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MOTIONS

1. **Need to Reintroduce History/Social Studies as a Subject in the Curricula of Primary and Secondary Schools:**
Hon. Binta Bello:

The House:

Notes that history, defined as a collection of events that happened in the past, used to be a compulsory subject in the curricula of both primary and secondary schools given that there is no nation or people without a history;

Also notes that at the primary schools level, History as a subject was known as Social Studies while at the Secondary School level, it was an independent subject unfortunately, History is no longer being taught in some schools in Nigeria, rather, Government as a subject is seen as the equivalent, though Government as a subject solely is the history of systems of Governments of nations, while History is a collection of past events of races, nations, continents and even individuals;

Further notes that the discontinuation of the teaching of History in some secondary schools disqualifies the students from gaining admissions into some Universities of their choice to study law if the Universities make it a mandatory subject for admitting law students;

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Observes that given the importance of the study of History to any nation, it is then a serious concern that many Nigerian youths do not know the history of Nigeria and indeed Africa, which is causing a repetition of past mistakes as there is a saying that those who do not know their history are bound to repeat it;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Ministries of Education of the Federal and State Governments to make the teaching of History a compulsory subject in the schools, especially at the secondary level;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services (when constituted) to liaise with the Ministries of Education of the various tiers of government to review the New Nigerian Education Policy in order to give prominence to the study of History in the curricula of various schools.

2. **Call for a State of Emergency and Legislative Intervention in the Unemployment Crisis in Nigeria:**

Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila
Hon. Yakubu Abiodun Balogun
Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha
Hon. Abdullahi Idris Garba
Hon. Abayomi Dauda Kako Are
Hon. Muhammad Sani Abdu
Hon. Muhammad Bala Faruk
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Hon. Jimoh Olajide Abdulraheem
Hon. Abubakar Lado Abdullahi
Hon. Babatunde G. Kolawole
Hon. Shoyinka Olatunji
Hon. Sumaila Gadaka
Hon. Kingsley Sunny Ebenyi
Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam
Hon. Bolaji Yusuf Ayinla
Hon. Igariwey Iduwa Enwo
Hon. Garba Ibrahim Mohammed
Hon. Hassan Adamu Shekarau
Hon. Joseph Edionwele
Hon. Emmanuel Orker-Jev.
Hon. Abass Tajudeen
Hon. Beni Lar
Hon. Sunday Adepoju
Hon. Abdullahi U. Faruk.
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Hon. Abayomi Ayeola.
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Hon. Kolade Victor Akinjo
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Hon. Philip Shaibu
Hon. Sani U. Bala
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Hon. Philip A. Gutawa
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Hon. Oluwole Busayo Oke
Hon. Danburam A. Nuhu
Hon. Nasiru Sule Garo
Hon. Mojeed Alabi
Hon. Olajide Boladale O.
Hon. Sunday Katung
Hon. Tajudeen A. Obasa

The House:

Notes that the unemployment crisis in Nigeria has reached such an alarming rate as to be of serious concern to all as various reports had put the percentage of the unemployed in Nigeria now at 24 percent;

Aware that various reports and the glaring evidence of joblessness in all States of the Federation indicate that there has been no time in the history of the country that unemployment has been as serious as it is at the moment;

Acknowledges the desire of the Government, and indeed all Nigerians, to tackle the problems of corruption, insecurity, poverty and crime, which breed unemployment or result from it as there is an inextricable nexus between unemployment, corruption, crime, poverty and insecurity;

Convinced that if this tide is not stemmed, it will portend great danger to the welfare of the citizens of Nigeria;

Determined to discharge its responsibility for the security and welfare of the citizenry as enshrined in sections 14 and 16 of the 1999 Constitution;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the Federal Government to immediately declare a State of Emergency on Unemployment;

(*ii*) take urgent steps to amend the Immigration Act to provide stiffer punishment for violations of immigration laws, including employment of undocumented aliens and to tighten all other relevant sections of the Act with a view to protecting Nigerian workers;

(*iii*) in conjunction with the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Productivity, within 4 weeks, conduct a comprehensive audit of all foreign nationals working in the country to determine whether or not any private or public organization has illegally engaged the services of foreign workers to the detriment of Nigerians, in violation of the laws;

(*iv*) immediately commence the process of amending the Construction (Local Content) Act, for forwarding to the President for assent;

(*v*) mandate the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity (when constituted) to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Labour, Employment and Productivity to conduct comprehensive audit of the pay and staff roll of all government bodies and organisations with the view of eliminating ghost workers, if any;

(*vi*) urge all Universities and Institutions of Higher Learning to immediately establish a Career Development and Job Placement Department to assist students in job placements even before their graduation;

(*vii*) ensure the immediate passage of an Unemployment Benefit Scheme Bill with laid out requirements and conditions to assist the unemployed;

(*viii*) within two weeks, amend the Federal Inland Revenue Service Act, to give tax breaks and tax incentives to Companies and Organizations that offer employment based on laid out criteria;

(*ix*) process the Vocational Education (Establishment) Bill and the Economic Stimulus Bill for passage;

(*x*) further amend the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect a true federal structure so as to empower component States and open up the job market in the various States;

(*xi*) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to hold a public hearing where stakeholders can make inputs for further legislative intervention.

3. **Call for Rehabilitation and Upgrading of Sam-Mbakwe International Cargo Airport, Owerri, Imo State:**
Hon. Bede Eke:

The House:

Notes the importance of Sam Mbakwe International Cargo Airport to the people of South East and their South-South neighbours because of the huge commercial and economic activities which the airport is undertaking;

Worried that there has been no major upgrading of the airport since its completion in 1996, except the one carried out in 2013 which did not take care of major infrastructure for the airport, such as lighting, expansion of cargo terminal, upgrading of fire building and building of a cargo village;

Aware that a contract was awarded recently for the upgrading of the airport to the following contractors who were mobilized for the job:

(*i*) construction of cargo terminal by MS ARDC Ltd,

(*ii*) expansion of Apron by Mesh Construction Ltd,

(*iii*) installation of airfield lighting by Derri Investment Ltd,

(*iv*) refurbishing of fire building by Mesh Construction Ltd;

Concerned about stoppage of work and abandonment of site by the Contractors which has left the airport in a dilapidated state;

Cognizant of the need to construct a cargo village to boost the economic and commercial value of the people of Imo State and the nation at large:

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Aviation (when constituted) to investigate the abandonment of the contract and report back to the House within four weeks; and

(*ii*) urge the Federal Government to urgently commence the construction of a cargo village to boost the economy and commerce of the people of Imo State and the nation at large;

4. **Call for Rehabilitation of Sagamu-Ogijo-Mosimi-Ikorodu Road:**
Hon. Oladipupo O. Adebutu:

The House:

Notes that the Sagamu-Ogijo-Mosimi-Ikorodu Road is a 25km Road linking Ogun and Lagos States was built in 1962 by the Government of defunct Western Region;

Also notes that the Road serves as an alternative route through Sagamu, Ogijo and Mosimi in Ogun State to Ikorodu in Lagos State and hosts several strategic installations and industrial plants such as the Pipelines and Products Marketing Company Limited (PPMC), Mosimi petroleum products loading depot; Atlas Cove Jetty, Satellite (Ejigbo Lagos), Ibadan, Ore, Ilorin Depots, and other industries and private institutions:

Aware that in 2011, the Federal Government budgeted ₦150m for the rehabilitation of the road; while ₦600m was appropriated in 2012 for similar purpose and again in the 2013 Budget, the sum of N1.5bn was budgeted in order to also accommodate access roads to the NNPC Depot at Mosimi, however till date the road remains largely impassable;

Also aware that in December 2014, the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN), Mosimi Chapter, particularly highlighted the impact of the Sagamu-Mosimi section of the road, as posing great danger to lives and properties, and as a consequence, threatened to call for a strike action, if the Federal Government failed to reconstruct the Road:

Concerned that the strategic nature of this petroleum distribution network route, necessitates heavy vehicular traffic, mainly petrol tankers and other haulage vehicles servicing the industries in the axis; which poses a continuous hazard to motorists and the surrounding communities; causing a high rate of fatal crashes and creating gridlock, thus providing opportunities for armed robbery attacks on commuters and residents alike;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Works (when constituted) to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Works to ensure that reconstruction of the Road is included in the 2016 budget proposal.

5. Deplorable Condition of Abuja-Kogi-Edo-Delta Road:
Hon. Joan Onyemaechi Mrakpor:

The House:

Notes that despite the socio-economic importance of the Abuja-Kogi-Edo-Delta Road, it had been left to deteriorate to such an extent that it is replete with potholes, unprotected bridges, narrow and undulating due to either the shoddy construction work, dereliction or neglect;

Disturbed that the potholes, unprotected bridges, narrowness and undulating nature of the road have resulted in slow vehicular movement which has given robbers opportunity to way lay commuters whom they dispossess of their properties, equally accidents occur as drivers try to negotiate through the bad spots with the attendant loss of lives;

Realizes that reconstruction of the road will drastically reduce the rate of accidents, facilitate trade and commercial activities among the residents and people of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, Kogi, Edo and Delta States who mainly travel on the road;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Works (when constituted) to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Works to ensure that provision is made in the 2016 budget proposal for the reconstruction of the Abuja-Kogi-Edo-Delta Road.

6. Need to Resuscitate the Gari Irrigation Project along the Border of Kano and Jigawa States:
Hon. Sani U. Bala Hon. Muhammad Gudaji Kazaure:

The House:

Notes that the Gari Irrigation Project, situated along the Gari River Valley and the Gari and Marke dam, has about 60% of its irrigable land falling within Kunchi/Darnbatta Local Government Area of Kano State while the remaining 40% falls within Roni/Kazaure Local Government Area of Jigawa State;

Also notes that the Project which was conceived around 1980 was designed to provide irrigation infrastructure covering an area of about 2,113 hectares of irrigable land;

Aware that the Project was taken over in 1997 by the defunct Petroleum Trust Fund (PTF) which awarded a contract to GCC Nig. Ltd for construction of canals, drains, rehabilitation and construction of outer structure of the Gari and Marke Dams from where water will be delivered to irrigation areas;

Also aware that the contractor completed some aspects of the contract, including intake structure of the head of the main canal, the earthworks for embankment of distributary canals; the excavation of main drain, 2Nos of night store reservoirs for the inlet and outlet structure, and one number of foot bridge, but regrettably, soon thereafter, the contract work was suspended due to cash flow problems and the Project was subsequently taken over by the Federal Ministry of Water Resources;

Further aware that the contract sum was reviewed to ₦4,608,022,575.04 by the Federal Ministry of Water Resources, but only ₦56 million was reflected in the 2003 budget estimates which was far below the reviewed contract sum;

Acknowledges the benefits of the Project to the communities in Kano and Jigawa States in particular, and Nigeria as a whole if completed as it will avail 5,000 farming families opportunity to engage in all-year round crop production capable of producing about 5,000 metric tons of rice, 3,000 metric tons of maize and 15,000 metric tons of assorted vegetables, which will boost government's drive towards achieving food security in Nigeria, and alleviate poverty;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to make provisions for the resuscitation of Gari Irrigation Project in 2016 budget estimates; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Water Resources (when constituted) to ensure compliance with Prayer (1) above.

7. **Call for Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) by Governments in Nigeria**
Hon. Olajide Boladale Olatubosun:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government recommended the adoption, from January 2014 of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) to the three tiers of Government in the preparation and presentation of General Purpose Financial Statements (GPFS);

Aware that the implementation of IPSAS would promote accountability and transparency as financial statements that are produced on the format of IPSAS will conform to international best practices as required by Organizations such as the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF), African Development Bank (ADB) and Donor Agencies, enhance public- private partnership and promote peer review mechanism of the financial reports of the three tiers of government;

Worried about the constant postponement of the implementation date of IPSAS from 2013 to 2014, from 2014 to 2015, and yet again from 2015 implementation date to January 2016, because without a proper financial reporting framework, there would not be accountability and transparency in the management of public finances which are inevitable if the cankerworm of corruption is to be effectively tackled;

Resolves to:
Mandate the Committees on Finance, and Public Accounts (when constituted) to invite the Accountant-General of the Federation to brief the Committees on the status of implementation of the International Public Sector Accounts Standards (IPSAS) and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

8. **Call on the Federal Government to Review the Downgrade of Four Federal Universities of Education:**
Hon. Ezenwa Francis Onyewuchi:

The House:

Recalls that the Administration of former President Goodluck Jonathan upgraded the AlvanIkoku College of Education, Owerri, Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo, and Colleges of Education, Kano and Zaria, to Universities of Education;

Notes that the Colleges of Education were upgraded to the status of Universities mainly because they had been conducting degree programmes and awarding degrees in affiliation with various Universities, in addition to their production of more graduates of Education to further improve the quality of the teaching profession;

Aware that certificates usually awarded by Colleges of Education is the Nigerian Certificate in Education (NCE) which is the minimum teaching qualification for primary and junior secondary schools;

Also aware that the Nigerian Certificate in Education (NCE) curriculum being used in the Colleges of Education is not comparable with those of Universities and also concerned that the Nigerian Certificate in Education (NCE) qualification is unattractive to students who rather aspire to become professionals;

Worried about the recent directive by the Federal Government reversing the upgrade of the four Colleges of Education to Universities and reverting them to Colleges of Education, which will worsen the already poor standard of education which requires complete overhauling and could also serve as a further impediment to the provision of quality education in the country;

Resolves to:

(*i*) urge the Federal Government to review the directive downgrading the four Federal Universities of Education to the status of Colleges of Education; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services (when constituted) to interface with the Ministry of Education on this review and report back to the House within two (2) weeks.

9. **Lopsided Admission System of Unity Schools in Nigeria:**
Hon. Garba Chede Hamman Julde:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Character principle requires that a certain quota of spaces should be reserved for students from each of the thirty six (36) States of the Federation in the admission process into Unity Schools in Nigeria;

Concerned that the quota of spaces meant for Northern States are usually taken up by non-indigenous students living in those States which denies indigenes admissions into the schools, a factor that have profound and adverse effects on the educational development of the Northern States;

Also concerned that admissions into junior secondary cadre of the Queens College, Lagos for the year 2015/2016 which ought to be on the basis of equality of States was skewed very much against students from the Northern States, and in particular, such States like Zamfara and Yobe appear to have been out-rightly denied the opportunity of their students being admitted into such schools;

Worried that if this flagrant disregard for the principles of Federal Character by Unity Schools is not immediately nipped in the bud, the educational development of certain States, especially in the North, will continue to decline, thus affecting the overall educational development in the Northern States;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Education to set policy guidelines that will prevent non-adherence to the federal character principles;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Character Commission to put in place educational policies that will not discriminate or marginalize any zone in the country; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services (when constituted) to investigate the matter and report back to the House within 4 weeks.

BILL

10. A Bill for an Act to Enhance the National Internal Security and the Capacity to Manage Disaster and Emergencies through the Provision of Emergency Communication Facilities to enable Citizens activate Response to Emergencies; and the Establishment of Public Safety Answering Centre throughout the Federation; and for Other Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 32) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) — *Second Reading*.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on Alleged Fraudulent Practices in the Collection and Management of Non-Oil Revenue Remittance	Tuesday, 26 October, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 437 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on the Activities of the Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOs)	Tuesday, 26 October, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 3.31 New Building (House) Assembly Complex