon. Kalu's efforts in Bende were already making waves. He initiated the construction of several

schools, ensuring that children in the constituency had access to quality education in a conducive learning environment. These schools were equipped with modern facilities, including ICT computer labs, to prepare students for the digital age. The introduction of these labs marked a significant step in bridging the technological divide, empowering students with essential skills for the future.

In addition to educational infrastructure, his focus on road construction has been pivotal in improving connectivity and accessibility within the constituency. The construction of major roads, such as the Amokwe-Akanu Item Road and Agboakoli Ancient Road in Alayi, transformed previously impassable routes into reliable pathways, facilitating the movement of people and goods. These roads not only boosted local trade but also enhanced the overall economic activities in the region, providing a lifeline for farmers and traders.

Rt. Hon. Kalu's dedication to economic empowerment was further demonstrated through his efforts in securing grants for entrepreneurs and small business owners. Recognizing the vital role of entrepreneurship in economic development, he facilitated access to financial resources that enabled many to start and expand their businesses.

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Capacity-building programs were also introduced, offering training and mentorship to budding entrepreneurs and youths, equipping them with the necessary skills to succeed in their ventures.

The construction of bridges was another testament to his commitment to infrastructure development. These bridges connected previously isolated communities, fostering



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In the area of healthcare, the Deputy Speaker's initiatives were equally commendable. He launched medical outreach programs, providing much-needed healthcare services to underserved areas. One notable project was the Medical Eye Care Outreach, which offered eye screenings, treatments, and surgeries, significantly improving the quality of life for those affected by vision problems. These healthcare interventions underscored his holistic approach to development, addressing both physical infrastructure and the well-being of his constituents.

After one year, Hon. Benjamin Kalu's momentum has only accelerated, as a result of the visible impact his initiatives have had



on his constituents. In his first year, he also embarked on even more ambitious projects, building upon the solid foundation he had already established. The construction of the Bende Market Road revitalized local trade, creating a bustling hub of economic activity. The Ndiokoriukwu Road and Bende Headquarters Road projects further enhanced connectivity, making essential services more accessible to residents.

Agriculture, a cornerstone of Bende's economy, received a significant boost with the construction of garri processing mills in Uzuakoli and Nkpa. These mills provided farmers with modern facilities to process cassava, increasing their productivity and income. Agricultural training programs were also introduced, teaching farmers sustainable practices and modern farming techniques, ensuring long-term food security and economic stability.

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for widows, pensioners, and underserved citizens. These initiatives provided financial assistance, vocational training, and support services, helping vulnerable groups achieve economic independence and improved living standards. The construction of three blocks of classrooms at Igboji Secondary Commercial School in Alayi addressed the issue of overcrowding, creating a conducive learning environment for students.

Through these comprehensive projects and more, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu has demonstrated a relentless dedication to the development of Bende Federal Constituency. His leadership has transformed the region, creating opportunities for growth and prosperity. This summary provides a glimpse into some of the myriad initiatives undertaken by Deputy Speaker Kalu, each contributing to the remarkable progress witnessed in Bende. His vision, combined with an unwavering determination to implement tangible solutions, continues to inspire confidence and hope among his constituents, paving the way for a brighter future.

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AMOKWE-AKANU ITEM ROAD

The construction of the Amokwe-Akanu Item Road has brought a significant transformation to the region. Before this project, the road was a challenging pathway, marred by potholes and often impassable during the rainy season. This condition severely affected the movement of people and goods, hindering economic activities and everyday commuting.

By upgrading this road, Deputy Speaker Kalu has ensured that residents can travel safely and efficiently. This improvement has not only facilitated easier access to other parts of the constituency but has also encouraged local businesses to thrive. Traders and farmers now find it easier to transport their goods, leading to a boost in the local economy.

AGBOAKOLI ANCIENT ROAD, ALAYI

The rehabilitation of the Agboakoli Ancient Road in Alayi is another testament to Deputy Speaker Kalu's commitment to infrastructural development. This road, which holds historical significance, was previously in a state of disrepair, making it difficult for residents and visitors to navigate.

Through careful planning and execution, the road has been transformed into a smooth and





reliable route. This project has reconnected communities, allowing for better social and economic interactions. The restored road also preserves the historical essence of Alayi, making it a point of pride for the residents.

BENDE MARKET ROAD, BENDE

The revitalization of the Bende Market Road has had a profound impact on the local economy. Markets are the lifeblood of many rural communities, and Bende is no exception. The market road was previously a bottleneck, with traders and customers facing significant difficulties in accessing the market, especially during peak seasons.

With the improved road, there is now a seamless flow of traffic, allowing traders to bring their goods to market more efficiently. This development has led to increased economic activities, higher sales, and a more vibrant market atmosphere. The ease of access has also attracted more traders and buyers from surrounding areas, further boosting the local economy.

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NDIOKORIUKWU ROAD, BENDE

The development of the Ndiokoriukwu Road in Bende has greatly alleviated the transportation challenges faced by the residents. Previously, this road was a source of frustration for commuters, often becoming a muddy quagmire during the rainy season and a dusty track in the dry months.

The upgraded road now provides a reliable and durable route for residents, connecting them to essential services such as schools, hospitals, and markets. This improvement has enhanced the overall quality of life, making it easier for people to access what they need without undue stress.

BENDE HEADQUARTERS ROAD

The construction of the Bende Headquarters Road is a strategic infrastructural project aimed at enhancing administrative efficiency. The headquarters is the nerve center of governance in Bende, and easy access is crucial for effective public service delivery.

This road project ensures that the administrative hub is easily accessible to both officials and the public. By improving this key route, Deputy Speaker Kalu has facilitated smoother





operations within the headquarters, leading to better governance and quicker response times to the needs of the people.

CONSTRUCTION OF GARRI PROCESSING MILL IN UZUAKOLI AND NKPA

Agriculture is a cornerstone of the economy in Bende Federal Constituency, and Deputy Speaker Kalu has taken significant steps to support this sector. The construction of garri processing mills in Uzuakoli and Nkpa is a prime example of this support. Garri, a staple food made from cassava, is central to the diet and economy of the region.

These processing mills provide local farmers with the facilities to process their cassava more efficiently, thereby increasing their productivity and income. By reducing post-harvest losses and improving the quality of the final product, these mills contribute to food security and economic stability in the area. Additionally, the mills create jobs and promote local entrepreneurship.

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CONSTRUCTION OF 3 BLOCKS OF CLASSROOMS IN IGBOJI SECONDARY COMMERCIAL SCHOOL, ALAYI

Education remains a top priority for Deputy Speaker Kalu, and his initiatives in this sector are geared towards creating conducive learning environments. The construction of three new blocks of classrooms at Igboji Secondary Commercial School in Alayi addresses the issue of overcrowding and inadequate infrastructure.

These new classrooms provide a more comfortable and focused learning atmosphere for students, which is essential for academic success. The project also includes modern amenities and learning aids, ensuring that the students receive a quality education that prepares them for future challenges. This investment in education underscores the Deputy Speaker's commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders and professionals.

MEDICAL EYE CARE OUTREACH

Understanding the importance of health, Deputy Speaker Kalu has treated over 4,000





of his constituents with various degrees of eye problems in the last year, to demonstrate his commitment towards assisting the underserved in the communities.

According to him, “This evening, we come together for a cause that transcends all differences- the gift of sight and showing support for eye care services to underserved communities in Nigeria. An estimated 24 million Nigerians grapple with sight loss, which demands our collective attention.

“As the Deputy Speaker, I am keenly aware of the challenges we face. The National Blindness and Visual Impairment Survey paints a stark picture, with 4.2 per cent of Nigerians over 40 classified as blind. This is why I championed the National Eye Centre Act (Amendment) Bill which has since passed its first reading. This bill aims to expand access to specialized eye care by establishing more centres across the country.

“But legislative efforts alone cannot solve this crisis. We need the commitment of champions like yourselves – individuals who understand the power of community.”

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He added, “It is pertinent to note that since last year, the Benjamin Kalu Foundation has treated about 4,000 constituents with eyesight problems, demonstrating the incredible impact that dedicated efforts can have on our communities. This remarkable achievement underscores the power of collective action and the difference we can make when we come together.”

The initiative addresses a critical healthcare need, providing essential eye care services to underserved populations in Bende Federal Constituency.

Many residents in rural areas suffer from preventable and treatable eye conditions due to lack of access to medical care. The outreach program offers screenings, treatments, and surgeries, significantly improving the quality of life for those affected. By restoring vision and preventing blindness, this initiative enables individuals to lead more productive and independent lives.

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING

Empowering local farmers with knowledge and skills is crucial for sustainable agricultural development. Deputy Speaker Kalu has introduced agricultural training programs that cover modern farming methods, sustainable practices, and efficient resource management.





These trainings equip farmers with the latest techniques and technologies, enabling them to increase their yields and reduce environmental impact. The knowledge gained from these programs helps farmers to be more resilient in the face of challenges such as climate change and market fluctuations. This initiative not only boosts agricultural productivity but also contributes to the overall economic development of the constituency.

EMPOWERMENT FOR WIDOWS, PENSIONERS, AND UNDERSERVED CITIZENS

Deputy Speaker Kalu's commitment to social welfare is further demonstrated through empowerment programs for widows, pensioners, and underserved citizens. These initiatives provide financial assistance, vocational training, and support services, helping these vulnerable groups achieve economic independence and improved living standards.

Widows and pensioners often face significant financial challenges, and the empowerment programs aim to alleviate these burdens. By providing them with the skills and resources to generate income, these initiatives promote

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In conclusion, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu's constituency projects reflect his unwavering commitment to the development and well-being of Bende Federal Constituency. Through strategic investments in infrastructure, education, health, agriculture, and social welfare, he has laid a solid foundation for sustainable growth and prosperity. His efforts continue to inspire confidence and hope among his constituents, proving that visionary leadership can indeed transform communities.

Each project, whether it is the construction of vital roads, the establishment of educational facilities, or the provision of healthcare services, has been thoughtfully designed to address the specific needs of the people. By focusing on comprehensive development, Deputy Speaker Kalu is not only improving the present conditions but also paving the way for a brighter future for Bende Federal Constituency. His leadership is a testament to the power of dedication, vision, and action in creating lasting positive change.

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BENJAMIN KALU'S VISIONARY PUSH FOR LEGISLATIVE ADVANCEMENTS IN BENDE

In his tenure as Deputy Speaker of the 10th House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu has been a relentless advocate for legislative initiatives that drive development in Bende Federal Constituency. Among his numerous achievements, two stand out as transformative milestones: the bill for establishing the Federal University of Medical and Health Sciences in Item, Bende LGA, and the bill for the establishment of the Federal College of Education, Bende.

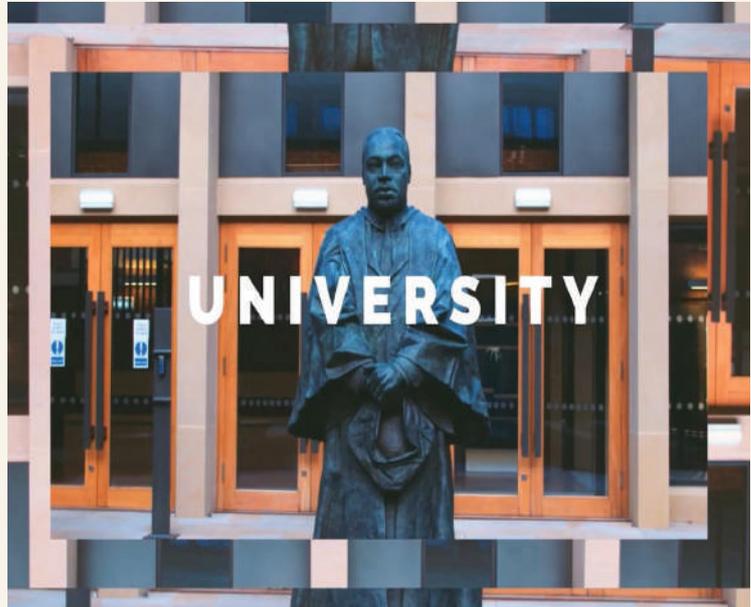
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FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

This groundbreaking bill, which successfully passed its second reading on November 14, 2023, represents a significant leap forward for both the educational and health-care sectors in Bende. The proposed university will provide comprehensive training in medical and health sciences, equipping students with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in these critical fields. By offering advanced academic and professional programs, the institution should become a beacon of excellence in medical education.

The Federal University of Medical and Health Sciences will not only focus on teaching but also on the dissemination of research findings that can benefit the broader Nigerian community. This dual emphasis on education and research underscores the university's potential to contribute significantly to the nation's healthcare landscape. It will serve as a hub for innovative medical research, providing solutions to some of the most pressing health challenges facing Nigeria today.



Honourable Benjamin Kalu's advocacy for this university highlights his unwavering commitment to improving educational opportunities and healthcare services in his constituency. His vision is clear: to create a robust educational infrastructure that fosters professional growth and development, thereby uplifting the entire community.

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FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, BENDE

Similarly, the bill for the establishment of the Federal College of Education in Bende, Abia State, sponsored by Rep. Benjamin Kalu, was passed by the House in a plenary session on November 17, 2021. This bill, which seeks to establish a Federal College of Education in Bende, had its first reading in the green chamber on June 10, 2020, and passed its second reading on March 24, 2021.

Rep. Kalu expressed his delight at the success of this bill, emphasizing the crucial role of education in society. “The importance of education in society cannot be over-emphasized,” he stated. “It is essential for a happy and stable life, for better income and livelihood, and for social equality. Education makes a person self-dependent, turns dreams into reality, and makes the world a better and safer place. No amount spent on education is a waste.”

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When passed, the bill will establish the Federal College of Education in Bende, Abia State, tasked with offering full-time courses leading to the award of the National Certificate of Education, among other responsibilities. The institution, comprising twenty-three sections and a schedule, will be sited in the

heart of Bende, where a sizable land donation has been made to accommodate it. This initiative is expected to boost economic activities in Bende Federal Constituency and Abia State at large, in addition to creating numerous job opportunities.

Rep. Kalu urged stakeholders, traditional leaders, academia, including youths and women who travel long distances to acquire educational qualifications, to be patient as this vision will soon come to fruition. He also acknowledged the support of the Senator representing Abia North, Distinguished Sen. Orji Uzor Kalu, for his contribution to this significant development in Bende Federal Constituency.

COMMITMENT TO COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT

The legislative strides made by Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu are not limited to the education sector alone. He has been instrumental in pushing a variety of bills aimed at the comprehensive development of Bende. His efforts reflect a broader vision of creating a self-reliant, educated, and economically vibrant constituency. From building schools, roads, securing grants for entrepreneurs, to capacity building, and ICT computer labs, his initiatives have laid a solid foundation

for sustainable growth and development in Bende.

In conclusion, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu's tenure as Deputy Speaker has been marked by a series of legislative achievements that underscore his dedication to the progress of Bende Federal Constituency. The establishment of the Federal University of Medical and Health Sciences and the Federal College of Education in Bende are testaments to his visionary leadership and commitment to education and healthcare. These initiatives, along with his continued efforts in various sectors, demonstrate his unwavering commit-



ment to uplifting his constituency and ensuring that Bende remains a beacon of development and progress in Nigeria.

BENJAMIN KALU: STRENGTHENING THE ABIA APC



Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu, the Deputy Speaker of the 10th House of Representatives, has emerged as a steadfast pillar of dedication, loyalty, and progress. This is portrayed in how he transcends legislative duties to fortify his party, the All Progressives Congress (APC), in Abia State. Hon. Kalu's unwavering commitment to party cohesion and strategic resource allocation has significantly bolstered the party's presence and influence in the region.

On January 7, 2024, Hon. Kalu convened a crucial meeting with party leaders and stakeholders in Abia State. This meeting underscored the importance of unity and strategic resource allocation, emphasizing that a divided house cannot stand. His message was clear: for the APC to thrive and effectively serve the people, internal cohesion is paramount. Hon. Kalu's efforts in fostering party cohesion and addressing local needs reflect his broader vision for political and social development.

During this meeting, new members from other political parties



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were welcomed, aligning with the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu. By creating an inclusive environment and embracing new members, Hon. Kalu is not only expanding the party's base but also ensuring that diverse voices and perspectives contribute to the party's growth and effectiveness.

In his own words, Hon. Kalu expressed his delight and commitment during a recent gathering:

"Today, I received with utmost delight, esteemed leaders, elders, and stakeholders of our great party, the All Progressives Congress (APC) across my state, Abia, who paid me a courtesy visit to my office. It was a moment of great joy and shared unity as I welcomed prominent leaders some of whom have served at various levels of leadership.

Honoured to be surrounded by people who genuinely share a common vision for the progress of our party not only in Abia State but also throughout the South East region and

beyond. I am truly humbled by the immense support and belief in my abilities to deliver this leadership bestowed on me and indeed inspired to strive even harder to ensure that the party flourishes under my watch.

Once again, I am grateful to everyone present for this visit. Today marked the beginning of a new era in our great party APC not only in Abia State but the entire South East region.

I reaffirm my commitment to see that the growth and development of our state, region, and nation, Nigeria is not jeopardized. We shall discharge the call to service with utmost dedication.”

Loyalty in politics is more than just allegiance to a party; it is a commitment to the ideals and goals that the party stands for. Hon. Kalu embodies this loyalty, demonstrating an unwavering dedication to the APC and its mission. His political journey, surviving as the “last man standing” in Abia APC out of eight Federal Constituencies, is a powerful testament to his acceptability, dedication, and unalloyed loyalty to the party.

Loyalty also means working tirelessly to achieve the party’s goals, even in the face of challenges. Hon. Kalu’s vigorous campaign



efforts for the APC and President Tinubu in Abia State exemplify this dedication. He was a visible and active participant in the campaign, welcoming the APC Presidential Candidate to Abia State and working relentlessly to garner support for the party. His commitment to the party and its leadership underscores the critical role of loyalty in achieving political success and fostering unity.

Hon. Kalu’s leadership within the APC in Abia State is marked by his continuous efforts to build and strengthen the party. As the highest office holder in Nigeria from Abia State, he

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uses his position to drive positive change and development. His strategic vision for party unity, coupled with his relentless push for educational and healthcare advancements, positions him as a transformative leader.

Hon. Kalu's efforts extend to capacity-building initiatives, securing grants for entrepreneurs, and establishing ICT computer labs, bridges, and other essential infrastructure projects.



These initiatives are designed to create sustainable development in Bende, enhancing the quality of life for his constituents and contributing to the broader socio-economic growth of Abia State.

Hon. Kalu is also a staunch advocate for peace and unity, consistently preaching the importance of these values in his engagements. He understands that true progress can only be

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achieved in an environment of harmony and mutual respect. His efforts in fostering an inclusive political environment, where diverse voices are heard and respected, reflect his commitment to these ideals.

By promoting peace and unity, Hon. Kalu is not only strengthening the APC but also contributing to the stability and development of Abia State and the Igbo community. His leadership exemplifies the importance of having politicians who are not only loyal to their party but also dedicated to the welfare of their constituents and the broader community.

Indeed, Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu's unwavering loyalty, strategic vision, and commitment to unity have significantly strengthened the APC in Abia State. His legislative achievements and relentless efforts to foster peace and development reflect his dedication to his party and his constituents. As the highest office holder from Abia State, Hon. Kalu continues to use his position to drive positive change, making him a beacon of effective leadership and a true asset to the APC and the people of Abia State.

SUPPORTING THE UNDERPRIVILEGED

Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu's compassion for the less privileged is evident in his outreach activities. On May 5, 2024, he hosted widows, pensioners, and the less fortunate from across Abia State at his country home. The event included a comprehensive medical outreach, a banquet, and the distribution of food and household items. This gathering not only provided essential services but also fostered a sense of community and support among attendees.

Hon. Kalu's personal engagement in these activities highlights his deep commitment to his constituents. His presence and interactions with the attendees underscore his genuine concern for their well-being. The heartfelt prayers and expressions of gratitude he received reflect the profound impact of his efforts.

Deputy Speaker Kalu's initiatives go beyond immediate relief, offering sustainable support and empowerment to the most vulnerable. His actions continue to uplift the lives of many, demonstrating the true essence of compassionate and effective leadership.





Deputy Speaker at home with his constituents.



Deputy Speaker Hon. Benjamin Kalu sharing gifts to his constituents.



Deputy Speaker speaking with stakeholders in Abia.



Deputy Speaker Hon. Benjamin Kalu engaging with South East leaders.



Hon. Benjamin Kalu Educational empowerment programme.



Deputy Speaker Hon. Benjamin Kalu commissions solar powered borehole.





Rt. Hon. Ben Kalu deserves all the eoniums and the celebrations. If we continue till the end of the year, we wouldn't have done too much. He is a good man with a good spirit. In my own personal bias, he is my younger brother, my personal friend. It didn't start today. It started over 15 years ago. I believe that we should celebrate good people because it is not every day you see good people.

The lawmaker has distinguished himself in his legislative duties and has contributed immensely toward improving the security and welfare of the people of the Abia State.

He has identified the purpose for which he was elected, hence, the state government decided to honour him despite political differences to appreciate his laudable contributions and selfless service to the state.

HIS EXCELLENCY

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GOVERNOR OF ABIA STATE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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The voice of Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu continues to reverberate, echoing the commitment and dedication he brings to addressing critical national issues. Serving as the second-in-command to Speaker Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas, Hon. Kalu has not only proven himself a trusted leader

but also a pivotal figure in shaping legislative initiatives that impact the nation.

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actively participated in and overseen sectoral debates on significant national issues, such as the state of the nation's economy. These debates, which commenced in November 2023 and continued into February 2024, have focused on engaging members and the executive in policy issues critical to Nigeria's economic growth and development.

Overall, Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu's contributions to national issues exemplify his leadership and collaborative spirit within the 10th House of Representatives. His proactive approach to presiding over plenary sessions, engaging in critical debates, overseeing committee activities, and addressing pressing socio-economic concerns underscore his dedication to serving the Nigerian people. As a trusted leader and advocate for legislative reforms, he continues to play a pivotal role in advancing Nigeria's democratic ideals and promoting sustainable national development.





THE IGBO PEOPLE

Benjamin Kalu, the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, has been a steadfast advocate for the Igbo people, focusing on their economic development, social well-being, and cultural preservation. Through various initiatives, meetings, and legislative efforts, Hon. Kalu has worked tirelessly to address the challenges facing the Igbo community and foster an environment of growth and stability.

For instance, he met with the Igbo Business Community alongside Governor Hope Uzodinma and Governor Peter Mbah of Enugu State. This meeting provided a platform to discuss the key challenges facing Igbo businesses and explore viable solutions. Subsequently, Hon. Kalu led a delegation to meet with Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, who assured them of policies that would not negatively impact Igbo residents. A working committee was established to address community concerns effectively. Hon. Kalu expressed gratitude for the governor's commitment to Igbo safety.

Additionally, the Deputy Speaker spoke on the amendment motion for the release of Mazi Nnamdi Kanu, the leader of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB). He appealed to the President for political and diplomatic inter-



ventions to secure Kanu's release, aiming for a more stable Southeast region.

Furthermore, Hon. Benjamin Kalu delivered the keynote address at the 2023 All Markets Conference organized by the NdigboAmaka Progressive Markets Association. The conference focused on the economic progress of the Southeast region, with Hon. Kalu highlighting the importance of innovation and sustainability in business.



In November 2023, Hon. Benjamin Kalu joined Vice President Kashim Shettima for the commissioning of Advanced Energy Management Solutions Ltd, an electric meter manufacturing factory in Oraifite, Anambra State,

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by Sir Emeka Ofor. This initiative represents a significant step toward industrial growth and energy management in the region.

A notable achievement is the passage of the bill for the South East Development Commission. The commission, set to receive and manage funds for infrastructure reconstruction and rehabilitation following the civil war, will also address ecological and environmental challenges in Southeast states. Hon. Kalu emphasized the bill's potential to instill hope and a sense of belonging among Southeast residents.

Moreover, Hon. Benjamin Kalu received a grand civic reception in Umuahia from the Abia State Government, which bestowed upon him the Chieftaincy Title of "ENYI ABIA" (Strength of Abia) by the Abia State Council of Traditional Rulers. He expressed gratitude for the honor and reaffirmed his commitment to effective governance and the well-being of Abia State.



In February 2024, Hon. Benjamin Kalu celebrated the imminent establishment of the South East Development Commission following the Senate's bill passage. He expressed optimism about the development efforts set to commence, marking a significant milestone for the Southeast region.

Additionally, Hon. Benjamin Kalu visited Governor Alex Otti of Abia State, emphasizing the importance of synergy between his office and the state government in propelling Abia State's progress. He commended Governor Otti's dedicated approach to governance and its positive impact on business confidence and state investment.

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Finally, Hon. Benjamin Kalu's advocacy for the Igbo people is rooted in a deep commitment to their economic empowerment, cultural preservation, and social well-being. Through strategic engagements, legislative achievements, and continuous collaboration with state and community leaders, Hon. Kalu has made significant strides in addressing the challenges faced by the Igbo community and fostering a prosperous and stable Southeast region. His efforts exemplify dedicated leadership that seeks to uplift and empower the Igbo people, ensuring their contributions to Nigeria's progress are recognized and supported.



WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to advocating for women's rights, championing gender equality, and promoting the inclusion of women in all facets of society. His dedication is reflected through various initiatives, speeches, and legislative efforts aimed at uplifting women and addressing gender-based challenges.

He celebrated the Super Falcons' victory at the FIFA Women's World Cup against Australia, expressing immense pride and confidence in their determination and skills. He recognized the significance of this achievement not just for sports but also as a symbol of women's strength and capability on the global stage.

On November 24, 2023, Deputy Speaker Kalu attended the summit marking 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, organized by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in partnership with the

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United Nations Development Programme. He highlighted the profound impact of gender-based violence on society and underscored the importance of the Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act (VAPP Act) as a legislative tool against such violence. Kalu emphasized the responsibility of parliamentarians to

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legislate, allocate funds, and hold the executive branch accountable for the implementation of these laws and policies. He commended the organizers for leading this critical conversation.

Deputy Speaker Kalu has also expressed gratitude for the support he receives from the mothers of Bende Federal Constituency. On January 7, 2024, he acknowledged their love, prayers, and support, which have been a great source of inspiration and a cherished blessing for him.

Promoting gender equality and inclusivity

in governance is a fundamental principle for Hon. Kalu. On March 4, 2024, he attended a roundtable discussion on Women's Inclusion in Politics organized by the Policy and Legal Advocacy Center (PLAC) in partnership with Yiaga Africa, Nigeria Women Trust Fund, and ElectHer. In his address, he reaffirmed the commitment of the 'People's House' to enact laws that facilitate increased participation of women in politics and governance. Beyond legislation, Kalu emphasized the need to cultivate a culture of inclusivity within legislative bodies, which includes building a supportive environment, amplifying women's voices, and challenging discriminatory practices. He assured the organizations leading this advocacy that the ongoing constitution review by the 10th National Assembly would address gender imbalance issues.

International Women's Day on March 8, 2024, was another





occasion for Deputy Speaker Kalu to reaffirm his commitment towards gender equality and inclusivity in governance. He celebrated women and emphasized the importance of continuing efforts to promote their rights and participation in all sectors of society.

On March 10, 2024, Hon. Kalu honored mothers, recognizing their invaluable contributions to society through their dedication to family, nurturing, and community building. He acknowledged the integral role of mothers in the nation's development and wished them strength, grace, and abundant blessings on this special day, celebrating Mother's Day.

Deputy Speaker Benjamin Kalu's advocacy for women's rights is characterized by his consistent efforts to support and empower women, both through legislative measures and public recognition of their achievements and contributions. His work aims to create a more inclusive and equitable society where women can thrive and contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress.

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YOUTH

Benjamin Kalu, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, has consistently demonstrated his dedication to youth empowerment and development in Nigeria. His advocacy efforts span various initiatives aimed at fostering a brighter future for the nation's young population.

On June 26, 2023, Hon. Kalu joined fellow Nigerians and the global community to commemorate the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking at a symposium held at the State House Conference Center in Abuja.

This stance reflects his broader vision of creating an environment where young people can thrive without the detrimental impacts of substance abuse.

He emphasized the importance of combating drug abuse, underscoring his commitment to achieving a healthier, drug-free society. This stance reflects his broader vision of creating an environment where young people can thrive without the detrimental impacts of substance abuse.

On December 4, 2023, Hon Kalu delivered a keynote address at the unveiling of the Nigeria Youth Futures Fund (NYFF) grants. The NYFF,





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His Excellency, Deputy Speaker Kalu engaged with youth on December 18, 2023, when he lectured the fellows of the Legislative Mentorship Initiative (LMI) on the Fundamentals of Parliamentary Debating and Public Speaking.

a collaborative initiative by LEAP Africa, the MacArthur Foundation, and the Ford Foundation, aims to empower young Nigerians.

Benjamin Kalu praised this visionary partnership, highlighting how the fund represents a beacon of hope and empowerment for the youth. He stressed the transformative power of young people and their potential to shape their destinies and contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress. His speech underscored the vital role of such initiatives in nurturing the next generation of leaders.

His Excellency, Deputy Speaker Kalu engaged with youth on December 18, 2023, when he lectured the fellows of the Legislative Mentorship Initiative (LMI) on the Fundamentals of Parliamentary Debating and Public Speaking. He highlighted the importance of nurturing young minds, particularly within the legislature. Hon. Kalu's involvement in the LMI, an initiative by former Speaker and current Chief of Staff to the President, Rt. Hon Femi Gbajabamila, showcased his dedication to empow-



ering young individuals to excel in legislative roles. He praised the initiative, recognizing its significance in shaping future leaders.

On December 21, 2023, His Excellency, Hon. Kalu delivered the keynote address at the graduation ceremony for the fellows of the Legislative Mentorship Institute. He commended the fellows for their dedication and resilience throughout the comprehen-

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sive program, which included lectures, case studies, and group projects.

The Deputy Speaker expressed optimism that this strategic program would equip young, dynamic leaders to contribute significantly to Nigeria's growth and prosperity. His remarks underscored the importance of continuous mentorship and training in building a capable and committed leadership for the future.

On March 22, 2024, Rt. Hon. Kalu engaged with participants of The Covenant Nation's Platform Public Service Bootcamp at the National Assembly. He emphasized the importance of equipping young individuals with essential skills for public service, urging them to uphold values of integrity, honour, and service. He commended The Covenant Nation, Pastor Poju Oyemade, and lead facilitator Mrs. Sola Salako-Ajulo for their efforts in investing in the next generation of leaders. His interaction with these young participants highlighted his belief in the significance of preparing future leaders to navigate current dynamics and challenges.

Benjamin Kalu's advocacy for youth development is a testament to his commitment to



nurturing and empowering the next generation. Through his various initiatives and engagements, Hon. Kalu has consistently demonstrated his belief in the transformative power of young Nigerians and their potential to drive societal progress. His efforts underscore the importance of creating supportive environments and opportunities for youth, ensuring they are well-equipped to lead and contribute to the nation's future prosperity.

TECHNOLOGY

Benjamin Kalu, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, has consistently demonstrated a forward-thinking approach to technology, emphasizing its critical role in Nigeria's development. His ideology encompasses



a commitment to fostering innovation, ensuring responsible use of emerging technologies, and creating a regulatory environment that balances market growth with user protection.

On November 16, 2023, His Excellency, Hon. Kalu hosted a delegation from Meta Platforms Incorporated, formerly known as Facebook. The delegation, led by Kojo Boakye, Vice President for Africa, Middle East, and Turkey, and Adaora Ikenze, Head of Public Policy for West and Central

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Africa, discussed pivotal topics affecting Nigeria's digital landscape. Recognizing Meta as a significant stakeholder in Nigeria's digital advertising and marketing space, Kalu engaged in discussions about the ARCON Act 2022, which governs the Nigerian advertising industry. He underscored the commitment to refining this legislation to be more market-friendly and development-oriented.

During the meeting, the conversation also delved into the relevance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in governance. Kalu highlighted the government's dedication to fostering innovation while ensuring the responsible use of AI technologies. This reflects his broader vision of integrating advanced technologies into governance to enhance efficiency and effec-



tiveness.

A key aspect of Kalu's technological ideology is his intentional approach to content moderation and digital rights. He emphasized the Parliament's role in addressing proposed content moderation and digital rights bills,

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stressing the importance of striking a balance to establish a fair regulatory framework. This approach aims to protect digital rights while fostering a conducive environment for innovation and free expression.

Earlier in March 2023, Kalu welcomed another delegation from Meta, led by Sir Nick Clegg, President of Meta Global Affairs and former Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. This

visit further solidified Kalu's commitment to accelerating the growth of Nigeria's digital economy. The discussions highlighted the need for a multifaceted approach to promote digital innovation, data protection, and e-commerce. Kalu acknowledged Nigeria's young population as a significant market for online businesses and expressed openness to strategic collaborations with major stakeholders in the digital sector.

The Deputy Speaker assured the Meta delegation that the 10th House of Representatives is dedicated to fostering an innovative and commerce-friendly regulatory environment.

This commitment is part of the legislative agenda aimed at serving the interests of both technology companies and Nigerian citizens.

Honourable Kalu's ideology on technology is rooted in the belief that digital innovation is essential for Nigeria's progress. He envisions a future where advanced technologies, like AI, are seamlessly integrated into governance to improve service delivery and citizen engagement. By advocating for a balanced regulatory framework, he aims to protect user rights while encouraging technological advancements.

Moreover, his engagements with global tech leaders like Meta underscore his proactive approach to positioning Nigeria as a hub for digital innovation. His efforts to refine

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the ARCON Act and his discussions on AI's role in governance highlight his dedication to creating a robust and dynamic digital economy.

Benjamin Kalu's ideology on technology reflects a comprehensive and balanced approach to fostering innovation, ensuring responsible use of emerging technologies, and protecting digital rights. His strategic collaborations with tech giants like Meta demonstrate his commitment to positioning Nigeria at the forefront of the digital revolution. Through these efforts, Kalu aims to create a thriving digital economy that benefits both technology companies and the Nigerian populace, ensuring a prosperous and technologically advanced future for the nation.



Deputy Speaker with the Honourable Minister of Finance.

ECONOMY

Economic development is fundamental to Nigeria's progress, and the House of Representatives has taken bold steps to ensure economic stability and growth. Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu has played a pivotal role in these efforts. During significant sectoral debates on the state of the nation's economy, Kalu engaged with key economic stakeholders, including the Minister of Finance and the Governor of the Central Bank. These discussions focused on fiscal policy, monetary stability, and investment strategies.

Hon. Kalu's leadership ensured that the debates led to actionable outcomes, emphasizing the need for transparency in government spending, effective tax policies, and measures to attract foreign investment. His efforts have shaped legislative initiatives aimed at enhancing revenue mobilization, diversifying the economy, and promoting sustainable development.

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One notable event was the sectoral debate on February 6, 2024. This session included prominent figures such as the Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Mr. Wale Edun, the Minister of Budget and Economic Planning, Sen. Abubakar Atiku Bagudu, the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Mr. Olayemi Cardoso, and the Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Mr. Zacch Adedeji. During this debate, Kalu emphasized the need for deep engagement between members of the House and the Executive to address economic challenges. The discussions covered key issues such as monetary policy decisions, interest rate stability, fiscal policy measures, and strategies for enhancing revenue mobilization.

Deputy Speaker Kalu has established himself as a key figure in Nigeria's legislative framework, particularly in economic oversight. His contributions have significantly shaped the House's approach to addressing pressing economic issues, ensuring transparency, and promoting sustainable growth.



Hon. Kalu's multifaceted approach includes improved intelligence gathering, better training for security personnel, and enhanced community policing initiatives. His efforts have significantly contributed to a more robust security framework, aiming to restore peace and stability across the nation.

SECURITY

Security remains a paramount concern in Nigeria, with various regions facing challenges from insurgency to communal conflicts. The House of Representatives has taken a proactive stance in addressing these issues through

sectoral debates focused on national security. Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu has played a crucial role in these discussions, engaging with the heads of security agencies to enhance accountability and the effective use of resources.

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Under the leadership of Speaker Abbas and Deputy Speaker Kalu, the House of Representatives has addressed security issues through sectoral debates, inviting the heads of security agencies, including the Inspector General of Police and Service Chiefs, to provide insights into their efforts to combat insecurity. Kalu has been instrumental in these discussions, pressing for greater accountability and the effective use of resources allocated for security purposes.

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and enhanced community policing initiatives. His efforts have led to the development of a more resilient security framework, aimed at restoring peace and stability across Nigeria. The outcomes of these debates have been pivotal in shaping legislative reforms designed to strengthen the country's security apparatus and ensure the protection of its citizens.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is the backbone of Nigeria's economy, providing employment and sustenance for a significant portion of the population. Recognizing its importance, the House of Representatives has prioritized agricultural development through sectoral debates and legislative initiatives. Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu has been at the forefront of these efforts, emphasizing the need for a comprehensive strategy to boost agricultural productivity and ensure food security.

During sectoral debates, Hon. Kalu has advocated for policies that provide farmers with better access to financing and modern equipment. He has highlighted the importance of research and development in agriculture, focusing on introducing high-yield crop varieties and effective pest management techniques. Kalu's leadership ensured that these debates led to actionable outcomes, aimed at revitalizing Nigeria's agricultural sector.

In one notable sectoral debate, the House



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engaged with key stakeholders, including the Minister of Agriculture, to discuss the myriad challenges facing the sector. Issues such as access to credit, modern farming techniques, pest control, and infrastructure development were central to the discussions. Kalu played a pivotal role in these debates, emphasizing the need for a comprehensive strategy to boost agricultural productivity and ensure food security.

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better access to financing and modern equipment. He also stressed the importance of research and development in agriculture to introduce high-yield crop varieties and effective pest management techniques. His leadership ensured that the debates were not just discussions but led to actionable outcomes aimed at revitalizing Nigeria's agricultural sector.

INFLATION

Rising inflation has been a persistent issue affecting Nigerians' purchasing power and overall economic stability. Under the guidance of Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu, the House of Representatives has taken a proactive approach in scrutinizing the policies of the Central Bank and other financial institutions to address this challenge. During sectoral debates, Kalu has advocated for measures to stabilize prices and control inflation, emphasizing policies that balance economic growth with price stability.

Kalu's role in economic oversight is further exemplified by his involvement in addressing the arbitrary increase in cement prices. On May 8, 2024, he opened an investigative hearing at the National Assembly complex to scrutinize the factors behind these price hikes and ensure that consumers are protected from unfair market practices. This initiative



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highlights Kalu's commitment to economic fairness and accountability.

His contributions have been instrumental in promoting legislative oversight of monetary policies, ensuring that the Central Bank's actions align with the broader goal of economic stability. Through his leadership in these debates, Kalu has helped shape policies aimed at mitigating inflationary pressures and protecting the welfare of Nigerian citizens.

Kalu's proactive leadership was also evident during the May 8, 2024 hearing on cement

prices. This session aimed to investigate the factors behind the price increases and ensure fair market practices, underscoring Kalu's dedication to protecting consumer interests and maintaining economic stability.

EDUCATION

Education is a cornerstone of national development, and the House of Representatives has taken significant steps to address challenges in this sector. Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu has been instrumental in legislative dialogues focused on improving the quality of education and ensuring equitable access for all Nigerians. His contributions include advocating for increased funding for education, better teacher training programs, and the development of modern educational infrastructure.

Hon. Kalu's efforts have led to legislative initiatives aimed at enhancing the education system, ensuring that Nigerian students receive a quality education that prepares them for the future. His leadership in this area underscores his commitment to fostering national development through education.

On October 12, 2023, Kalu, alongside other House leaders, welcomed students from The Centagon International School to the National Assembly. This visit highlighted his dedication to civic engagement and education, inspiring

the next generation of Nigerian leaders. By interacting with young students, Kalu demonstrated the House's openness and its role in inspiring future leaders.

Additionally, on August 23, 2023, Kalu declared open a One-Day Legislative Summit on Students' Loan and Access to Higher Education on behalf of Speaker Tajudeen Abbas. This event underscored Kalu's proactive approach to addressing educational challenges and his commitment to making higher education accessible to all Nigerians.

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ration. Through his oversight of committees, engagement in sectoral debates, and proactive approach to addressing national issues, Kalu continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the legislative landscape and promoting good governance in Nigeria.

HOUSING

Affordable housing is a critical issue in Nigeria, where many citizens struggle to find adequate living conditions. The House of Representatives has addressed this issue through legis-

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lative initiatives aimed at increasing housing availability and affordability. Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu has played a key role in these efforts, advocating for policies that promote the construction of affordable housing and the efficient utilization of housing funds.

On August 23, 2023, Kalu was pivotal in overseeing the committee responsible for examining the utilization of funds for the National Housing Fund (NHF). His leadership ensured that the committee's findings would lead to improved transparency and efficiency in managing public resources. This effort is part



of Kalu's broader commitment to ensuring that government funds are used effectively to benefit the Nigerian populace.

Kalu's leadership in economic oversight has been marked by a steadfast commitment to transparency, accountability, and sustainable development. Through sectoral debates, investigative hearings, and diligent oversight of fund utilization, Kalu continues to play a crucial role in shaping Nigeria's economic policies and promoting the well-being of its citizens. His contributions have been pivotal in shaping legislative reforms that aim to address the housing crisis in Nigeria.

Hon. Kalu's leadership ensures that the housing sector receives the attention it deserves, helping to improve living conditions for countless Nigerians. His oversight of the committee examining the utilization of funds for the NHF on August 23, 2023, highlights his commitment to ensuring efficient manage-

ment of public resources. Under his leadership, the committee aimed to ensure that the NHF fulfills its mandate and effectively addresses the housing needs of Nigerians. This initiative is part of Kalu's broader effort to promote transparency and accountability in government operations.

LABOUR

Labour issues, including strikes and disputes, significantly impact Nigeria's economy and social stability. The House of Representatives has actively engaged in constructive dialogues with labour unions to address these concerns. Deputy Speaker Benjamin Okezie Kalu has been a central figure in these discussions, advocating for collaborative approaches to resolving labour disputes and improving workers' conditions.

Amidst an ongoing strike by the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC), Kalu emphasized the importance of dialogue and collaboration in addressing labour issues. On November 15, 2023, during the strike, the House adopted a motion to engage in constructive dialogue with the NLC. Kalu played a key role in facilitating this dialogue, highlighting the importance of working collaboratively with the unions to address their concerns. His leadership has helped foster constructive engagement between the government and labour



unions, aiming to find lasting solutions that benefit all parties involved.

Kalu's diplomatic approach reflects a commitment to finding amicable solutions and maintaining industrial harmony. His ability to foster productive relationships with key stakeholders is evident in his efforts to address the ongoing NLC strike. By adopting motions for constructive dialogue and emphasizing collaboration, Kalu has demonstrated his dedication to resolving labour disputes and improving conditions for workers.

Through his proactive and collaborative efforts, Kalu continues to play a pivotal role in addressing labour issues, ensuring that the concerns of workers are heard and addressed effectively. His leadership in this area underscores his commitment to promoting industrial harmony and social stability in Nigeria.



Hon. Benjamin Kalu delivering a keynote Speech at the Legislative Mentorship Initiative



Deputy Speaker Hon. Benjamin Kalu speaking on National Issues at Parliament .



Hon. Benjamin Kalu advocating for Peace in South East.



Deputy Speaker Hon. Benjamin Kalu speaking at the Research for Impact Initiative Event.



Hon. Benjamin Kalu on a condolence visit to widows of fallen Soldiers.



Deputy Speaker Hon. Benjamin Kalu making an intervention in Parliament.





I insisted that I will be the first voice to be heard in the 9th Assembly. It had never happened before, that a first timer would be the first to speak but I was eager to make impact. As a result, about 13 roads were built, about 4 bridges were built. There was a fire burning within me. I needed to make impact immediately.

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BUILDING

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COURTESY VISITS AND OFFICE ENGAGEMENTS



Over the past year, His Excellency, Hon. Benjamin Kalu, has actively engaged in a series of office interactions and courtesy visits with stakeholders across diverse sectors. These engagements have encompassed robust discussions, strategic planning sessions, and collaborative efforts aimed at addressing critical issues facing Nigeria. Hon. Kalu's commitment to legislative excellence and dedication to national development are unmistakably evident in his proactive approach to engaging stakeholders, driving positive change, and fostering progress.

These interactions underscore Honorable Benjamin Kalu's commitment to fostering collaboration, addressing critical issues, and driving progress through strategic partnerships and legislative interventions. His engagement with

various stakeholders reflects his unwavering dedication to representing his constituency and contributing to Nigeria's overall development agenda.

Here are some of the stakeholders with whom the Deputy Speaker's office has engaged:

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT ROUNDTABLE (NASSBER)

Honorable Benjamin Kalu received a delegation from the National Assembly Business Environment Roundtable (NASSBER), led by the National Economic Summit Group (NESG). During this visit, Hon. Kalu emphasized the importance of the legislature in promoting economic growth and development. He assured the delegation of the House's commitment, under the leadership of Rt. Hon. Tajudeen Abbas, to create a legislative framework that enhances economic competitiveness and stability. This strategic partnership with NASSBER aims to foster inclusive economic participation and drive prosperity.

BENDE PATRIOTS' COURTESY VISIT

The week began with a courtesy visit from the leadership of Bende Patriots. Hon. Kalu expressed gratitude for their support and gifts, which symbolize their confidence in his leadership. He reaffirmed his commitment to representing Bende and working across party lines to ensure the progress of Abia State, the South East region, and Nigeria as a whole.





VISIT FROM EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND ECOWAS PARLIAMENT

Hon. Kalu welcomed Rt. Hon. Ntakirutimana Joseph, Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly, and Mr. Sidie Mohamed Tunis, Speaker of the ECOWAS Parliament, along with other dignitaries. The discussions focused on enhancing economic partnerships and supporting free movement across Africa. Hon. Kalu assured them of Nigeria's support for President Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu's tenure as ECOWAS chairman and emphasized the importance of regional cooperation for mutual growth and development.

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION DELEGATION

A delegation from the Nigerian Bar Association, led by President Yakubu Maikyau, visited Hon. Kalu. He highlighted the association's vital role in governance and nation-building. Hon. Kalu urged the association to take a proactive stance in engaging with the legislature to foster national progress and development.

APC LEADERS FROM ABIA STATE

Hon. Kalu received leaders and stakeholders of the All Progressives Congress (APC) from Abia State. The visit marked a significant moment of unity and shared vision for the party's progress in the South East region. Hon. Kalu expressed gratitude for their support and reaffirmed his commitment to advancing the party's goals and fostering development in Abia State and beyond.



DEPUTY AMBASSADOR OF HUNGARY

Hon. Kalu hosted Ambassador Gabor Krauss, the Deputy Ambassador of Hungary to Nigeria. The meeting focused on enhancing diplomatic and economic relations between Nigeria and Hungary. Hon. Kalu emphasized the importance of legislative interventions to bolster investor confidence and foster economic partnerships.



TRANSPLANT ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA

The Transplant Association of Nigeria, led by President Dr. Olalekun Olatise, visited Hon. Kalu to discuss pressing issues related to



organ transplantation. Hon. Kalu commended the association's dedication and assured them of the National Assembly's support through policies and legislation to address healthcare challenges and improve the nation's health-care infrastructure.

UNIVERSITY OF CALABAR ALUMNI VISIT

Hon. Kalu welcomed his classmates from the University of Calabar, Faculty of Law, Class of '98. Reflecting on their formative years, he expressed gratitude for their support and recognition. Hon. Kalu reaffirmed his commitment to upholding the legal profession's reputation and working for the nation's advancement.

UKWA PEOPLE'S CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

A delegation from the Ukwa People's Consultative Council, representing the oil-producing region in Abia State, visited Hon. Kalu. They discussed the infrastructural and environmental challenges due to oil exploration. Hon. Kalu assured them of the House's attention to the Niger Delta Development Commission's interventions in the state.



FEMALE STUDENT VANGUARD FOR GIRL CHILD EDUCATION

Hon. Kalu received a delegation from the Female Student Vanguard for Girl Child Education. They discussed challenges faced by the girl child, including limited educational opportunities and gender-based violence. Hon. Kalu praised the organization's advocacy efforts and committed to supporting legislative interventions to address gender equality issues.



WOMEN ADVOCATES RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION CENTER (WARDC)

Representatives from WARDC, led by Dr. Abiola Afolabi, visited Hon. Kalu to discuss gender bills and the empowerment of women. Hon. Kalu emphasized the 10th House's commitment to gender equality and inclusion, and praised WARDC's advocacy efforts.





OHANAEZE NDIGBO WORLDWIDE

The National Leadership of Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide, led by President-General Chief Dr. Emmanuel Iwuanyanwu, visited Hon. Kalu. The meeting focused on security and peace in the Southeast region. They discussed the Peace in Southeast Project (PISEP), aimed at fostering partnerships between security agencies and stakeholders to resolve regional unrest.



AFRILABS DELEGATES

Hon. Kalu hosted delegates from AfriLabs, led by Executive Director Anna Ekeledo. The discussion centered on leveraging technology for legislative oversight and enhancing accountability and transparency in governance. Hon. Kalu assured the delegates of the House's support for innovators and their projects through policies and legislative interventions.



WOMEN ROUNDTABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

Hon. Kalu received delegates from the Women Roundtable for Development and Good Governance. They discussed the advocacy for gender bills and the importance of women's

political participation. Hon. Kalu reaffirmed the 10th Assembly's commitment to equality and inclusion, urging women to explore political opportunities at all government levels.

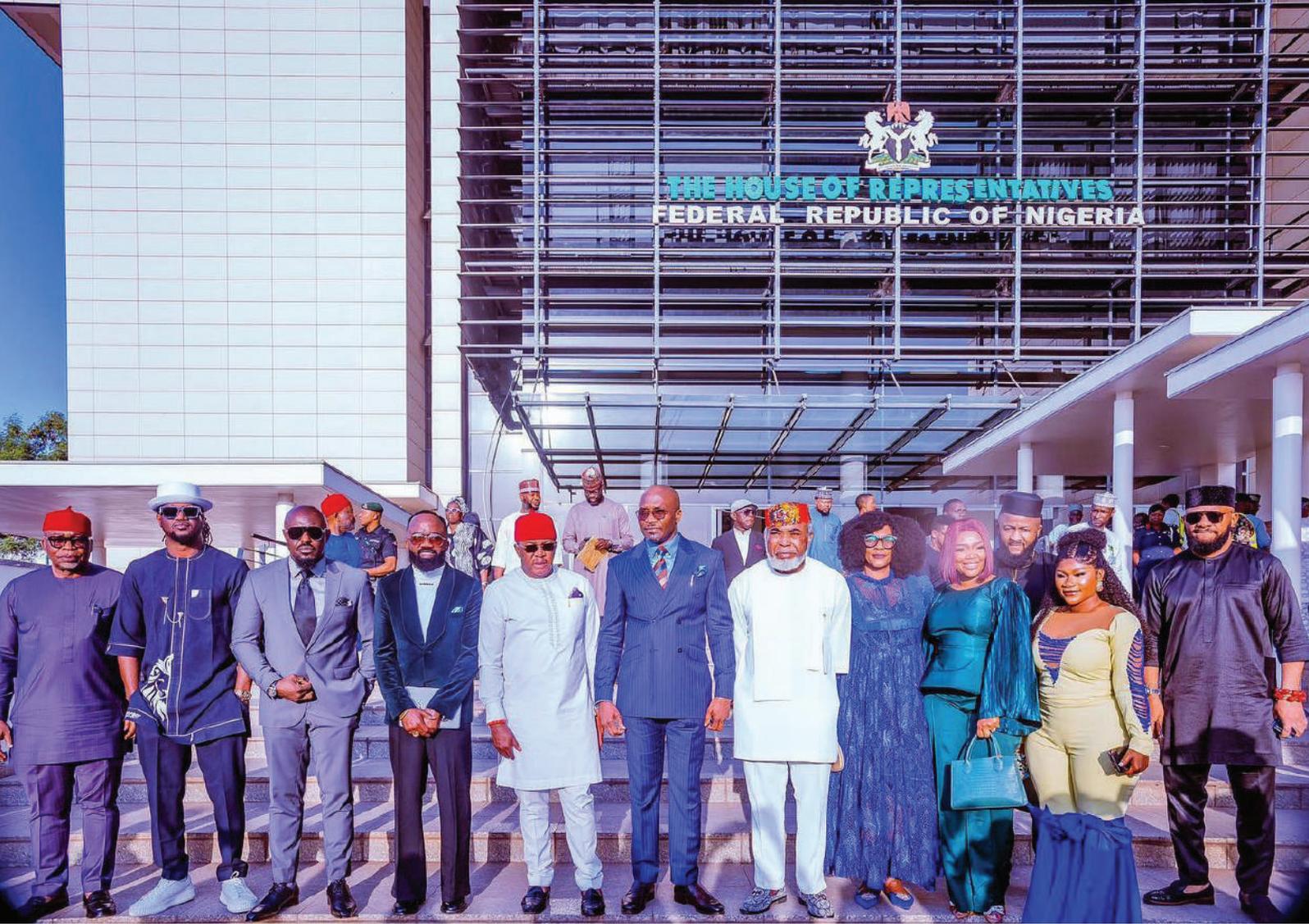
META PLATFORM INCORPORATED VISIT

A delegation from Meta Platform Incorporated, led by Vice President Kojo Boakye and Head of Public Policy Adaora Ikenze, visited Hon. Kalu. They discussed the ARCON Act 2022 and the relevance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in governance. Hon. Kalu emphasized the need for a balanced regulatory framework for content moderation and digital rights.

ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY DELEGATES

Hon. Kalu hosted Nollywood actors, musical artists, and performers from the South East region. They discussed the impact of insecurity on the regional economy and the adverse effects of the weekly sit-at-home exercise. Hon. Kalu introduced the Peace In South East Project (PISEP) and urged the actors to prioritize efforts towards regional peace and prosperity.





INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM)

Hon. Benjamin Kalu received a delegation from the International Organization for Migration (IOM), led by the Chief of Mission to Nigeria, to discuss migration challenges and opportunities. The meeting focused on strategies to address irregular migration, promote safe migration, and support migrants' rights. Hon. Kalu emphasized the importance of legislative frameworks to protect migrants and enhance cooperation between Nigeria and international organizations like IOM.



CIVIL SOCIETY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CENTRE (CISLAC)

Hon. Kalu welcomed the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) delegation, led by the Executive Director. They discussed transparency, accountability, and legislative interventions to combat corruption. Hon. Kalu assured CISLAC of the House's commitment to strengthening anti-corruption laws and promoting good governance in Nigeria.



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)

A delegation from the World Health Organization (WHO), led by the Country Representative to Nigeria, visited Hon. Kalu's office. Discussions focused on healthcare challenges, disease prevention, and legislative support for public health initiatives. Hon. Kalu pledged the House's commitment to improving healthcare infrastructure and supporting WHO's efforts to enhance health outcomes in Nigeria.



NIGERIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (NMA)

Hon. Kalu received a delegation from the Nigerian Medical Association (NMA), led by the President. They discussed healthcare reforms, doctor-patient ratios, and challenges in the medical profession. Hon. Kalu assured the NMA of legislative support to address these issues and improve healthcare delivery in Nigeria.



NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (NYCN)

The National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), represented by its leadership, paid a courtesy visit to Hon. Kalu. They discussed youth empowerment, employment opportunities,



and the role of legislation in supporting youth development. Hon. Kalu emphasized the House's commitment to youth inclusivity and pledged to advocate for policies that benefit Nigerian youth.

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

Hon. Kalu hosted a delegation from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), led by the Resident Representative to Nigeria. They discussed sustainable development goals, climate action, and legislative support for environmental conservation. Hon. Kalu assured the UNDP of the House's commitment to implementing policies that promote sustainable development and protect the environment.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIAN STUDENTS (NANS)

Hon. Kalu welcomed representatives from the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS). They discussed educational reforms, student welfare, and the legislative agenda for improving the quality of education in Nigeria. Hon. Kalu pledged the House's support for educational initiatives and assured NANS of his commitment to advocating for student rights and welfare.



COURTESY VISIT BY THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

Hon. Kalu received a delegation from the European Union (EU), representing their mission in Nigeria. Discussions focused on EU-Nigeria relations, trade agreements, and legislative frameworks to support economic partnerships. Hon. Kalu emphasized the House's commitment to strengthening ties with the EU and promoting economic growth through legislative interventions.



COALITION OF UNITED POLITICAL PARTIES (CUPP)

The Coalition of United Political Parties (CUPP) leadership visited Hon. Kalu to discuss political alliances, electoral reforms, and legislative oversight. Hon. Kalu assured CUPP of the House's commitment to electoral integrity and pledged to support reforms that enhance the democratic process in Nigeria.



AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (AFDB)

Hon. Kalu hosted a delegation from the African Development Bank (AfDB), led by the Country Director for Nigeria. They discussed infrastructure development, financing opportunities, and legislative support for AfDB projects in Nigeria. Hon. Kalu pledged the



House's commitment to promoting economic development and infrastructure projects that benefit Nigerians.

ASSOCIATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES OF NIGERIA (ATCON)

Representatives from the Association of Telecommunications Companies of Nigeria (ATCON) visited Hon. Kalu to discuss telecommunications regulation, broadband expansion, and legislative support for the digital economy. Hon. Kalu assured ATCON of the House's commitment to enhancing Nigeria's digital infrastructure and supporting policies that promote technological innovation.

AFRICAN UNION (AU) DELEGATION

Hon. Kalu received a delegation from the African Union (AU), led by the Commissioner for Political Affairs. They discussed regional security, peacekeeping missions, and legislative support for AU initiatives. Hon. Kalu pledged the House's commitment to supporting AU's efforts in promoting peace, security, and development across Africa.







Our partnership spans across many dimensions—trade, culture, education, technology, and peace and migration, and governance. It is through these connections that we find common ground and build a future of shared progress.

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With the former president of Nigeria, HE Goodluck Jonathan GCFR

In one year of His Excellency, Hon. Benjamin Kalu as Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of the most remarkable aspects has been his consistent engagement with a diverse array of stakeholders from across Nigeria. These interac-

tions have not only strengthened bonds but also underscored his commitment to fostering

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HE president Bola Ahmed Tinubu with the leadership of the 10th Assembly.

unity, promoting collaboration, and celebrating significant moments with fellow Nigerians.

Throughout the year, Hon. Benjamin Kalu has had the privilege to attend and participate in numerous events that highlight his dedication to service and kindness. From paying respects to esteemed leaders and celebrating milestones to engaging with communities and

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promoting national unity, his journey has been marked by impactful encounters and memorable experiences.

One of the notable occasions was his attendance at the funeral of the late Mrs. Jane Nnamani, wife of Former Senate President Ken Nnamani GCON, in Enugu State. Alongside Senate President Distinguished Sen. Godswill Obot Akpabio, Hon. Benjamin Kalu joined the Federal Government delegation to pay their last respects. It was a solemn moment, and he expressed heartfelt condolences to the family, praying for strength and comfort during their time of grief.



The Deputy Speaker also participated in the Lagos State Government's welcome reception for President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, emphasizing the importance of collaboration between the Executive and the Legislative arms of government.

In terms of official duties, Hon. Benjamin Kalu attended the official handover ceremony at the Naval Headquarters in Abuja, witnessing the transition between Rear Admiral Awwal Zubairu Gambo and Rear Admiral Emmanuel Ikechukwu Ogalla. It was an opportunity to show support for Nigeria's military leadership and acknowledge their dedication to national security.



Another significant event was the celebration of Sen. Dr. George Akume's appointment as the Secretary to the Government of the Federation. Hon. Benjamin Kalu joined well-meaning Nigerians in honouring Sen. Akume, recognizing his contributions to national development and wishing him success in his new role.

The Deputy Speaker also participated in the Lagos State Government's welcome reception for President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, emphasizing the importance of collaboration between the Executive and the Legislative arms of government. Such engagements underscored the commitment of the 10th National Assembly to work together with the Executive for the progress and advancement of Nigeria.

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Sen. Kashim Shettima, was honoured with the Chieftaincy title of 'Enyi Ndigbo' (Friend of the Igbo people). This event celebrated cultural diversity and highlighted the Deputy Speaker's commitment to national cohesion and unity.

The year also saw Hon. Benjamin Kalu's involvement in personal milestones, such as weddings and birthday celebrations. He was present at the wedding of Ike Ekweremadu Jnr, son of Former Deputy Senate President Ike Ekweremadu, where he heartily congratulated the couple and wished them a prosperous marital journey.

In a moment of national mourning, Hon. Benjamin Kalu joined other distinguished leaders in paying a condolence visit to the National Security Adviser, Mallam Nuhu Ribadu, over the loss of his brother, Dr. Salihu Ahmadu Ribadu, in Yola, Adamawa State. This gesture demonstrated solidarity and compassion during a difficult time.

Throughout these engagements, Hon. Benjamin Kalu exemplified his commitment to service, kindness, and fostering relationships across Nigeria. His journey as Deputy Speaker continues to be defined by these moments of unity, collaboration, and celebration of Nigeria's diversity.







I must commend Rt. Honourable Benjamin Kalu for being in tune with time, in tune with our reality and in tune with his heart in taking a stand for lasting peace.

His approach is the most beautiful I have seen so far. We need to build bridges, there is a need for a handshake.

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Lawmaking requires the fusion of intellect and deep concentration. It is in the realm of focused thought that the intricacies of justice are woven into the fabric of society.

Leadership is a strong commitment to accessibility, accountability and the weight of responsibility.

Lawmaking, quality representation, accountability - our promise to the people whose mandate we are committed to deliver.

Service to the people remains the ultimate goal.

A great day is about making impact, harnessing strength and conquering tight schedules.

In showing up, maintaining focus and working diligently regardless of the circumstances, results are achieved towards collective success.

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Each day, prioritise the approach of strategic planning, engagement and subsequent implementation which is pertinent to achieving tangible results.

The true essence of leadership lies in our continued dedication to serve the people.

Prosperity finds its roots in the strong pillars of peace and unity, lifting a nation's dreams to greater heights.

Our nemesis has always come when we believe we could be lone rangers. It doesn't work, you will agree with me that it has never worked.

There will be no prosperity without peace, no peace without prosperity.

Together we stand in unity for the peace and progress of our nation, Nigeria.



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