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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **The Need to Rehabilitate Bakalori Irrigation Project:**
Hon. Yahaya Choda Gora:

The House:

Notes that Bakalori Irrigation project which was commissioned in 1983 to help generate 10.3 megawatts of electricity comprises a Dam with 5.5km earthen embankment, 356 concrete sections with lake area of 8,000 hectares, 450 million cubic meters of water for irrigation and domestic water supply to parts of Zamfara, Sokoto and Kebbi States and also, has a supply canal of 15km, drain and access road of 700 km to serve 23,000 hectares of irrigation areas;

Aware that the project, which has service centres to provide basic amenities for farmers and the people in the area, is spread in three Local Governments of Maradun, Talata Marafa and Bakura with a population of over 610,354 people and the agricultural products from the irrigation scheme feed various markets in Sokoto, Zamfara, Katsina and other parts of the country;

Concerned that the project has been hampered by inadequate staff to operate such heavy machineries like tractors and lacks over-head funds for maintenance bill and other miscellaneous expenses, including staff lacking modern farming training, lack of Agro-Allied industries in the project area, insecurity and low cost of farm products, all of which have finally crippled the project;

Realizes that, if the project is rehabilitated, the economic potentials will include recycling of waste products, providing potable water, Agro-Allied industries, extension of hydro power, creation of employment opportunities for the teeming youth, increased productivity and development of the immediate communities, which will bring growth and development to the entire nation;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services and Water Resources to make an assessment of the Bakalori irrigation project to ascertain the damages and way to improve it and then liaise with the Federal Ministries of Agriculture and Water Resources to ensure commencement of rehabilitation of the Bakalori Irrigation project.

2. **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;

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 Power, Works and Housing 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.

3. **Call for Reconstruction of the Jibiro (Jabbi-Lamba) - Malabu-Farang-Sorau-Belel Road in Adamawa State:**
Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim:

The House:

Notes that the Jibiro (Jabbi-Lamba)-Malabu-Farang-Sorau-Belel Road, constructed in 1982 is a gate way that links Nigeria with the Republic of Cameroun, the Central African Republic and then onto the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Congo Brazzaville;

Concerned that the deplorable state of the road is causing avoidable accidents resulting in death, bringing hardships to residents of nearby communities and denying Government of revenues as it used to be a major route for traders conveying various goods along the land borders of Nigeria and the neighbouring countries;

Worried that after more than twenty (20) years of construction, no rehabilitation work has been carried out on the road, as a result of which seven (7) of the eight (8) bridges on the road have collapsed;

Cognizant that only the intervention of the Government can bring reprieve to commuters and residents from years of abandonment of the road;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA), and Appropriations to ensure that reconstruction of the road is captured in the 2016 budget proposal; and

(*ii*) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to undertake rehabilitation of the collapsed bridges, in the interim, to alleviate the hardships being faced by residents and commuters.

4. **Urgent Need for the Completion of Erelu Water Scheme (Oyo Town):**
Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi:

The House:

Notes that the contract for the construction of Erelu Water Scheme was awarded to Messrs Consolidated Contractors Limited on 26 March, 2010 for the sum of One Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty Nine Million Naira (₦1,429,000,000.00) only and it was to be completed within fifteen (15) months;

Also notes that the contractor was paid One Billion Naira (₦1,000,000,000.00) only leaving a balance of Four Hundred and Twenty Nine Million Naira (₦429,000,000.00) only, the non-payment of which is causing the delay in completing the contract that was supposed to have been completed within Fifteen (15) months and is now going on 5 years;

Aware that the project, if completed, would provide more than ten (10) communities with potable water; but at the moment, its abandonment has left the communities without potable water and exposed to the risks of epidemic;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Water Resources to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and the Ogun-Osun River Basin Authority to ensure that the balance of the money for the project is appropriated for in the 2016 Appropriations Act.

5. **Call for Upgrade of Kano/Nguru Rail Line:**

Hon. Sidi Yakubu
Hon. Abubakar Danburan Nuhu
Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata
Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan
Hon. Isma'ila Gadaka
Hon. Zakari Angulu
Hon. Magaji Da'u Aliyu
Hon. Mohammed Gausu Boyi
Hon. Usman Ibrahim Auyo
Hon. Yau Galadima
Hon. Sabo Garba

The House:

Notes that rail line got to Nguru in 1933 during the colonial era because of the strategic and economic importance of this ancient town through which goods like hides and skin, groundnut and livestock were transported to the seaports and further to Europe;

Also notes the transportation policy of the Federal Government to link the whole country through the rail system which crystallized in the ongoing rehabilitation of the Lagos/Jebba/Kano rail line to standard gauge, but it was not extended to Nguru which already has infrastructure that can be improved upon;

Aware that the Kano/Nguru rail infrastructure cuts across Kano and Jigawa States through Jogona and Zakirai in Kano State and Kaugama, Mallam Madori, Garungabas and Birniwa in Jigawa State.

Desirous that the Federal Government should extend the rehabilitation of Jebba/Kano rail line to Nguru in order to boost economic activities, increase income and improve the livelihood of the people in the area;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation to upgrade the Kano/Nguru rail line from the narrow gauge to standard gauge;

(*ii*) also urge the Nigerian Railways Corporation to upgrade its skeletal services in the Kano/Nguru narrow gauge to full-fledged operation in order to complement government's efforts in boosting economic activities and creation of employment;

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Appropriations to include the upgrade of the Kano/Nguru rail line in the 2016 Budget; and

(*iv*) also mandate the Committees on Land Transport, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back to the House within one (1) month for further legislative action.

6. The Need to Construct Mararaba-Baissa-Gembu Road in Taraba State:
Hon. D. C. Hosea:

The House:

Notes that the road leading from Mararaba in Donga LGA through Baissa in Kurmi LGA to Gembu in Sardauna LGA, all in Taraba State, which has remained untarred, is a major link between Nigeria and neighboring Republic of Cameroun as well as other Central African countries;

Also notes the strategic importance of the road to the economy of Taraba State in particular and the country in general, as it is the route through which farmers and cattle rearers transport their products to far-flung markets;

Worried that despite the economic benefits of this road and its international importance, it has not attracted any attention from the Federal Government to have the Road tarred, thus bringing untold hardships on the people of the area who are finding it difficult to convey their goods, and the narrow colonial era bridges and culverts on the road now constitute a death trap resulting to loss of livesand property worth millions of Naira on constant basis;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to, as a matter of urgency, renovate the Mararaba-Baissa-Gembu road as an interim measure to bring relief to the people of the area; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Works, and Appropriations to ensure the inclusion of the construction of Mararaba-Baissa-Gembu Road in the 2016 budget.

7. The Need to Review the Digitization Programme in the Nigerian Broadcasting Industry:
Hon. Edward G. Pwajok:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria commenced the Digitization Program in December 2007 following late President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua's directive to the Nigerian Broadcasting Commission (NBC) to that effect but at a stakeholders meeting held on June 3, 2008, the Nigerian Broadcasting Industry leaders agreed to reschedule the initial International deadline of June 17, 2010 to June 17, 2015;

Aware that the country has not been able to meet the requirements for the deadline of 2015, thus necessitating a new deadline of July 17, 2017, for digital switch over which is meant to phase out the use of analogue television sets which will entail the use of Pay TV Channels whereby viewers pay for TV viewing by subscription on periodic basis;

Also notes that the platforms for the Pay TV programs are dominated by foreigners like the DSTV owned by Multichoice, a South African Company and Startimes which is 70% owned by Chinese and 30% by the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA);

Also aware that majority of television owners in the rural areas and even some in the urban areas still use analogue television sets primarily due to their lower costs, durability and reliability;

Further aware that Nigeria has consistently failed to meet the deadlines for migration to the Digital broadcasting because of many challenges which include the huge infrastructure costs to be met in order to ensure that the Digital Television sets do not experience interruptions when there is heavy rain or thunderstorms which are euphemistically referred to as "bad weather" which distorts the picture quality of the programmes;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Telecommunications to appraise the desirability of the whole concept of digitization program and the time lines given; and liaise with relevant agencies like the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC), Nigerian Television Authority (NTA), Consumer Protection Council (CPC), and also investigate the Startimes/NTA Partnership, particularly the revenues generated and report back to the House within four (4) weeks.

8. **Urgent Need to Curb Unwholesome Practices of Banks in Nigeria:**
Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola:

The House:

Aware of the practice of some Banks giving their employees targets to bring in deposits ranging from Hundreds of millions to billions of naira within a time frame, ranging from one to six months, as the case may be, failing which various forms of threats, intimidation or harassments are made to the employees, including issuance of queries, demotions and ultimately, summary dismissals;

Notes that a critical assessment of the targets being given to these employees to meet show them to be unrealistic, unreasonable, ordinarily unattainable, and irrational, but the Banks resort to unethical means to ensure that the targets are met by either explicitly or impliedly encouraging their staff, especially the female ones, to engage in illicit behavior to attract the deposits;

Also notes the persistent acts of enslavement being carried out by many Banks through the vicious policy of casualization of staff without adequate welfare packages, low income, high level of stagnation without promotion, degradation of employees' dignity, discriminatory practices against the female staff, long working hours and vicious dismissal policies;

Concerned that this trend which is an outright breach of the dignity of the human person and of labour, negates the concept of the decent work agenda of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), which Nigeria is a member;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency to investigate these unwholesome practices with a view to bringing them to an end and report back to the House within one (1) month for further legislative inputs.

BILL

9. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Hoarding of Certain Nonperishable Agricultural produce and regulating their Supply and Distribution in order to Control the market price of those produce for the benefits of Nigerians and for Other Related Matters (HB. 57) (*Hon. Musa Sarkin Adar*) — *Second Reading*.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Foreign Affairs	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 455 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	Labour, Employment and Productivity	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

3.	FCT Area Councils	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Agricultural Production and Services	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Police Affairs	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 345 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Basic Education and Services	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Control	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	Federal Road Safety Commission	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 4.37 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
9.	Banking and Currency	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
10.	Public Petitions	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
11.	FERMA	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
12.	Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Hearing Room 2 Assembly Complex
13.	Public Procurement	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
14.	Army (Inaugural meeting)	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 357 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
15.	Diaspora	Tuesday, 17 November, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Conference Room 0.28 New Building (House) Assembly Complex