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ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 13 October, 2015

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2. National Inland Waterways Authority Bill, 2015 (HB. 48) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) — *First Reading*.

3. National Roads Fund Bill, 2015 (HB. 49) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai and 5 Others*) — *First Reading*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Business Continued from Assembly to Assembly:
(Environmental Health Control Bill, 2015 (HB. 27):
Hon. Gideon L. Gwani:

The House:

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Notes that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 96 of the Standing Orders, the legislative business of the House which, though completed and laid in the House by a Committee of the House remain undetermined at the end of the Assembly shall be resumed and proceeded with in the next Assembly in the same manner as if the tenure of the Assembly had not come to an end, if the House resolves in affirmative that such Bills upon being re-gazetted be reconsidered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*;

Also notes that the Environmental Health Control Bill, 2015 was awaiting consideration in the Committee of the Whole before the last Assembly ended;

Aware that the said Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 27 and read the first time on Tuesday, 29 September, 2015;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

2. **Need for Reconstruction and Dualization of Kano - Gwarzo - Dayi Road:**
Hon. Nasiru Sule Garo
Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame
Hon. Khamisu A. Mailantarki
Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki,
Hon. Mahmud Lawal Maina
Hon. Jerry Alagbaso
Hon. Usman Danjuma Shiddi
Hon. Garba Ibrahim Mohammed
Hon. Babangida Ibrahim
Hon. Bashir Baballe
Hon. Munir B. Danagundi
Hon. Yunusa A. Abubakar
Hon. James Abiodun Faleke
Hon. Eucharia Azodo
Hon. Magaji Da'u Aliyu
Hon. Muntari Dandutse
Hon. A. Shehu Shagari
Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan
Hon. Shehu Aliyu
Hon. Muazu Lawal
Hon. Abdulrahman Shuaibu
Hon. T. Abdulkadir Jobe

The House:

Notes that the Kano - Gwarzo - Dayi Road of approximately 100 kilometers is the major link connecting the North-East with the North-Western States of Zamfara, Sokoto, Kebbi and some parts of Katsina State through Kano State;

Also notes that the road is currently in a very bad state as it is dotted with potholes and craters which make vehicular movement a daunting task, a situation that has paralyzed the socio-economic life of the people;

Worried that on account of the poor state of the road, lives and properties are being lost daily in needless and avoidable accidents;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Implore the Federal Ministry of Works to initiate the process of reconstruction and dualization of the Road; and

(*ii*) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence immediate remedial works to alleviate the people's suffering pending when the reconstruction work will begin.

3. **Structural Collapse of Iruekpen - Ehor Segment of the Auchi - Ekpoma - Ehor - Benin City Road Dualization Project:**
Hon. Patrick Aisowieren:

The House:

Aware that the Abuja - Lokoja - Okene - Auchi - Benin city Road is the major artery connecting the South-South Zone, and the South-East Zones to the North Central Zone, and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;

Observes that the Road dualization project has recently seen a lull in its implementation due to unexplained reasons;

Worried that arising from the stoppage of construction work on the Road coupled with the prolonged heavy rainfall, the sections encompassing Okpella, Jatu, Auchi, Opoji Junction, Iruekpen, Ehor, and Iguovbiobo along the alignment of the Road are currently impassable;

Also worried that some sections of that alignment have suffered massive erosion, thus forming huge craters on the highway, particularly at Ehor in Uhunmwode Local Government Area, thereby necessitating an improvised bypass by motorists and other road users;

Concerned that aside the man hour wastage, huge losses arising from accidents involving haulage vehicles, mini buses and cars conveying commuters are now rife;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to undertake an emergency maintenance works to ameliorate the suffering of commuters;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works to direct the contractors handling the project to return to site to complete the work; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance (when constituted) to ensure the implementation of this resolution.

4. **Need to Evolve Proper Waste Management Mechanism to Prevent the Scourge of Epidemic, Environmental Degradation and Safety of Aquatic lives:**
Hon. Owoidighe Ime Ekpoattai:

The House:

Notes that flood is among the most devastating natural disasters in the world that has claimed more lives and caused more damage to property than can be imagined;

Also notes that between 2001-2012, about 1,382,550 Nigerians were displaced in 9 States, 530 houses submerged or destroyed while about 502 people lost their lives to flood disasters;

Concerned that certain lifestyles such as indiscriminate waste disposal along river channels, poor drainage systems, construction of commercial and residential buildings on flood or river channels without adequate provision for water out flow, indiscriminate dumping of wastes in the drainages and delay by government agencies to evacuate waste generated by residents, all combine to worsen flood incidences in Nigeria;

Also concerned that improper disposal/storage of waste constitutes societal hazard such as air, land and water pollution as non-biodegradable and non-compostable waste emits greenhouse gases and toxic fumes which could lead to epidemic even as leaching of organic or chemical compositions contaminate the ground where such waste lay in accumulation,

Disturbed that though the United Nations (UN) declared 1989-2000 as International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR) with the objective of assessment of risks posed by environmental hazards such as flooding, long term preparedness and prevention plans as well as proper warning systems; this has not impacted adequately to checkmate the menace;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal and State Governments through the Committee on Environment (when constituted) to go beyond the practice of post disaster reaction of providing relief materials

to a more proactive measure of relocating permanently people from areas that are prone to such risks, ensure strict enforcement of building codes, assess the sensitivity and vulnerability of a zone to certain types of hazards and make necessary provisions to ensure the zone is less vulnerable to known risks and danger;

(*ii*) again urge the Federal and State Governments through the Committee on Environment (when constituted) to, as a matter of urgency, deploy technologies such as GIS technology, remote sensing and photogrammetry and Digital surveying to aid its officials in the demarcation, carry out aggressive and sustained sensitization on the need to adopt environmentally friendly lifestyles of keeping drainages free, clearing the streets of refuse, provision of accessible bins and trash cans in public areas and commercial vehicles and timely collection of waste at the designated points, as these will serve to mitigate the menace of incessant flooding with attendant consequences;

(*iii*) commend the Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NIMET) for rising to the occasion in the recent past through timely warnings and predictions about the rate of rainfall and the attendant benefits and risks.

5. **Calling on the Federal Government to Intensify Efforts to Rescue the 219 Abducted Chibok Girls:**
Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir:

The House:

Notes with concern that the 219 school girls abducted by the Boko Haram terrorists from their hostel at the Government Girls Secondary School, Chibok on the night of 14 April, 2014 have been in captivity for one year and the half years;

Also notes that the girls, as Nigerian citizens, deserve to have their right to life, freedom and dignity protected by the government of Nigeria;

Concerned that there is no clear indication of any further efforts aimed at rescuing the abducted girls;

Worried that the families of the missing Chibok girls and Nigerians are not being informed of any rescue plan and are consequently living in unimaginable agony, not being sure if anyone efforts are being made to rescue the girls;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to set up a control/situation room to be manned by highly skilled and specialized crack team drawn from the security forces (SSS, Police, Army and Air Force), with the sole responsibility to search for the 219 abducted Chibok girls, and present periodic feedback to Nigerians;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Government to publicize, in both the electronic and print media, the search for the abducted girls and propose a financial inducement for any information that will lead to the rescue of the girls;

(*iii*) further urge the Federal Government to publish the Report of the Presidential Fact Finding Committee on the abducted Chibok girls;

(*iv*) still urge the Federal Government to give financial assistance to the parents of the abducted girls to cushion the hardship and trauma the insurgents have brought upon them;

(*v*) observe a minute silence in honor of the departed souls of the 17 parents of the abducted girls who have died since the abduction;

(*vi*) appreciate the promise made by Mr. President to ensure the rescue of the abducted girls as a matter of priority;

(*vii*) commend the "BRING BACK OUR GIRLS" campaign group for their efforts which have, for the past one and half years ensured the abducted girls are not forgotten;

(*viii*) also appreciate the concerns shown by Nigerians and the international community on the plight of the abducted girls; and

(*ix*) further appreciate the Government of the United States of America; the former Vice President, Alhaji Atiku Abubakar and the Government of Borno State for rehabilitation and sponsorship in various Universities, of 67 of the abducted girls who managed to escape from captivity.

6. **Call for Upgrade of the Federal College of Education (Special), Oyo, to the Status of a University:**
Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi:

The House:

Notes that the National Universities Commission Act vests the Commission with powers to create new Universities and other degree awarding institutions in Nigeria;

Also notes that the Commission is also empowered to make recommendations to the Federal Government relating to Universities and other degree-awarding institutions as the Commission may consider to be in the national interest;

Further notes that the Federal College of Education (Special), Oyo which was founded in 1977 is the only higher institution in the country where supportive staff in special education and sign language interpreters, braillists, etc. are mandatorily provided in every lecture room or hall to support those with hearing or visual impairments;

Equally notes that those two sets of specialists are exclusively trained in the College, not only for its students but also for other institutions and different organizations spread across the country wherever there are special needs;

Observes that since there is no university in Nigeria that caters for these special set of Nigerians, it is safe to assume that they must have been finding it difficult to adapt to the present university system in Nigeria;

Recalls that in 2014, some Colleges of Education were upgraded to degree-awarding status as Universities, including the Adeyemi College of Education (Ondo);

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Education (when constituted) to liaise with the National Universities Commission (NUC) to set up machinery for upgrading the Federal College of Education (Special), Oyo to the status of a University.

BILL

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Certified Council of Nigeria Dental Nurses and Dental Surgery Technicians; to provide for the Control of its membership and to Promote and Foster the Practice of Dental Nursing and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 25) (*Hon. Ajibola Israel Famurewa*) — *Second Reading*.