HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 3 November, 2015

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Need for Rehabilitation of the Road linking the Otor Bridge which Connects Delta/South Eastern States and the Northern Part of Nigeria:**
Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun:

The House:

Notes that the Otor bridge located at Otor, between Esan South East Local Government Area of Edo State and Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State serves as a link between the people of Delta/South Eastern States and the Northern part of Nigeria;

Also notes that the Road leading to and after the bridge is of significant economic importance to commuters in the movement of persons and raw materials from one part of the country to another;

Further notes that the Orowa junction, the road before the bridge and the road after the bridge is in a terrible state of disrepair occasioned by flood, long use, constant movement of heavy duty trucks and endless stream of traffic;

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Worried that if urgent steps are not taken to repair those bad portions of the Road, there would continue to be monumental loss of valuable man hours on the Road which will result in dwindling economic fortunes and increase in the spate of robbery currently being witnessed on the road;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to embark upon immediate rehabilitation of the Road; and

(*ii*) call on the Federal Government to include the Orowa junction and the Road immediately after the Otor Bridge in the scheme of 2016 budget, for reconstruction.

2. **Call for the Connection of Ankpa, Omala and Olamaboro Local Government Areas to Geregu Power Supply:**
Hon. Hassan A. Omale:

The House:

Notes that the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) has declined to connect electricity supply to Ankpa, Omala, and Olamaboro Local Government Areas of Kogi State on the ground that the single line feeder transmission sub-station is inadequate;

Aware that the Federal Government has commissioned electricity projects in the State aimed at improving power supply to various towns, however, Ankpa, Omala and Olamaboro Local Government Areas have been left out and still in darkness;

Concerned that the lack of electricity supply to the areas is making life unbearable for the people and the small and medium scale enterprises and industries that were once thriving have closed down due to non-availability of electric power;

Also concerned that the continued lack of electricity in the areas is causing security challenges as there is an upsurge in criminal activities like robbery, kidnaping and other related crimes due to the perpetual darkness in the nights and able bodied youths idling away;

Realizes that provision of electric supply to the areas will promote economic growth, facilitate employment for the teeming youths, ensure security of lives and properties, and improve the general well-being of the people of the areas;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to liaise with the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) to ensure that the Electricity Distribution Company links Ankpa, Omala, and Olamaboro Local Government Areas to the Geregu Power Supply.

3. **Call on the Federal Government to Reconstruct the Federal Roads Network in Ondo State:**
Hon. Afe Olowookere:

The House:

Notes with concern the deplorable conditions of the Federal Roads in Ondo State which have constituted serious impediments to the smooth movement of people and goods to and from the neighbouring States of Ekiti, Kogi, Ogun, Osun, Edo and Lagos;

Recalls that all the Federal Roads linking Ondo State with other neighbouring States have been neglected by previous administrations since the return of democratic rule in 1999, save for Ilesa-Akure road which links Ondo and Osun States that is currently under repairs;

Worried that the conditions of those roads have caused untold economic hardships to motorists plying them;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government, to construct dual carriage ways on the Federal Roads linking Ondo with the neigbouring States with a view to stemming the hardships being faced by commuters; and

(*ii*) call on the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to immediately fix the badly damaged parts of the road in Akure-Ikare-Akoko-Okene corridor at Okekia in Oka Akoko, pending the construction of a dual carriage way.

4. **Need for a Review of Environmental Standards, Policies, Guidelines and Status Reports of Oil Firms:**
Hon. Kingsley O. Chinda:

The House:

Notes that the environment is of fundamental importance to our existence, growth and development as a people;

Also notes that in realization of this fact, Section 20 of the Constitution of Nigeria, 1999 provides that the State shall protect and improve the environment and safeguard the water, air and land, forest and wild life of Nigeria;

Aware that various environmental activities take place daily in several communities across the Country, most of which have had negative impacts in the form of pollution, oil spills and other attendant environmental effect(s) on human and aquatic life as well as the livelihood patterns of people that live there;

Also aware that majority of these environmental activities are undertaken by multi-national Oil companies and Oil servicing firms, most of which still operate with obsolete equipment and techniques in clear violation of laid down rules and procedures in line with international best practices;

Further aware that in most cases, these Oil firms and operators do not have in place an authentic and implementable key operational components like integrity report of their facilities, pollution report and status and clean up and remediation plans of all polluted sites, etc.;

Worried that the above situation has adversely affected the health and livelihood patterns of people and communities where these environmental activities take place, whilst Oil firms and operators continue to easily get away with the negative effects of their exploration activities;

Also worried that policy makers and Oil industry regulators appear not to have done much to comply with and implement the letter and spirit of Section 20 of the Constitution of Nigeria, 1999;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government and all relevant regulatory agencies to take urgent steps to properly review all environmental standards, policies, guidelines and status reports of all environmentally polluted and/or degraded area(s) in the country;

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat, and Climate Change to take urgent steps to ensure that Oil firms and all operators provide (*a*) integrity report of all facilities, (*b*) pollution report and status, (*c*) clean up and remediation plans of all polluted sites in line with international best practices, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action; and

(*iii*) also mandate the Committees to convoke a public hearing to determine the level of compliance or otherwise with environmental standards, principles, guidelines, etc. by the operators, in line with international best practices.

5. Call on the Armed Forces and Other Security Agencies to Pay Entitlements of Service Personnel who died while Fighting the Boko Haram Insurgents:

Hon. E. J. Agbonayinma:

The House:

Aware that the fight against the Boko Haram Insurgents started on the 26 of July, 2009 when the sect commenced an armed rebellion against the Nigerian nation;

Also aware that many gallant personnel of the Armed Forces and other security agencies have lost their lives in the fight to protect the territorial sovereignty of the nation;

Observes that it is a standard practice for entitlements to be paid to the next of Kin of any soldier who had died in the line of duty protecting the integrity of the nation, among whom is Sargent Moses Osarenkhoe 04NA/55/1157 who, until his death, was attached to the 55 Signal Command, Arakan Barracks, Apapa, Lagos State but was posted to the Armed Forces Special Force Battalion "OP Zaman Lafiya" Maiduguri;

Informed that many months after the death of these heroes, no payment of entitlements have been made to their families, thereby leaving their spouses and children in desperate situations without any form of livelihood;

Worried that such delay in payment of entitlements of deceased military personnel might dampen the morale and willingness of serving military personnel from serving their fatherland, and being willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice, if the need arises;

Resolves to:

Call on the Federal Government, the Armed Forces, other Law Enforcement Agencies and other relevant authorities to, as a matter of urgency, pay all entitlements/benefits of deceased personnel who died in active duty fighting the Boko Haram insurgents.

6. Need for the Nigerian Airline Operators to Adhere to International Standard Practices as Obtained in Most Parts of the World:

Hon. Rita Orji:

The House:

Aware that air transportation is vital to economic activities and development of any country and therefore concerned about poor services of airline operators in Nigeria;

Also aware of the series of challenges being faced by airline passengers and the apparent lack of commitment by Airline operators to address these complaints, particularly the lack of compliance with Part 19 of the Consumer Protection Regulation (Civil Aviation Regulation) 2006;

Further aware of frequent cancellation or delay of flights at times without any information or payment of compensation by the operators for the inconveniences or losses suffered by passengers:

Worried that the poor maintenance of aircrafts and non-chalant attitude of Airline operators are discouraging many travellers from patronizing air transportation, a situation that has further worsened the drive for the much needed foreign investments in Nigeria;

Concerned that the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) has not done enough to ensure that Airline Operators abide by Part 19 of the Consumer Protection Regulations of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Regulations, 2006;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Aviation to investigate the failure of Airline Operators to abide by the Nigerian Civil Aviation Regulation on Protection of consumers; and

(*ii*) urge the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority to design a strategy to educate Airline passengers on their rights and obligations so as to curtail the excesses of the Operators.

BILLS

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Roads Fund for the Purpose of Financing the Rehabilitation and Maintenance of National Roads and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 49) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) — *Second Reading*.

8. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation Act, Cap. N137, LFN, 2004 and to Re-Enact the Nigerian Tourism Development Corporation Bill, 2015 and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 44) (*Hon. Goodluck Nanah Opiah*) — *Second Reading*.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Meeting of the Speaker with Committee Chairmen and their Deputies	Tuesday, 3 November, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Conference Room 0.28 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on the Huge Debts and Alleged Fraudulent Sale of Banks by the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON)	Tuesday, 3 November, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 351 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on Loaming Labour Dispute in the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment	Tuesday, 3 November, 2015	4.00 p.m.	Committee Room 435 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	*Ad-hoc* Committee on Non-Transparent and Fraudulent Sales of Power Assets	Tuesday, 3 November, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 324 New Building (House) Assembly Complex