HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 4 August, 2015

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

DEBATE ON THE DRAFT LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK/AGENDA

1. **Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun:**
"That the House do resume debate on the Draft Legislative Framework/Agenda of the House of Representatives of the 8th National Assembly" (*Adjourned Debate*: 30/7/2015).

MOTIONS

2. **Deplorable Condition of Enugu-Onitsha Express Road and the Need to Complete its Rehabilitation:**
Hon. Eucharia Azodo (*Motion not open for debate*: *Order VIII, Rule* 51 (5) *of the Standing Orders*):

The House:

Notes that the Enugu-Onitsha Expressway which links Enugu and Anambra States is a vital trunk' A' road that is of vital economic importance to the people of the two States in particular, and the generality of Nigerian people;

Observes that the expressway which was constructed over twenty years ago has been in a deplorable state for quite some time now and ongoing efforts at rehabilitating the road have produced poor quality work;

Also observes that the deplorable state of the road, with yawning craters dotting large stretches and road shoulders washed off, leads to a traffic gridlock which brings untold hardship to motorists who ply the road on a daily basis, causing them to veer into the adjoining bushes in an effort to find alternative routes and has also become a den of armed robbers who attack motorists, especially at night;

Recalls a report in the Vanguard Newspaper of May 14, 2015 that the contract for the rehabilitation of the road was awarded some time ago by the Federal Ministry of Works in segments to different companies which later abandoned the reconstruction work;

Realizes that if nothing is done to complete the rehabilitation of the road, it will continue to dilapidate;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Works (when constituted) to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Works (FMW) to ensure the rehabilitation and completion of construction works on the Enugu-Onitsha Express Road;

(*ii*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure adherence to the above prayer.

3. **Urgent Need for Intervention in the Disconnection of Electric Power Supply to Ilaje/Eseodo, Okitipupa/Irele and Odigbo/Ileoluji-Okeibo Federal Constituencies of Ondo State by the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC):**
Hon. Kolade Victor Akinjo (*Motion not open for debate*: *Order VIII, Rule* 51 (5) *of the Standing Orders*):

The House:

Notes that successive Governments have made concerted efforts to reform the power sector with the aim of improving supply of electricity to Nigerians which have cost billions of Naira, but despite the expenditure of the sums, majority of the households in the country still grapple with blackout almost on a daily basis;

Concerned that the people of the above mentioned Federal Constituencies of Ondo South district have been grappling with lack of electricity supply for the past fifteen (15) months following their disconnection without tenable explanation by the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC);

Worried that the continued blackout in the areas for that length of time has brought untold hardships on the inhabitants as it has paralyzed all forms of business activities, leaving the people with no other choice but to resort to buying fuel at exorbitant prices to power their generators;

Also worried that the prevailing situation has adversely affected the social well-being of the people, created serious security challenges which has led to increase in crime rate, but despite the blackout, the people are still being demanded to pay electricity bills;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power (when constituted) to interface with both the Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC) and the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) on the failure to supply electricity to the Federal Constituencies for the past fifteen (15) months and the continued demand for electricity bills from the people despite the blackout and report back to the House within one (1) month for further legislative inputs.

4. **Need to Rehabilitate Facilities, Improve Standard and Quality of Education and Make it Mandatory for Public Office Holders to enroll their Children and Wards in Public Primary and Secondary Schools in Nigeria:**

Hon. Kingsley Ogundu Chinda:

The House:

Notes with concern the decline in facilities in public schools and the fall in standard and quality of education in Nigeria, particularly at the primary and secondary levels, and the danger this situation poses to the nation's educational development;

Also aware that owing to the importance of education, Nigeria, along with other member States of the United Nations, in year 2000, adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), which made the achievement of Universal Primary Education in the country a cardinal goal;

Concerned that figures from the Department of Planning, Research and Statistics of the Federal Ministry of Education show a decline in enrolment into public schools across the country with a corresponding rise in enrollment into private schools, due largely to poor state of facilities, lack of conducive learning environment and instructional materials in public schools;

Also concerned that unless positive and pragmatic steps are taken to ensure that appreciable success is recorded in terms of enrolment and provision of quality and sustainable education in public schools across the country, Nigeria's commitment to the Millennium Development Goal in the area of education would not be met;

Realises that the dilapidation of infrastructural facilities and fall in standard and quality of education in public schools are in the main, responsible for a large segment of Nigeria's elite and public office holders resorting to sending their children and wards to foreign countries to acquire education; an action that is aggravating the already bad situation, thus leading to a vicious circle of further neglect of the nation's educational system and capital flight:

Resolves to:

(*i*) Express displeasure at the decline of facilities and fall in standard and quality of education in Nigeria's public primary and secondary education tiers and the trend and rate at which public office holders send their children and wards abroad to acquire education;

(*ii*) Urge the President of Nigeria to issue a policy making it mandatory for all public office holders, particularly political appointees, to enroll their children and wards in primary and secondary schools in Nigeria;

(*iii*) Mandate the Committee on Education (when constituted) to undertake a thorough investigation into the matter and report back to the House within one (1) month from the date of referral, for further legislative action.

5. **Urgent Need for the Federal Government to Suspend the Nuclear Power Plant Projects in the Country:**
Hon. Hassan A. Saleh:

The House:

Recalls that the Federal Government entered into an understanding with Rosatom, a Russian Company to construct seven nuclear power plants in the country, with two of the plants set to take off soon in Geregu, in Ajaokuta Local Government Area of Kogi State and one in Itu Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State;

Notes that the projects were conceived to complement the various hydro power plants which are presently being powered by gas and also to enable the country increase its power generation to 20,000 megawatts by 2020;

Realises that as desirable as the projects may appear, the country does not have the manpower, capacity and technological know-how to manage such complex and potentially dangerous technology in the country and equally, so that the country does not get saddled with another white elephant project;

Observes that at the moment, virtually all the hydro power generating plants in the country are being managed by foreign contractors, a clear indication of lack of technical capacity and capability by Nigerians to effectively operate gas powered and hydro power generating plants, how much more venturing into a more complicated project like nuclear powered plants;

Also observes that the country's inability to generate enough megawatts of electricity for its needs is due to a number of factors, including inadequacy of gas to power the plants and vandalization of the gas pipelines, however the solution does not lie in nuclear powered plants which, even some developed countries that ventured into are beginning to raise safety concerns about;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Power, Science and Technology, and Health (when constituted) to within one month study the desirability or otherwise of this Nuclear Power Plant Projects with regard to the safety concerns raised by major stakeholders, and report back to the House within one (1) month for further legislative actions.

COMMITTEE MEETING

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on Media and Public Affairs	Tuesday, 4 August, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 0.55 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

(*xi*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*vi*) as follows:
"Urge the security agencies to expedite action on the improvement of the security situation in the North East to allow for the resumption of studies in the schools occupied by the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)" (*Hon. Sani U. Bala — Tsanjawa/Kuidir Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

(*xii*) *Insert* a new Prayer (*vii*) as follows:
"Urge the government to ensure that adequate security personnel are deployed to schools that shall be re-opened" (*Hon. Egwu Emmanuel M. — Idah/Igalamela/Ibaji/Ofu Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made put and negatived.

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Boko Haram insurgency, which had been going on since 2009, had, at its height, led to the overrunning of twenty (20) out of the twenty-seven Local Government Areas in Borno State, the killings of thousands of inhabitants and displacement and dispersal of others to various places as internally displaced persons;

Aware that as result of the above, the Government of Borno State had to re-settle the internally displaced persons in schools, Hajj and National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Camps, an action that led to the closure of schools for over one year now, leaving the students to be idling away and exposed to social vices;

Realized that there is an urgent need for the Federal Government to assist the government of Borno State in rebuilding and rehabilitating the schools that were destroyed to enable them reopen;

Resolved to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to assist the Government of Borno State and other States in the North East to urgently construct temporary camps for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), after security agents have confirmed that the schools can safely reopen;

(*ii*) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), and any other relevant agency to provide well-equipped mobile clinics that would give prompt medical attention to victims of bomb blasts and attacks by insurgents;

(*iii*) commend the relentless efforts of the Federal and State Governments, and their Governors, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Red Cross Society, individuals, and other Charitable Organizations for the appreciable levels of interventions extended to the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in various camps for the past one year.

(*iv*) further urge the Federal Government to establish an Agency akin to the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to plan, execute and coordinate a coherent development program for the socio-economic development of the North East region.

(*v*) again urge the Federal Government to assist the Government of Borno State and neighbouring States like Plateau that are currently accommodating Internally Displaced Persons from the North East States to urgently construct temporary camps with temporary schools for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), so that learning can be continued since it is the right of every Nigerian child to be educated.

(*vi*) also urge the security agencies to expedite action on the improvement of the security situation in the North East to allow for the resumption of studies in the schools occupied by the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) (**HR. 19/2015**).

9. Avoidable Deaths of about One Hundred (100) People from the Consumption of Adulterated illicit Gin (Ogogoro):

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

10. Draft Legislative Framework/Agenda of the House of Representatives of the 8th National Assembly:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do resume debate on the Draft Legislative Framework/Agenda of the House of Representatives of the 8th National Assembly" (*Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun — Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu Federal Constituency*).

Question put and agreed to.

Debate resumed:

Debate adjourned till next legislative day.

11. Adjournment:

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 4 *August*, 2015 *at* 10.00 *a.m.* (*Hon. Alhassan Ado Doguwa — Chief Whip*).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.04 *p.m.*

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker