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Tuesday, 15 December, 2015

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:**
   (*i*) *Federal Audit Service Commission Bill*, 2015 (HB. 107);

   (*ii*) *Chartered Institute of Treasury Management Bill*, 2015 (HB. 100);

   (*iii*) *Oaths Act* (*Amendment*) *Bill*, 2015 (HB. 169);

   (*iv*) *Institute of Local Government and Public Administration Bill*, 2015 (HB. 108).

   Hon. Emmanuel Y. Orker-Jev:

   The House

   Notes that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence were made or negatived, or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence were made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or

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Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and the Ministry of Niger Delta to liaise with the Commission/Ministry with a view to taking over the rehabilitation of the road in view of its economic importance to the State and the Nation at large.

4. **Call for Rehabilitation/Reconstruction of Nsukka-Adani-Onitsha Road:**
Hon. Stella Ngwu:

The House:

Notes that the Nsukka-Adani-Onitsha Road which links many communities in Enugu and Anambra States is very strategic for the agro-economic activities of the people of the States;

Also notes that Adani community in Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area of Enugu State and other communities in Ayamelum Local government Area of Anambra State are reputed for cultivation of rice and other economic crops;

Aware that the road is the only access road through which traders from Onitsha and their counterparts from Nsukka and Enugu access the Ada Rice Farm and other small holder farmers to purchase rice and other food crops in commercial quantities;

Concerned that for over two decades, the road has remained in a state of disrepair, thus making it very difficult for movement of commuters and agricultural goods;

Also concerned that the numerous potholes and gully sites along the road have occasioned numerous road mishaps resulting in loss of lives and properties of commuters, and many large private farm settlements which hitherto engaged in commercial farming in the area have been forced to close down because of the dilapidated state of the road, resulting in loss of gainful employments;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and Appropriations to ensure that money for the reconstruction/rehabilitation of the road is captured in the 2016 Budget Estimates; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

5. **Need to Investigate the Level of Production and Utilisation of Bitumen in Nigeria:**
Hon. Bede Eke:

The House:

Notes that over the years, some Construction Companies and businessmen have engaged in massive importation of bitumen to the detriment of the bitumen produced locally by the Kaduna Refinery and Petrochemical Company (KRPC);

Also notes that the Kaduna Refinery and Petrochemical Company has an installed capacity to produce about 650,000 tonnes of bitumen annually which is more than the 500,000 tonnes consumed annually in the country;

Worried that Nigeria loses over ₦300 billion as a result of the non-patronage by Construction Companies of the bitumen produced in Nigeria and therefore depend heavily on importation of the product to the detriment of the nation's economy;

Convinced that if local production and utilization of bitumen is encouraged, it would boost the nation's economy and prevent the wastage of foreign exchange on the importation of the product;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the level of production of bitumen in Nigeria, especially by the Kaduna Refinery and Petrochemical Company and the level of utilisation of the product and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

6. Need to Review the List of State Roads Declared as Federal Highways:
Hon. Olamide Oni:

The House:

Notes that Section 25 of the Federal Highways Act empowers the Minister charged with the responsibility for Highways, after consultation with the Government of the States concerned and with the approval of the President to, by order published in the Federal Gazette, declare any road in Nigeria (not being a Federal trunk road) to be Federal highway, and he may by the same order or any other order and with the like approval, cancel, amend or vary any notice relating to Federal highways;

Also notes that since the enactment of the Act in 1971, the power to declare a state road as a Federal Highway had been exercised only three times on 17 December, 1971, 1 October, 1974 and 23 April, 1982; and since then, no other Minister has exercised the powers;

Aware that in the 33 years period when the power was last exercised, the country has undergone monumental political restructuring and economic transformation that ought to have made it compelling for the review of the list of State roads that should have been declared as Federal Highways;

Believes that the said Section 25 of the Act, if read in isolation, seems to confer absolute discretion on the Minister on the matter, but it is rather subject to S. 16(2) (a), (b) & (c) of the Constitution which provides that:

> "(2) The State shall direct its policy towards ensuring:
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> (*a*) the promotion of a planned and balanced economic development;
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> (*b*) that the material resources of the nation are harnessed and distributed as best as possible to serve the common good;
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> (*c*) that the economic system is not operated in such a manner as to permit the concentration of wealth or the means of production and exchange in the hands of few individuals or of a group";

Concerned that some State roads which appear to lack the character of 'national roads' (in terms of their strategic location, the number of States they traverse and the volume of vehicular traffic they carry) were declared Federal Highways while some roads which are truly 'national roads' in character because of their contributions to economic activities of the nation, the relatively high volume of vehicular traffic they bear and the number of states they link, have not been declared Federal Highways with the attendant negative effects to national cohesion;

Also believes that the prevailing situation in the country makes it imperative for the Minister to begin consultations with State Governments and other stakeholders in order to review the list of State roads to be declared as Federal Highways in the new States like Ekiti, Osun, Kebbi, Bayelsa, Zamfara, Yobe, Ebonyi, Gombe, Taraba, Kogi, etc.;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Minister responsible for Highways to commence consultations with the Government of the 36 States of the Federation with a view to delisting some roads from the list of Federal Highways, if need be, or adding some State roads to the list of Federal Highways; and

(*ii*) also urge the Minister to avail the Committee on Works with the current list of State Roads declared as Federal Highways.

7. Need to Exploit the Abundant Coal Deposits as a Means of Economic Diversification and Job Creation:

Hon. Chime Oji.

The House:

Notes that coal deposits can be found in 14 of the 36 States of the Federation but at the moment, it has zero contribution to the energy generation of the nation; whereas coal contributes 41% of the global electricity supply with 69% and 79% contributions in India and China, respectively;

Also notes that despite the relatively huge cost of setting up coal plants and the environmental concerns, coal remains the single largest source of electricity supply in the USA, UK, China, India, South Africa and Australia and is projected to remain so for the foreseeable future;

Aware that Nigeria has a coal deposit of about 2.5 billion tons and that coal mining/drilling will provide huge employment to the teeming youth population and also contribute to economic diversification;

Concerned that about 70% of the total global steel production is dependent on coal, yet it has not been utilized to increase the nation's productivity in iron and steel;

Worried that the Federal Government spends huge sums of money in regular repairs of gas pipelines which are prone to vandalisation and other forms of sabotage and that recent global developments point to the high risk involved in the operation of nuclear power plants;

Also worried that the recent privatization of the Nigerian Coal Corporation has led to erosion of institutional memories of the corporation and its properties and technology;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Privatization and Commercialization and Power to review the recent privatization of the Nigerian Coal Corporation to ensure that the exercise complied with best-practices and was in conformity with the National Energy Policy;

(*ii*) urge the Federal Government to target increased employment and investments in the coal value chain, particularly in the areas of iron and steel production, and other derivatives like methanol, diesel, gasoline, urea, ammonia, formaldehyde and acetic acid which would lead to increased economic gains for the nation; and

(*iii*) call on the Federal Government to review the National Energy Policy for increased contribution of coal to electricity supply.

8. Needless Killings of Nigerians at Arepo Pipeline in Ogun State:
Hon. Mukaila Kazzim:

The House:

Notes that since the Oodua People's Congress (OPC) which was hired by the Federal Government to secure the coastal pipelines around Arepo area of Obafemi Owode LGA of Ogun State withdrew their services from the area, pipeline vandals have been operating openly in the area, frequently harassing and intimidating people and shooting sporadically to scare people from having knowledge of their illegal activities;

Worried that about 100 pipeline vandals were reportedly killed during an explosion which occurred on July 22, 2015 just after the Odua People's Congress withdrew from the community;

Also worried about the report that on September 16, 2015, over 15security men comprising Policemen, Officials of Department of Security Services (DSS) and Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps were killed, during an encounter with the vandals;

Disturbed that residents no longer live in peace due to incessant gunshots during the days and nights as vandals have now seemingly taken over the community, a situation that poses a huge security risk to lives and a major cause of disruptions to the operations of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC);

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to further fortify security in Arepo pipelines area and other coastal lines throughout the nation where pipelines are embedded, with well-equipped security operatives to challenge the vandals when confronted.

BILLS

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish th e North-East Development Commission charged with the responsibility, among other things, to receive and manage funds from Allocation from the Federation Account and International Donors for the Settlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Roads, Houses and Business Premises of Victims of Insurgency; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 158) (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara*) — *Second Reading*.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Competition Commission; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 1) (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara*); and a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Consumer Protection Act, Cap. C25, LFN, 2004; Establish the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission and the Competition and Consumer Protection Tribunal for the Development and Promotion of Fair, Efficient and Competitive Markets in the Nigerian Economy, facilitate access by all Citizens to safe products, secure the protection of rights for all Consumers in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 60) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) — *Second Reading*.

11. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Personal Data Protection to regulate the processing of Information Relating to individuals including the Obtaining, Holding, Use or Disclosure of such Information; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 2) (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara*) — *Second Reading*.

12. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Manner in which individuals may, in the Public Interest, Disclose Information that relates to Crime, Unlawful Conduct or Corrupt Practices of others; to provide for the protection against victimization of persons who make these Disclosures; to establish a fund for the sake of rewarding individuals who make the Disclosures and thereby enhance Crime Information gathering for Security Utilization; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 3) (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara*) — *Second Reading*.

13. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Corporate Manslaughter to make Corporate Organizations Criminally liable for Death of Employees arising from their Acts or Omission; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 273) (*Hon. Yakubu Dogara*) — *Second Reading*.

14. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Corporate Social Responsibility; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 117) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) — *Second Reading*.

15. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Eye Centre Act, Cap. N38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Empower the Centre and Provide for Standard Procedure of Removing Members of the Board; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 196) (*Hon. Betty Apiafi*) — *Second Reading*.

16. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Telecommunication and Postal Offences Act, Cap. T5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 216) (*Hon. Lynda Ikpeazu*) — *Second Reading*.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Women Affairs (*Interactive session with the Ministry of Women Affairs*)	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 357 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	Healthcare Services (*with Agencies*)	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 236 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Science and Technology	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Financial Crimes (*with EFCC*)	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	2.30 p.m.	Committee Room 436 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Federal Road Safety Commission (*Briefing by FRSC Corps Marshall*)	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Hearing Room 02 White House Assembly Complex
6.	Urban Development (*with Abuja Urban Mass Transit, FCDA, Urban and Regional Planning, Urban Water Reform Project, Federal Ministry of Water Resources*)	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 305 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Public Petitions (*Investigative Hearing*)	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	Pensions (*with MPB*)	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

9.	Police Affairs	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
10.	Interior (*with Ministry of Interior, Civil Defence, Fire Service, Immigration and Prisons Board*)	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
11.	FERMA (*Investigative meeting with FERMA Management*)	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Hearing Room 01 White House Assembly Complex
12.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream) and Gas Resources (*Joint meeting*)	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 028 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
14.	*Ad-hoc* Committee Investigating withdrawal of ₦1.17 billion from the Accounts of the Sokoto Rima River Basin Development Authority (*with Officials of SRRBDA, CBN and AGF*)	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 437 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
15.	Federal Character (*with Pension Transition, Arrangement Directorate (PTAD), Nigerian College of Aviation (NCAT), Primary Healthcare Development Agency*)	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
16.	Labour, Employment and Productivity	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	4.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
17.	Public Procurement (*with CBN and NDIC*)	Tuesday, 15 December, 2015	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex