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ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 16 February, 2016

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
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5. **Petitions (*if any*)**
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Committee on Public Petitions
Report on the Petition by George Temidara Akinfolarin:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by George Temidara Akinfolarin against the Nigerian Ports Authority on wrongful disengagement from service" *(Referred:13/8/2015).*

2. Committee on Public Petitions
Report on the Petition by Usani GarbaYakassi:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Usani GarbaYakassi against the Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN)". *(Referred: 10/12/2015)*

3. Committee on Public Petitions
Report on the Petition by Mr. Lawal Ayodele:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr. Lawal Ayodele against the Federal Road Safety Commission for unlawful termination of his appointment without benefits" *(Referred:19/11/2015)*

4. **Committee on Public Petitions**
Report on the Petition by Moses Ebi and Seventy-Eight Others:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Moses Ebi and Seventy-Eight Others on the alleged wrongful disengagement from the service of the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) through the subsidy Re-Investment Programme (Sure-P)" *(Referred:13/8/2015)*

5. Committee on Public Petitions
Report on the Petition by L/CPLC Olayiola Latilo:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by L/CPLC Olayiola Latilo against the Nigeria Army on denial of his benefits" *(Referred:13/8/2015)*

6. **Committee on Public Petitions**
Report on the Petition by Kaine & Co.:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Kaine & Co. for Mrs. Mary Yusuf on the non-payment of death benefit and other entitlements of her late Husband , Former Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. L. N. Yusuf:" *(Referred:5/11/2015)*

7. Committee on Public Petitions
Report on the Petition by Nwachukwu Loretta Chinwe and 4 Others.
Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Nwachukwu Loretta Chinwe and 4 Others, against the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency(PPPRA)" *(Referred:29/9/2015).*

ORDERS OF THE DAY
BILLS

1. ***Consolidation of Bills:***

(a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the River Basin Development Authorities Act, Cap. R9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to make Provisions for Proper Utilization of Nigerian Dams under the Control of a given River Basin Development Authority and for Other Matters Related Thereto; (HB. 58) *(Hon. Musa Sarkin Adar).*

(b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the First Schedule to the River Basin Development Authorities Act, Cap. R9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, and for Other Matters Related Thereto; (HB. 235) *(Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai)*.

(c) A Bill for an Act to Amend the River Basin Development Authorities (Establishment, Etc.) Act, Cap. R9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to provide for the Establishment of the Lower Anambra and Upper Niger River Basin Development Authorities and list them in the first Schedule to the Act and for Other Matters Related Thereto; (HB. 350) *(Hon. Patrick Asadu).*

2. 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 and 4 Others) and* A Bill for an Act to Establish a Fund known as the Federal Road Fund and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, (HB. 163) *(Hon. Karimi S. Sunday*) – *Second Reading.*

3. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 147 (3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to require that a Minister be appointed from the Federal Capital Territory and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 342) *(Hon. Zaphaniah Bitrus Jisalo) Second Reading.*

4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory University of Science and Technology, Abaji and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 145) *(Hon. Zaphaniah Bitrus Jisalo) Second Reading.*

5. ***Call for Resumption of work on the New Itawure-Ado Ekiti Road.***
Hon. Ayodele Oladimeji:

The House:

Notes that a contract was awarded to ELSAN NIG. LTD sometime in March 1981 for the construction of the 34 kilometers Itawure-Ado Ekiti Road, at the cost of N22, 703,049.03 with a proposed completion date of May, 1984;

Recalls that soon after the award, the contractor mobilized to site and commenced construction work on the road to the level of about 46.4% when the contract was determined in 1988 after the expenditure of the sum of N10,627,980.86;

Worried that arising from the stoppage of work on the road, the entire length has now been overgrown with vegetation and the earthwork done has been washed away by erosion;

Aware that several lives have been lost in accidents at Erio valley and Akanleso slope/bend, among other dangerous spots on the old and narrow road between Itawure and Ado-Ekiti which the abandoned road was meant to replace;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include money in the 2016 Budget Proposal for the resumption of construction of the Itawure/Ado-Ekiti Road.

6. ***Threat to the Continuation of the Contributory Pensions Scheme by Non-Remittance of Workers Contributions by Employers.***
Hon. Joseph Edionwele
The House:

Notes that the Pension Reform Act of 2004 established a contributory Pensions Scheme for the payment of retirement benefits of employees in both the public service and the private sector to avoid the sufferings of retirees under the old scheme;

Also notes that the Scheme required both the employers and the employees to contribute equally to the total 15% in the Principal Act of 2004 and 10% and 8% respectively to the 18% increased total in the 2014 Pensions Reform Act;

Aware that it is the responsibility of employers to remit both the employers and employees contributions to the Pension Assets Custodian specified by Pension Fund Administrator (PFA) of the employee within 7 days that the deduction is made from the salary of the employee, failure of which the National Pension Commission may impose a penalty of not less than 2% of the contribution remaining unpaid on the employer and such penalty shall be recoverable as a debt owed to the employee's retirement savings account;

Also aware that the Pension Scheme appears to have run into a headwind as the Pension Act is observed more in the breach by both the employers and the Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs), which necessitated the 2014 amendment stipulating more and stiffer sanctions;\

Concerned about the billions of Naira already deducted from the salaries of employees, but not remitted by employers, coupled with the cases of many other employers which are yet to open retirement savings accounts for their employees which may precipitate a debt crisis that could jeopardize the smooth and successful operation of the Scheme, thus leading to even more suffering for Pensioners under the Scheme, more than happened under the old one it replaced

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Pensions to investigate the allegations of non-remittance of contributions to the Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) and obtain a comprehensive report on the operations of the Scheme so far, including a list of defaulting employers, and the amount involved and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

7. **Call for lifting of Suspension on the Emirates Airlines from operating the Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano route**.
Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki:

The House:

Notes that Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano is the oldest and a vital International Airport in Nigeria, operating both commercial passenger and cargo businesses;

Recalls that the first flight operation to Nigeria was in 1925 by a British Royal Air Force plane which landed on the race course, Kano;

Also recalls that by 1936, formal commercial operations had started at the Kano Airport and in the first decade of operation, the Airport became an important refueling stop for airlines flying long-haul services between Europe and Africa;

Aware of the Bilateral Air Service Agreement (BASA) entered into between Nigeria and the United Arab Emirates in 2013 granting permission to Emirates Airlines to operate the Abuja – Kano route;

Also aware that when Emirates Airlines was about to commence full business operations in August 2014, after tickets were sold to customers, the Federal Ministry of Aviation suspended the landing rights earlier granted to the Emirates Airlines on the Kano wing with the assurance that the suspension would only be for a short time;

Further aware that Emirates Airlines has already commenced cargo business to Kano based on the (BASA) signed between the two countries;

Concerned that the delay in lifting the suspension on passenger operations is causing untold hardships to passengers from Kano and other neighbouring States that fly Emirates Airlines to other parts of the world;

Resolves to:

(i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Aviation to lift the suspension placed on commercial operations of Emirates Airlines from Kano wing of the route as earlier granted.

(ii) Mandate the Committee on Aviation to ensure compliance.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	***Date***	***Time***	***Venue***
1.	Women in Parliament	Tuesday, 16 February, 2016	3.00pm	Committee Room 345 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	Constituency Outreach *(with Chairman, Committee on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*	Tuesday, 16 February, 2016	3.00pm	Committee Room 345 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Federal Character *(with National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), and Federal Fire Services)*	Tuesday, 16 February, 2016	3.00pm	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Gas Resources	Tuesday, 16 February, 2016	3.00pm	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex