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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Need to Complete the Construction of Kishi-Kaiama -Wawa-Agwara-Rofia Road: Hon. Umar Muhammed Rofia:**

The House:

Informed that the people of Kishi, Kaiama and Rofia in Oyo, Kwara and Niger States have been agitating since 1999 for the completion of the road linking their towns;

Notes that the defunct Petroleum Trust Fund (PTF) started construction of the road between Wawa and Agwara axis in 1998 but it was abruptly abandoned when PTF was scrapped by the Government of President Olusegun Obasanjo;

Aware that the Road covering about 273km, if completed, will boost the standard of living and economic well-being of the people of the area, aid agricultural growth, fishing, mining and tourism as a result of the presence of vast land for cultivation in the Niger River Basin and the Borgu Game Reserve;

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Also aware that the road will provide alternative link to many parts of the South-West and North-West, as well as reducing the rate of accidents and drowning as water transportation is now the only reliable means of transportation by the people;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Ministry of Works to appropriate money in the 2016 budget for the construction of the road and to do everything necessary to commence work as soon as money is appropriated.

2. Call for Restoration of Electricity Supply to Seme Border Area, Badagry, Lagos State: Hon. Bamgbose Hontonyon Joseph:

The House:

Notes that Seme border in Badagry is a major link route to West African countries and also one of the major land borders generating revenues for the nation;

Informed that Seme border has been in complete blackout for about six (6) years now, a situation that has led to upsurge in criminal activities, particularly smuggling, and a decline in economic ventures with an attendant hardship on the residents;

Aware that efforts made by stakeholders in the community to have the light restored have proved abortive;

Realizes that if electricity supply is restored to the area, it will reduce smuggling activities thereby improving the revenue of the government and enhance the wellbeing of the people;

Resolves to:

Urge the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) to ensure that Eko Electricity Distribution Company, as a matter of urgency, restores electricity supply to Seme border and its environ.

3. Abandonment of Rehabilitation Works on the Owerri-Port Harcourt Road: Hon. Chike John Okafor:

The House:

Notes that the Owerri-Port Harcourt Expressway is one of the main link Roads between the South-East and the South-South States, and is of great economic importance to the people of the two zones and the generality of Nigerians;

Aware that contract for the dualization of the Owerri-Port Harcourt Road was awarded in 2009 by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) in two segments, while the Owerri axis was awarded to Arab Contractors for the sum of 23.1 billion Naira, the Port Harcourt axis was awarded to Setraco Nig. Ltd;

Also aware that the Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs paid Arab Contractors Construction Company mobilization fee following which they mobilized to site but later abandoned the project;

Concerned that while the Port Harcourt axis of the road measuring 30.2 km was completed and commissioned in 2012, the Owerri axis of the same road has remained abandoned and virtually taken over by armed robbers who constantly harass commuters who have to slow down to negotiate the bad spots on the road;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Works (FMW) to ensure the completion of reconstruction work on the Owerri axis of the Road; and

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

4. **Call for Construction of Pedestrian Bridges at Soka and Sanyo in Oluyole Federal Constituency of Oyo State:**
Hon. Samson Olusunbo Olugbemi:

The House:

Notes that the constitutional responsibility of every government is to protect the lives of citizens in any part of the country;

Also notes that the Ibadan-Oyo Highway is a Trunk 'A' Road which is a key route for transportation in Ibadan and the entire Oluyole Federal Constituency linking other towns in the South-West geopolitical zone;

Aware that the road is a dual carriage way passing through Soka, a densely populated area of Ibadan with markets and schools located along the highway, as well as recording high volume of traffic, including heavy duty trucks;

Concerned that the density of human population in Soka brings about a high volume of pedestrian activities and crossing of the major highway by individuals carrying out their daily chores;

Worried about the frequent cases of pedestrians being knocked down by vehicles as they attempt to cross the dual carriageway, resulting in fatalities;

Cognizant of the call by residents of Soka community and the entire people of Oluyole Federal Constituency for the construction of pedestrian bridges at Soka and Sanyo as a permanent solution to the incessant cases of fatal accidents in the community;

Resolves to:

Call on the Federal Ministry of Works to immediately construct Pedestrian Bridges at Soka and Sanyo on Ibadan-Oyo Highway.

5. **Need to Fast-Track the Renovation/Maintenance Works at the Port Harcourt International Airport Omuagwa, Rivers State:**
Hon. Boniface S. Emerengwa:

The House:

Recalls that in a bid to enhance the efficiency and smooth operations of the Airports chain in the country, the Administration of former President Goodluck Jonathan embarked upon renovation of key Nigerian Airports, including the Port Harcourt International Airport;

Aware that the projected renovation works involved extensive expansion and modification of structures and construction of an international terminal, all aimed at making the airport live up to its name as an International Airport;

Concerned that the renovation works and the construction of a new international terminal have been going on for about five years now without much visible work done, a situation that is making the Airport look shambolic and not able to promote the corporate image of the country, being a gateway to international travelers; also, the stall in the works has hampered air travels and business activities with its deleterious consequences of fall in income;

Notes that despite the huge increase in both the number of domestic and international flights in the Airport, it is only the Departure Wing that has attained about 75% completion of work in the last five years since the renovation project commenced, leaving vital components like conveyor belts and air conditioning systems in dilapidated states;

Disturbed by a report in ThisDay Newspaper of Tuesday October 20, 2015 titled "Port Harcourt tops list of World's worst Airports", indicating the world's worst and best aviation terminals in four areas of comfort, conveniences, cleanliness and customer service, in which Port Harcourt International Airport was classified as the world's worst Airport terminal;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Aviation to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Aviation and other relevant Agencies to determine the cause of the slow pace of work and subsequent abandonment of work at the Port Harcourt International Airport, Omuagwa; and

(*ii*) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure the implementation of this resolution.

6. Call for Provision of Enough Manpower and Healthcare Facilities in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja:
Hon. Lovette Ederin Idisi:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja has thirteen (13) Government owned hospitals, spread across the Six (6) Area Councils of Abaji, Gwagwalada, Kwali, Kuje, Bwari and Abuja Municipal; notably the Wuse, Maitama, Asokoro and Gwarimpa General Hospitals, the National Hospital and Gwagwalada Teaching Hospital as well as Federal Staff Hospital, Airport Road, Jabi;

Aware that given the current population estimates of the Federal Capital Territory which has been put at Six Million, the number of Government-owned hospitals and the doctor to patient ratio are inadequate, which has been posing challenges to the health care delivery in the Federal Capital Territory;

Also aware that the number of patients who seek care at Government Hospitals in the Municipal are between 300-400 daily and the National Hospital alone records a daily patients attendance of between 400-500, and the combined patients population of 6,000 daily, has far outstripped available infrastructure, particularly bed spaces and manpower, especially those in the Area Councils which are barely managing to render services like maternal, ante-natal and HIV/AIDS preventive cares;

Further worried that the quality of service delivery, ranging from misdiagnosis, as well as outright incompetence in the handling of patients and ethical issues related to poor capacity have continued to dog healthcare services in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Health to provide enough manpower and facilities for health care in the FCT Abuja; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Federal Capital Territory to take proactive measures in facilitating healthcare delivery within the FCT Abuja.

BILL

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Biotechnology Development Agency and for Other Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 33) (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung*) — *Second Reading*.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	*Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Withdrawal of ₦1.17 billion by the Federal Ministry of Finance from the Account of Sokoto - Rima River Basin Development Authority	Wednesday, 28 October, 2015	2.30 p.m.	Committee Room 0.24 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	*Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Federal Ministry of Transport and Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC)	Wednesday, 28 October, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	*Ad-hoc* Committee to the Investigation of Accounting Proceeding in Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS)	Wednesday, 28 October, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 345 New Building (House) Assembly Complex