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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Call for Provision of Conveniences at Bus Stops, Parks and Other Public Places in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT):**
Hon. Anayo Edwin:

The House:

Notes that the National Census conducted in 2006 put the population of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja at about 778,567;

Aware that as the nation's Capital, with increasing number of people relocating to the city and numerous International Guests, a certain level of cleanliness is required in order to maintain its standard as a modern city;

Concerned that Abuja lacks conveniences in strategic locations in the City and the absence of these facilities is causing varying degrees of environmental abuses and pollution as a result of indiscriminate passing of urine and feces in the open by people;

Worried that the resultant effects of the aforementioned could be detrimental to the residents in the event of an outbreak of epidemic;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) to provide conveniences at strategic locations in Abuja and provide penalties for urinating and defecating outside designated places.

2. **Urgent Need for the Completion of Erelu Water Scheme in 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 allegedly causing the delay in completing the contract that was envisaged to be completed within Fifteen (15) months, but 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 Development Authority to ensure that the balance of the money for the project is appropriated for in the 2016 Appropriations Act.

3. **Call for Rehabilitation of the Road from Yahe-Ukelle in Yala Local Government Area of Cross River State to Igede in Oju Local Government Area of Benue State:**
Hon. Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe:

The House:

Notes that the road from Yahe through Ukelle in Yala Local Government Area of Cross River State which links Igede in Oju Local Government Area of Benue State is a single lane road which is plagued by severe gully erosion that has eaten deep into the road and is also riddled with potholes, as a result of which, commuters are usually stranded for several hours or days whenever their vehicles break down on the road;

Concerned that the deplorable state of the Road is adversely affecting commercial activities between people of the two States as it is now unsafe for inter-state traders and commuters to travel through the road;

Further concerned that about 90% of the inhabitants of the communities along the route of the Road are local farmers who depend solely on sale of agricultural produce, and their source of livelihood is gravely affected by the deplorable state of the road as they can no longer convey their goods to the markets;

Resolves to:

Call on the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to carry out a reconstruction of Yahe-Ukelle Igede road with a view to saving same from total collapse and easing the suffering of the people.

4. **Call for Dualization of the 9th Mile-ObolloAfor-Makurdi Road:**
Hon. Dennis Oguerinwa Amadi.

The House:

Notes that the 210kms long 9th Mile-Obollo-Afor-Makurdi road that cuts across Enugu and Benue States within two geo-political zones of South East and North Central, particularly the multi-directional junction called 9th Mile Corner in Enugu State, is in very deplorable condition and requires Federal Government's urgent intervention to save motorists that ply this axis the nightmare that they are currently passing through;

Aware that the road is of huge economic significance as it is an important gateway for peoples of the South-East, South-South and North Central geopolitical zones of the country;

Also aware that the transit nature of 9th Mile as convergence point for heavy trucks conveying purchases from Onitsha and Aba to the North and also those conveying livestock and other Agro materials from the North to the South, as well as the heavy vehicular presence brought about by the need to evacuate industrial products of Nigerian Breweries Plc, Nigerian Bottling Company and Seven-Up Company, which have tremendously deteriorated this axis of the road, given the hilly topography of the area;

Further aware that the dualization of the road will reduce accidents and the incessant cases of robberies along the road which, presently has an average of 250 significant potholes per kilometer along the stretch which cause vehicles to run at snail speed and also cause complete breakdown of vehicles, thereby exposing traders, vehicular components and commodities to attacks, vandalisation and deterioration;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to appropriate money in the 2016 budget for the dualization of the 9th Mile Corner-Obollo-Afor-Makurdi Road;

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure that FERMA carries out urgent rehabilitation works on the failed portions of the road pending its dualization; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to monitor compliance.

5. Deplorable State of the Makurdi-Gboko-Kastina Ala Road:
Hon. Dickson Tarkighir:

The House:

Notes that the 110kms road linking Makurdi to Katsina Ala Local Government Area traversing Guma, Tarka, Gboko and Buruku Local Government Areas is a very busy route for access to several parts of the country, but concerned that the road has become a death trap, claiming many lives due to its deplorable state with potholes dotting the stretches;

Concerned that poor parking arrangements, especially around the Dangote Cement Company site, have led to incursions onto the road as heavy duty trucks park indiscriminately on extensive portions of the road;

Aware that the State Government alone cannot rehabilitate this Federal road given the limited resources available to it;

Also aware that the connecting nature of the road causes huge vehicular movements from interstate transport as well as intra state traffic;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently undertake repairs of the damaged portions of the road, erect Road signs at dangerous curves and bends and also install speed breakers at necessary points to forewarn road users; and

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to ensure that strict parking laws are adhered to by trucks parked around the Dangote Cement Company site where big trucks park dangerously onto the highway, and then enforce speed limits to reduce the rate of accidents on the road.

6. Call for Intervention in the Perennial and Devastating Gully Erosion in Kore/Kubdia, Yaba-Waba, Zindiwa, Gololo, Gamawa and Udobo Communities of Gamawa Local Government Area of Bauchi State:
Hon. Mohammed Garba Gololo:

The House:

Notes that the perennial and devastating gully erosion in Kore/Kubdia, Yaba-Waba, Zindiwa, Gololo, Gamawa and Udobo communities of Gamawa Local Government Area of Bauchi State has impacted negatively on the lives and economic activities of these communities;

Also notes that those agrarian communities are interconnected with their means of livelihood dependent on agriculture and if no urgent action is taken to address the problems of gully erosion in those communities, there could be a monumental disaster from the ecological hazards;

Worried that the aforementioned challenges have adversely affected the economic and social well-being of the people and have caused severe structural displacements to the livelihoods of residents of the affected communities;

Disturbed that unless there is an urgent response to these problems, the communities could be cut-off from other communities in the State;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat, and Works to liaise with officials of the Federal Ministries of Environment, and Power, Works and Housing to visit the affected areas to ascertain the extent of damage caused by the gully erosion for the purpose of appropriating funds in the 2016 Appropriations bill to address the challenges.

7. **Call for Investigation of the continued closure of the Nigerian Newsprint Manufacturing Company (NNMC) Seven Years after its Privatization:**
Hon. Henry Okon Archibong:

The House:

Aware that the Nigerian Newsprint Manufacturing Company (NNMC), Oku Iboku was set up to produce 100,000 metric tons of finished Newsprint papers per annum, and until it was shut down in 1994, was producing newsprint papers of internationally accepted standards which were being exported to Togo, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Cameroun, USA, Germany, and other parts of the world;

Recalls that in 2008, the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE), under the principle of guided liquidation, and with an expiration period of five years, sold the Newsprint Company for the sum of ₦4,020,000,000.00 billion to an indigenous firm, Negris Holdings Limited, which renamed it the Oku-Iboku Pulp and Paper Limited (OKIPP);

Also recalls that in August of the same year, Negris Holdings Limited claimed that it had put in place all financial requirements to rehabilitate the liquidated assets of the Company, and in 2010 also claimed that it carried out and passed all Environmental Safety Standards required for the smooth take-off of the Newsprint Company;

Worried about the glaring lack of financial capacity of Negris Holdings Limited to resuscitate the Newsprint Company, resulting in its continued shutdown despite promises that by early 2013, it would have commenced full operations, even with availability of security, manpower and raw materials, rather Negris Holdings Limited has resorted to assets stripping at the Newsprint mill in Oku Iboku, and the plantation yard in Akamkpa, Cross River State, where several items, including cranes, heavy duty trucks, stainless steel pipes, giant electric motors, welding machines, etc. were carted away and sold as scrap items;

Notes that the violation of the legal requirement on the principle of guided liquidation, and failure to rehabilitate the Newsprint Company and get it into full commercial operation by Negris Holdings Limited before the expiration of the five years moratorium from the date of sale, is a ground for revocation of the sale to Negris Holdings Ltd;

Recognizes that if the Newsprint Company is in full operation, economic, social and recreational activities within and outside the zone will be boosted by the presence of service-oriented and other ancillary companies, and also serve as a source of revenue generation for the State and Federal Governments respectively, as well as creating jobs for the teeming youths;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization to investigate the seemingly flawed processes of valuation, liquidation and sale of the Nigerian Newsprint Manufacturing Company by the Bureau of Public Enterprises, having apparently failed to comply with the provisions of the Bureau of Public Enterprises Act, and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action;

(*ii*) call on the Federal Government to formulate a blueprint with a view to taking-over the Newsprint Company from Negris Holdings Limited for violation of the legal condition that backed up the sale to it, and reactivate same for the purpose of job creation; and

(*iii*) also call on the Federal Ministries of Industry, Trade and Investments, as well as Labour and Productivity to partner with Akwalbom State Government and take advantage of the State Government's readiness to ensure full commercial operation of the Newsprint Company.

8. Low Service Delivery and Exploitation of the Masses by Nigeria Customs Service: Hon. Olatoye Temitope Sugar:

The House:
Notes that the Nigerian Customs Service was established to collect revenues (import/excise duties and other taxes/levies), check smuggling activities, monitor foreign exchange utilisation, license and register customs agents, etc.;

Believes that if the Nigerian Customs Service is effectively managed, it should be among the highest revenue earning agencies for the nation;

Concerned that the revenue potentials of the Service is being hindered by the negligence of duties and corrupt practices by personnel of the Service such that revenues being generated into the coffers of Government are far less than expected;

Aware that many factors, including connivance of the personnel in allowing contraband goods to be smuggled into the country, failure to enforce the payment of requisite duties, poor accountability of the revenues generated, preferential treatment of high net-worth individuals, among others, are responsible for the low revenue generation by the Service;

Also concerned about the practice of mounting road blocks to stop vehicles conveying goods on the roads, after the goods had been brought into the country for long periods of time, a situation that ought to have been prevented in the first place or the trend of personnel of the Service invading markets in search of contraband goods;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Nigerian Customs Service to engage in continuous training and development programmes for its officers, especially in border control techniques, for optimal performance;

(*ii*) implore the Controller-General of Nigerian Customs Service to stop the practice of the Service mounting road blocks in search of goods that had already been brought into the country;

(*iii*) urge the Federal Government to invest more in Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) for the advancement of Customs operations so as to improve operational efficiency; and

(*iv*) also urge the Controller-General to deploy more personnel to the borders to curtail the activities of smugglers.

9. Imminent Threat of Loss of Six Thousand Jobs and Abandonment of Twelve Trillion Naira Projects in the Construction Industry due to Government's Indebtedness to Contractors: Hon. Ahmed Abu:

The House:

Notes that the construction industry generates the highest multiplier effects through its extensive backward and forward linkages with the other sectors and provides the stimulus for growth throughout the economy;

Also notes that construction of irrigation works, highways, railways, bridges, etc. is a strategic measure that induces the establishment of a multitude of new productive activities;

Aware that in the last five years, the following budgetary provisions were made for debt servicing:

Projection for 2011 — ₦495, 096,682,115,

Projection for 2012 — ₦559, 580,000,000,

Projection for 2013 — ₦591, 794,000,000,

Projection for 2014 — ₦712, 000,000,000,

Projection for 2015 — ₦953, 620,000,000;

Disturbed that the Federal Government is owing a staggering sum of money to construction companies for on-going and already completed projects as a result of which the construction companies are owing some banks large sums of money over which, in line with the recent Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) directive, the Banks are threatening to publish their names as debtors that are unwilling to pay their debts;

Concerned that this debt overhang has resulted in stoppage of works in nearly all project sites across the country, resulting in the abandonment of projects worth over ₦12 trillion;

Also concerned that the direct effects of the stoppage of works is the retrenchment of over 6,000 employees, both skilled and unskilled, by companies unable to continue paying salaries and allowances in the face of dwindling resources, thus compounding the unemployment crisis in the country;

Further concerned that if the situation is not addressed urgently, the efforts to curb insecurity, kidnaping, armed robbery and other social vices will become an exercise in futility as more people, particularly the youths will become jobless, idle, impoverished, hungry, gullible and vulnerable;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Finance, Works, Aids, Loans and Debt Management, and Appropriations to investigate the ₦12 Trillion Debt owed construction companies by the Federal Government and Report back to the House within eight (8) weeks.

3.	Lake Chad	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 0.19 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Delegated Legislation	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 455 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Navy (*Inaugural meeting*)	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 3.27 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Health Institutions	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 436 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Public Petitions (*Investigative Hearing*)	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	Urban Development and Regional Planning (*Inaugural meeting*)	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	2.30 p.m.	Committee Room 305 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
9.	Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) (*with the Management, Zonal Coordinators and major Contractors of FERMA*)	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	2.30 p.m.	Conference Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
10.	Agricultural Colleges and Institutions	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
11.	Drugs and Narcotics (*Inaugural meeting*)	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 437 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
12.	Finance	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 107 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
13.	Maritime Safety, Education and Administration	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	3.00 p.m.	Hearing Room 1 Assembly Complex
14.	Appropriations, Finance, Aids, Loans and Debt Management (*Joint meeting*)	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	4.30 p.m.	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
15.	Banking and Currency (*with Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Company, NEXIM Bank and Commercial Banks*)	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 0.28 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
16.	Federal Character	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

10. **Urgent Need for Federal Government's Intervention in the Continuous Loss of Lives and Destruction of Properties in Takum, Wukari, Ibi and Shendam Local Government Areas of Taraba and Plateau States Due to Banditry, Kidnapings and Terrorist Activities:**
Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum **Hon. Danjuma Usman**
Hon. Johnbull Tyemlong Shekarau

The House:

Notes that in recent weeks, people traveling along the interstate highway between Benue, Taraba and Plateau States have been waylaid and killed;

Also notes that the Takum-Wukari-Ibi and Ibi-Kuka-Yelwa/Shendam Roads have been scenes of regular terrorist attacks, robbery and banditry and several communities in Wukari including, Tunari, Ando Yaku, Warama, Nwunkyon Benkawa, Kaka-Iko, Tudunwada Yora, among others, have been sacked by terrorist activities and the people are now taking refuge in Wukari;

Worried that besides dislocating and disrupting the economies of the area which is largely agrarian, farmers are now afraid of going to the farms to harvest their farm produce, in addition to the fact that ongoing work at the Kashimbilla Dam, which is near completion, may be disrupted;

Concerned that should the crisis remain un-checked and the criminals left to their own devices, the killings may escalate and the situation will further degenerate;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to strengthen the capacity of the Nigerian Police Force and the Military establishments in the area to check the escalating attacks and killings of Nigerians in those areas;

(*ii*) request the Federal Government as well as the Plateau, Benue and Taraba State Governments to strengthen the peace building efforts of community leaders and religious bodies to find lasting peace that will enable restoration of economic activities in the areas; and

(*iii*) also urge the National Boundary Commission to wade into the lingering crisis with a view to defining the borders between Taraba, Plateau and Benue States.

BILL

11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to make the Appointment of Service Chiefs Subject to Confirmation by the National Assembly and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 70) (*Hon. Raphael Igbokwe*) — *Second Reading*.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Local Content (*with the Management of the Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring Board (NCDMB)*)	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	Commerce	Wednesday, 25 Nov., 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex