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ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 14 October, 2014

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Conference Committee on the Alteration of the 1999 Constitution:
Hon. Chukwuemeka Nkem Ihedioha:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to further Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and for Other Matters Connected Therewith".

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Urgent Need to Complete the Construction of Ibadan-Oyo-Ogbomosho-Ilorin Express Way:**
Hon. Mulikat Akande-Adeola:

The House:

Notes that the Contract for the construction of the road was awarded as far back as 2001 with the aim of completing the road in 2003;

Also notes that thirteen (13) years after the award of the contract, the Oyo/Ogbomosho axis of the road is yet to be completed;

Disturbed that the failure to complete that axis of the road has resulted in numerous accidents, leading to loss of lives, property and dislocation of the economy of the area;

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Worried that over the years, inhabitants of the area have had to travel on the old road which is always being plied by heavy duty trucks and trailers which cause untold hardships to inhabitants;

Also worried that the link bridge on the old road has now collapsed, resulting in motorists and travellers spending two to three days on a stretch of about 30-40km of road, before getting to their destinations;

Concerned that further delay in completing the road would result into a complete isolation of a section of the South-West geopolitical zone from the Northern part of the country;

Desirous of putting an end to the hardship and economic losses being experienced by the inhabitants of the area and other road users;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to embark on an immediate rehabilitation of the old Oyo-Ogbomosho Road;

(*ii*) Mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Works to ensure that adequate provision is made in the 2015 Appropriation Act to complete the Ibadan-Oyo-Ogbomosho-Ilorin Expressway.

2. **Rescission pursuant to Order 9, Rule 57 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives on the Decision taken in the Committee of the Whole to Retain Clause 29 (1) (*b*) in the Proposed Amendment to Section 29 (1) of the Principal Act (Electoral Act, 2010): Hon. Leo Ogor:**

The House:

Notes that by the provision of section 217 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), there shall be an Armed Forces for the Federation, which function, by virtue of Section 217 (2) (*c*), includes suppressing insurrection and acting in aid of civil authorities to restore order when called upon to do so by the President, but subject to such CONDITIONS as may be prescribed by an Act of the National Assembly;

Also notes that by the provision of Section 218 (1) of the Constitution, the powers of the President as the Commander- in -Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation shall include power to determine the operational use of the Armed Forces of the Federation;

Further notes that by the provision of Section 218 (3), the President may, by directions in writing and subject to such conditions as he may think fit, delegate to any member of the Armed Forces of the Federation, his powers relating to the operational use of the Armed Forces of the Federation and not to any other party other than those specified in the Constitution;

Convinced that by the provision of Section 218 (2) of the Constitution, the envisaged members of the Armed Forces of the Federation that the President can delegate his powers relating to the operational use of the Armed Forces of the Federation, in line with Section 218 (3), are the Chief of Defence staff, the Chief of Army staff, the Chief of Naval Staff and the Chief of Air Staff, and not to any other institution or head of any other agency of Government;

Also convinced that by the provisions of Sections 217 and 218 of the Constitution, an Act of the National Assembly cannot delegate to any other person not specified in the Constitution the discretional powers of the President and Commander-in-Chief as it relates to the operational use of the Armed Forces of the Federation;

Further convinced that retaining Clause 29 (1) (*b*) in the amendment of the Principal Act is tantamount to ceding the President's powers relating to the operational use of the Armed Forces to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), against the provision of Section 218 of the Constitution;

Aware of the provision of Section 1 (3) of the Constitution which stipulates that if any other law is inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail and that other law shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, be void;

Resolves to:

Rescind its decision taken in the Committee of the Whole to retain Clause 29 (1) (*b*) in the proposed amendment to Section 29(1) of the Principal Act and delete the said Clause 29 (1) (*b*).

BILLS

3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Advisory Council on Religious Affairs Act, Cap. A8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Peace Council to Promote Peace and Religious Harmony in the Country and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 744) (*Hon. Abiodun Isaq Akinlade*) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Traffic Warden Act, 1975 and to Provide for the Establishment of the Traffic Warden Service and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 619) (*Hon. Victor Afam Ogene*) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Repeal Sections 59-69 of the Police Act, Cap. 359, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Enact the Traffic Warden Service Act which shall provide for the Appointment, Promotion and Discipline of Traffic Wardens, Issuance of Certificates of Appointment and discharge and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 681) (*Hon. Bassey Eko Ewa*) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6. **Committee on Electoral Matters:**
Hon. Jerry Manwe:
"That the House do resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Electoral Matters on a Bill for an Act to further amend the Electoral Act, No. 6 of 2010 to ensure a level playing field for all participants in the Electoral Process and for a more Transparent Process of conducting Elections in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 718) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Adjourned Consideration*: 30/9/2014).

7. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Ex-Lance Corporal Ijeoma Jonathan*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Ex-Lance Corporal Ijeoma Jonathan against the Nigerian Army on unfair treatment and unjust retirement from Service and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 5/6/2013):

(*i*) that the Nigerian Army should do everything possible to give Ex-Lance Corporal Ijeoma Jonathan available medical treatment within or outside Nigeria;

(*ii*) that the Nigerian Army should also ascertain and verify all the medical expenses incurred by the petitioner and refund same.

8. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Mr Muniru B. Kadiri-Alaga*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr. Muniru B. Kadiri-Alaga against the Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) Lagos on alleged wrongful dismissal from service and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 4/2/2014):

That the House do discountenance petitioner's plea as it lacks merit.

9. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by VALS Investment Limited*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by VALS Investment Limited, represented by Mr Valentine C. Okorie, against Mr Heng Liuyang of Zhejian Amp-King Honest Import and Export Company Limited on alleged fraudulent business transaction and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 4/2/2014):

Urge the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) to intervene in the matter by bringing Mr Heng Liuyang of Zhejian Amp-King Honest Import and Export Company Ltd to book.

10. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by* 1,444 *Disengaged Janitorial/Service Contract Workers of ExxonMobil*:**
Hon. Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by 1,444 disengaged janitorial/service contract workers of ExxonMobil against ExxonMobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited on alleged non-payment of cumulative terminal benefits/entitlements and gross violations of human/labour rights and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 4/2/2014):

That the House do discountenance petitioners' plea as it lacks merit.

11. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Inspector Simon Anyanwu*:**
Hon Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Inspector Simon Anyanwu against the Nigeria Police Force on alleged wrongful accusation and dismissal from service and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 22/5/2013):

Urge the Nigeria Police Force to reverse the dismissal of the petitioner and convert same to retirement with all his entitlements, salary arrears, allowances, gratuity and pension paid.

12. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Usaini Garba Yakasai*:**
Hon Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Usaini Garba Yakasai against the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) on alleged termination of his appointment and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 21/5/2014):

That the termination of the services of the petitioner be upheld.

13. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Adamu El-Sabo*:**
Hon Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Adamu El-Sabo against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation on alleged wrongful termination of his appointment and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 29/10/2013):

That in line with the recommendation of the 11-Man Committee on Protest by former Staff disengaged in December 2004, the Committee recommends that the House do urge the Management of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to review the petitioner's case.

14. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
***Report on the Petition by Toluwase Abejirin*:**
Hon Uzo Azubuike:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Toluwase Abejirin against Dr Samuel John Agbogun (MD/CEO), Nigeria Electricity Liability Management Company Ltd (NELMCO) on alleged victimization in the work place and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 29/10/2013):

That the House do disregard the petitioner's claims and direct him to submit all his credentials to the organization for proper documentation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 14 October, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Steel (*Interactive session with Agencies under its jurisdiction*)	Tuesday, 14 October, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 107 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Constituency Outreach	Tuesday, 14 October, 2014	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Banking and Currency (*Interactive session with the management of Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria, Enterprise Bank and Heritage Banking Company Ltd*)	Tuesday, 14 October, 2014	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 034 New Building (House) Assembly Complex