HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 6 October, 2015

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

***Ad-hoc* Committee on Non-Implementation of Capital Projects in the 2015 Appropriations Act:**
Hon. Aliyu Ahman Pategi:
"That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Non-Implementation of Capital Projects in the 2015 Appropriations Act" (*Referred*: 13/8/2015).

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MOTIONS

1. Call for the Upgrade of the Gashaka-Gumti National Park to Conform to International Best Practices in Tourism
Hon. Abdulrazak Saad Namdas and Hon. Hosea Danasabe Charles:

The House:

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Notes that Gashaka-Gumti National Park located in Adamawa and Taraba States on the Mambila Plateau in the North East Zone, with a total land area of 6,731 sq. Km, is the largest and arguably the most scenic park in Nigeria;

Aware that the park, which was established on 26 August, 1991, harbours more than 100 species of mammals, including giant elands, lions, wild dogs, roan antelopes, buffaloes, hippopotami, leopards, chimpanzees, giant forest hogs, golden cast, klipspringers, mountain roebucks, among others;

Also aware that the park has significant tourism potentials based on its spectacular scenery, unparalleled levels of bio-diversity and marvelous opportunities which exist for viewing primates and birds, fishing, mountain trekking and horse riding;

Concerned that the park is still poorly developed and relatively unknown and requires significant infrastructural development like roads, bridges, proper surveying and demarcation to fully showcase its tourism potentials;

Also concerned that the park is plagued with illegal settlements by people, including foreign nationals, which causes security concerns within the park as they are engaged in acts of poaching, hunting, fishing and illegal livestock grazing;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Culture and Tourism (when constituted) to liaise with relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to develop modern tourism infrastructure that would make the park a tourists' destination point that will be earning revenue and creating employment for the local people.

2. **Lack of Functional Infrastructure in Federal Housing Authority (FHA) Estates across the Country:**

Hon. Saheed Akinade Fijabi:

The House:

Aware that Housing is one of the basic needs of mankind, hence, it is a social priority;

Notes that as part of the efforts to bridge the housing deficit, the Federal Government established the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) with the sole aim of providing habitable and cost effective houses for the people;

Concerned that after the Authority built and sold some of the Estates, it was discovered that basic infrastructural facilities like tarred roads and potable water, which were integral parts of the Agreement that would make the Estates habitable, were not provided for by the Authority;

Worried that erosion is fast destroying the road network in some of these estates as the roads were not tarred as is evident in Federal Housing, Lugbe, in the Federal Capital territory for instance, where the headquarters of the authority is situated;

Also concerned that if this situation is not urgently addressed, some of these estates may become inhabitable in the nearest future;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Housing and Habitat (when constituted) to conduct an investigation into the failure of the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) to provide basic infrastructural facilities in the Estates it sold to the people and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

3. **Partial Collapse of Auchi-Agenebode Road between Fugar and Orame Community in Edo State:**
Hon. Phillip Shaibu:

The House:

Notes the deplorable state of Fugar-Orame stretch of the Auchi-Agenebode highway linking Edo and Kogi States;

Informed that a widening gulf caused by erosion has divided the highway almost into two separate parts, thereby making vehicular movements nearly impossible and almost effectively cutting off over twenty communities on the Fugar- Agenebode axis from Auchi and other parts of the State;

Concerned that the huge crater the erosion brought in its wake has literally turned the road into a death trap as unwary motorists have become victims of accidents on that portion of the road;

Aware that the road is of huge economic importance to residents and travellers who ply it on a daily basis and that failure to urgently repair the failed portion would continue to inflict hardship on the people of that axis and commuters;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently rehabilitate/reconstruct the road so as to ensure the safety of commuters who ply the road on a daily basis;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Works (when constituted) to ensure compliance with this Resolution.

4. **Needless killings of Innocent Citizens by Odua People's Congress (OPC) Teams conducting Surveillance of Oil Pipelines:**
Hon. Mukaila Olayiwola Kazzim:

The House:

Notes that sometime in March 2015, a multi-million naira contract to secure oil pipelines in the South West zone was awarded to the Oodua People's Congress (OPC) by the Federal Government;

Concerned that the Federal Government withdrew the trained security personnel comprising the Police, the Army and the Civil Defence Corps from their constitutional duties of protecting Nigeria's oil pipelines and replaced them with untrained members of the OPC for the surveillance of Oil Pipelines;

Also concerned that the OPC members frequently clash with suspected pipeline vandals, resulting in exchange of gun fire which cause palpable fear in the area;

Informed that on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, Mrs Fajana Oluwadamilola-Ojo, a 26 year old pregnant woman who is a law graduate of Ekiti State University was allegedly killed by a stray bullet during a crossfire between OPC members and pipeline vandals;

Disturbed that the fight between the OPC members and suspected vandals could go on for a lengthy period, even in broad daylight, and has resulted in the death of several unsuspecting people;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Inspector-General of Police to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the killing of Mrs Fajana Oluwadamilola-Ojo and other Nigerians in Arepo, Ogun State;

(*ii*) also urge the relevant security operatives saddled with the responsibilities to protect the pipelines to ensure that adequate surveillance of the pipelines are carried out to prevent further damage to the pipelines and also to avert further loss of lives and properties situated at Arepo community, Obafemi Owode Local Government Area, Ogun State; and

(*iii*) further urge the Federal Government to compensate the families of victims of cross fire between the agents of the Federal Government, the OPC and the oil vandals.

5. Alarming Rate of Under-aged and Teenage Pregnancies in the Country:
Hon. Odebumi Olusegun Dokun:

The House:

Notes that teenagers are individuals below the age of twenty (20) years and are therefore expected to be under the guide of their parents:

Disturbed at the rate at which under-aged and teenage girls are getting pregnant and being abandoned as a result by both the men responsible for the pregnancies as well as the families of the girls, thus leaving them to struggle on their own for survival, which is in violation of various sections of the Child's Rights Act, 2003;

Worried about numerous reports of pregnant under-aged and teenage girls rescued from baby factories operating illegally across the country whose operators take undue advantage of these helpless girls:

Concerned that if measures are not taken to protect these under-aged and teenage girls from unscrupulous men and agents such as baby factory operators, more would be exploited and their future destroyed:

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Information and National Orientation, and Women Affairs (when constituted) to liaise with the relevant authorities with a view to putting in place measures aimed at curbing the incidents and ensure compliance with the provisions of the Child's Rights Act.

BILLS

6. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Licensing, Regulation and Incentives to Petroleum Refineries in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 16) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) — *Second Reading*.

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Pension Rights of Judges Act, Cap. P5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to increase the list of Judicial Officers entitled to Retirement Benefits under the Pension Rights of Judges Act; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 6) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) — *Second Reading*.