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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Urgent Intervention on the Ohan Bridge in Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency of Kwara State: Hon. Mashood Mustapha:**

The House:

Notes that the Ohan Bridge in Asa Local Government Area of Kwara State which links Oyo State, has become a death trap due to a collapsed section of the bridge;

Further notes that Kwara State Government has been spending so much from its meager resources to maintain this bridge in the past two years;

Disturbed that several lives and goods worth several millions of Naira have been lost on this bridge;

Further disturbed that this bridge has become a haven for criminals who attack unsuspecting members of the Public;

Worried that two communities, Kaima and Baruten are almost being cut off from the rest of the State due to the near collapse of the bridge;

Aware that this bridge is on an international highway that links the Chikanda/Kusubosu border with Republic of Benin;

Further worried that the economic activities of people in Illorin West/Asa Federal Constituency have been disrupted as a result of the collapsed bridge with severe attendant hardship.

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Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to expeditiously move to the affected bridge and provide palliative measures to mitigate the suffering of my people;

(*ii*) further urge the Federal Ministry of Works to as a matter of urgency take proactive steps to reconstruct the bridge

2. **Urgent Need to Proscribe the Sale, Distribution and Consumption of all brands of Caffeinated Energy Drinks in Nigeria**
Hon. Yacoob E. A. Bush-Alebiosu:
The House:

Notes that Energy drinks concoctions of caffeine, sugar, high fructose corn syrup, herbs and other substances are now found all over on campuses, in bars, dance clubs and social functions across the nation;

Further notes that several brands of energy drinks such as red bull, power horse, vault, red alert, burn etc contain high levels of ingredients and stimulants that pose dangerous health risks such as kidney damages, seizures and strokes, even life-threatening effects on blood pressure, heart and brain function;

Worried that heart diseases caused by the consumption of these energy drinks most especially among young people is alarming and threatening the health condition of the younger generations;

Further worried by the fact that these drinks are being mixed with alcoholic drinks such as vodka, Hennessey etc and become more deadly as they tend to mask the level of intoxication already settled in the bodies of the consumers of this mixture, thereby allowing young adults to consume much more alcohol than normal which oftentimes lead to young people passing out after such in-take and also an increase in road accidents involving such people;

Disturbed that a Research conducted at the Cardiovascular Research Centre at the Royal Adeliade Hospital and Adeliade University in Southern Australia revealed shocking similarities between the cardiovascular profiles of heart patients and students who drink Red Bull;

Also disturbed that other studies have revealed that the consumption of energy drink causes the heart to stop functioning at intervals and that the consumption of a 250ml can of energy drink can led to blood clotting, which is highly fatal;

Aware that as a result of health risks caused by the consumption of these drinks including reported cases of deaths, the governments of Denmark, Germany, Norway and France amongst others have placed outright ban on the sale of these energy drinks in their jurisdictions;

Deeply worried that with the ban in several European countries, Africa particularly Nigeria because of her large population of young adults and teenagers who are unaware of the dangers of the effect of these energy drinks has become a dumping ground, considering the numbers of cans sold daily in Nigeria;

Concerned that if not checked, it can lead to Nigeria experiencing a high mortality rate, caffeine-induced health disorders.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Health and Commerce to conduct an investigation into the importation, distribution, sales and health implication of the caffeinated energy drinks in Nigeria and report back to the House within 4 weeks.

BILLS

3. ***Consolidation of Bills*:**
(*a*) A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition of Extra-Budgetary Expenditure, to Prescribe Penalty and to Provide for Matters Related Thereto (HB. 296) — *Second Reading*.

(*b*) A Bill for an Act to Prohibit any form of Expenditure in default of or contrary to Appropriation by Heads of Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to Facilitate Accountable Governance and Other Matters Incidental Thereto (HB. 280) — *Second Reading*.

4. ***Consolidation of Bills*:**

(*a*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act, Cap. F7 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 404) — *Second Reading*.

(*b*) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission Act to Enable Women to lay Claim to Their State of Origin or Marriage and for Related Matters (HB. 424) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to make Exclusive Breastfeeding Compulsory to Employees in the Public and Private Sectors for the Improvement of the Health of New Born Babies in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 313) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Abolish the State Independent Electoral Commissions to Ensure Free and Fair Conduct of all Elections to Local Government Councils in the Federation and for Matters Related Thereto (HB. 387) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

7. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Petition by Major A. Baba (Retired)*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Major A. Baba (Retired) against the Nigerian Army on the Alleged Wrongful Retirement from Services of Nigerian Army and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 15/11/2012).

(*i*) Urge the Nigerian Army to reconsider the retirement of Major A. Baba, with a view to reinstating him into the Nigerian Army and pay him all outstanding salaries, allowances and benefits;

(*ii*) further urge the Nigerian Army to pay Major A. Baba all his retirement benefits, in addition to other financial benefits, by way of damages, to take care of all expenses he had incurred in the course of pursuing a cause that was not occasioned by the petitioner, but by the administrative error of the Nigerian Army.

8. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Petition by Mustapha Muhammad Inuwa*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mustapha Muhammad Inuwa against the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria on Denial of his Fundamental Rights to Freedom of Expression and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 15/11/2012).

(*i*) Urge the Petitioner and all Nigerians to see peace and order in the society as the first consideration for whatever view they hold in the exercise of their fundamental human rights in view of the security problems facing the country;

(*ii*) further urge the petitioner to shield his sword as the zonal Director of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) was only acting within the dictates of his professional calling.

9. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by VAB Global Enterprise Nigeria Limited*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by VAB Global Enterprise Nigeria Limited on the Indebtedness of Mr Jimoh Ibrahim and the Management of NICON Luxury Hotel, Abuja to Food Vendors for the food Supplied from 2009 to date and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 22/11/2012).

Urge the Management of Nicon Luxury Hotel Ltd. led by Jimoh Ibrahim to immediately pay the petitioners/traders who supplied various foodstuffs to the Hotel the money owed them totaling the sum of ₦56,293,000.00 (Fifty-Six Million Two Hundred and Ninety Three Thousand Naira only).

10. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by Martin P. O. Nwabuwa*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Martin P. O Nwabuwa against John Holts PLC and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 22/11/2012).

(*i*) Urge John Holt Plc to pay the Petitioner the sum of ₦8,172,891.21 as gratuity based on the original manual of employment of the company together with basic salary for 6 (six) months in lieu of notice;

(*ii*) that the House dismiss the purported amendment to the manual of employment which was a unilateral decision (placed without notice, unpublished and not signed);

(*iii*) further urge John Holt Plc to carry-out a fair and proper assessment of the assets of the company held by the Petitioner and deduct same from the above.

11. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report of the Petition by Captain (Rev. Frs) Oliveth F. Okoro, Innocent Onyema Iwuoha, S. Chika and (Venerable) Samuel Akinade, S. Chika Okafor* :**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Captain (*Rev. Fr*) Oliveth F. Okoro, Captain (*Rev. Fr*) Innocent Onyema Iwuoha, Captain (*Rev. Fr*) S. Chika Okafor and Captain (*Venerable*) Samuel Akinade, on alleged wrongful Termination of appointment by the Nigerian Army and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 22/11/2012).

That the House dismiss the appeal of the petitioners for lack of merit.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 22 January, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (*Investigative Hearing*)	Tuesday, 22 January, 2013	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Anti-Corruption, National Ethics and Values	Tuesday, 22 January, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 324 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	SURE-P (*Committees on Petroleum Resources (Downstream), Finance, and States and Local Government on SURE-P Investigation*)	Tuesday, 22 January, 2013	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 0.28 New Building (House) Assembly Complex