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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Calling Attention to the Deplorable State of Ekpoma - Ukpenu - Emuhi - Igor - Ugianmen - Ugbiyiokho - Uhi- Ehor Road:**
Hon. Joseph Edionwele Hon. Aisowieren Patrick:

The House:

Notes that the Ekpoma-Ukpenu-Emuhi - Igor road linking Ugianmen - Ugbiyiokho- Uhi-Ehor in Edo State is a Federal road which has been in a deplorable condition for many years now, especially during harvest time and rainy season;

Also notes the importance of the road to the economy of the affected communities, as it is the route through which farmers transport their agricultural produce, especially perishable fruits and vegetables in season, to the markets;.

Concerned that the state of the road is causing untold hardships and bringing about high costs in commuting for residents;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to include money for the reconstruction of the road in the 2016 Appropriation Bill.

2. **Urgent Need to Check the Spate of Bombings by Controlling Access to Explosives:**
Hon. Rimamnde Shawalu Kwewum:

The House:

Notes that explosives are widely used as indispensable tools in the construction industry, exploitation of minerals, drilling of oil and other exploration activities;

Also notes that very large quantities of explosives are imported into Nigeria and are transported to all parts of the country, usually with one or two policemen escorting a truck load of explosives; and the companies using the explosives store, transfer and use them as they deem fit without supervision from the security agencies;

Further notes that since terrorism became rampant in Nigeria, explosives have been exploited for sinister purposes by terrorists, as investigations have shown that more than 70% of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) detonated in the country had major ingredients of ammonium nitrate, detonators and detonating cords, as a result, the Federal Government had since 2013, created a data base of all explosives manufactured, stored, sold, transferred or utilized in Nigeria;

Concerned that unlike in most parts of the world where explosives have been redefined as security threat items and are strictly controlled, in Nigeria, explosives are yet to be treated as such items and are still available, without end users and their workers being properly profiled by security agencies;

Also concerned that the porous nature of the nation's borders, the famed corruption in the public sector and the proliferation of illicit mining by Nigerians and foreigners may worsen the security situation in the country if more transparent and accountable control measures are not put in place;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, and Solid Minerals Development to investigate the processes of importation, manufacture, transfer, storage and use of explosives and determine the level of compliance with existing regulations and also determine whether the existing regulatory framework meet international best practices;

(*ii*) urge companies using explosives to urgently audit their stocks, check the back ground of the staff handling explosives and impose enhanced security measures; and

(*iii*) also urge the security agencies and relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to, as a matter of urgency, review their records and recheck the records of companies and persons handling explosives.

3. **Need to Check the Incidence of Drug Abuse among the Youth:**
Hon. Beni Lar:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has a young and vibrant youth population, over 60% of which are between the ages of 18 - 35, and for the country to attain growth, the youth must be kept healthy, virile and sound;

Also notes that drug abuse not only affects the mental health of the abuser such as occasioning depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder and madness, but also makes the person prone to so many anti-social behaviours;

Recalls a publication in the September 2015 edition of European Scientific Journal, Vol. 8, that more Nigerian youth are becoming drug dependent, while Nigeria was gradually transiting from the status of a drug consuming nation to that of a drug producing one;

Concerned that this destructive and damaging trend is becoming prevalent both among the wealthy, middle class and the poor cadres of the society;

Worried about the rate at which illicit drug consumption is spreading in not only the institutions of learning but also to other facets of the society, such as motor parks, recreational centres, civic centres, apprentice workshops, etc.;

Also worried that the statistical data of the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) from 2008 -2014 reveals that drug abuse and drug related offences are on the increase every year as a total of fifty six thousand and eighty nine (56,089) people had been arrested for drug related offences during the period under review;

Cognizant that if nothing is done to nip this ugly trend in the bud, it will eat deep into the very essence of the existence of the nation;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to intensify the campaign against drug abuse, and to step up efforts to arrest and prosecute drug offenders;

(*ii*) also urge the NDLEA to maintain a presence in tertiary institutions in Nigeria to ensure drug free campuses;

(*iii*) further urge the Federal Ministry of Education to provide guidance and counselors in secondary schools, trained by the NDLEA, to educate students on the dangers of drug consumption; and

(*iv*) equally urge the NDLEA to establish more drug rehabilitation centres in the country for rehabilitation of drug addicts.

4. **Need to Address the Excruciating Hunger, Hardships and Depreciating Welfare of the Masses of Nigerian People:**
Hon. Karimi S. Sunday:

The House:

Notes the excruciating hunger, hardships and the sharply nose-diving purchasing power of the average Nigerian in the recent time;

Also notes that since 2015, oil prices have been falling and are now at an all-time low and are predicted to even fall below the current rate, thereby impacting negatively on the Naira which is now exchanging for ₦310 to $1 in the parallel foreign exchange market;

Aware of the pressures on the Government by various economic analysts to further devalue the Naira since the Central Bank of Nigeria cannot continue to protect the currency in the face of the nation's depleting foreign reserves;

Also aware of advantages of devaluation which include increase in volume of export and reduction of balance of trade deficit, but these advantages usually accrue more to export driven nations rather than import based ones, such as Nigeria, which trade imports currently stand at a whopping $43 billion;

Acknowledges the deleterious effects of corruption and looting of public funds that have contributed in no small measure to the impoverishment of the Nation, but believes that the Government needs to be more multi-tasking in its approach to governance and developmental issues by continuing some of the economic recovery policies of the last administration, such as the National Automobile Policy, which culminated into an Agreement that was signed with foreign investors to assemble/manufacture cars in Nigeria;

Cognizant that the desired change in the national economy cannot be achieved overnight, therefore, all hands must be on deck to ensure that the nation's economy is put back on the path of recovery;

Observes that the catalyst for economic recovery remains reduction of imports, development of small and medium scale enterprises and diversification from an oil based to an agriculture based economy, hence the requirement for the Nigerian Customs Service to be more proactive in the enforcement of the import prohibition list in order to reduce balance of payment deficit, in this regard, developmental policies like financing the small and medium scale enterprises should be prioritized by the Central Bank of Nigeria while the agricultural sector must be accorded its well-deserved attention;

Also acknowledges that establishment of strong Commodities and Exchange Agency will increase earnings from agriculture, reduce volatility in prices, ensure standardized and quality output and boost exports from Agriculture;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to strictly enforce the statutory requirement of 10 percent of Banks' profits to be channeled into financing and lending to the manufacturing sector;

(*ii*) also urge for cooperation between the National Assembly and the Executive Arm of Government in reducing the cost of governance with effect from the 2016 Appropriation Bill;

(*iii*) call for the establishment of a Commodities and Exchange Commission and Farm Produce Boards in order to provide a veritable platform for marketing agricultural products, reduce price volatility and boost exports of agricultural products;

(*iv*) further urge the National Orientation Agency to commence campaign on the need for Nigerians to embrace locally made products and eschew patronage of foreign goods; and

(*v*) implore State Governments to enter into strategic alliances that will boost agricultural development of their States.

5. Need to prohibit the use of Public Funds for Medical Trips Abroad by Public Officers: Hon. Omoregie Ogbeide-Ihama:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has produced well over 50,000 medical doctors who have specialized in different fields of medicine, and nearly 15,000 of them have left the country to practice in the United States of America, Europe and other parts of the world;

Aware of the common practice in the relatively recent time by public officers to seek medical treatment abroad as evidenced in a report that over 25,000 Nigerians travel to India annually for medical treatment;

Recalls a disclosure by the Federal Ministry of Health which was published by the International Medical Travel Journal of 28 September, 2015, that public officers spent the sum of ₦198.95 Billion (S1 Billion) on medical treatment abroad in 2014;

Observes that if public officers continue to have access to medical treatment abroad at public cost, they would not have a compelling reason to fix the healthcare sector and the country will continue to fritter away scarce resources, especially at this time of dwindling revenues;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to prohibit the use of public funds by public officers for medical treatment abroad;

(*ii*) also urge the Federal Ministry of Health to carry out an overhaul of the health sector in the areas of facilities and remuneration of medical personnel; and

(*iii*) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Health Institutions to ensure compliance.

6. Call on the Federal Ministry of Finance to Pay Allowances of Interns/Trainees Engaged under the scrapped Subsidy Re-Investment and Empowerment Programme (SURE-P): Hon. Chime Oji:

The House:

Recalls that the Federal Government, in a bid to reduce the rate of unemployment, caused the now scrapped Subsidy Re-investment and Empowerment Programme (SURE-P), which was set up in October 2012 as a social safety net, to employ many unemployed Nigerians;

Also recalls that the Federal Ministry of Finance absorbed about seven thousand (7,000), out of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand (170,000) registered Nigerian graduates under the Graduate Internship Scheme (GIS) with the aim of paying the interns / trainees thirty thousand Naira (₦30,000) only, monthly for a period of one year from the time of commencement of the programme by each of them;

Realizes that the monthly payments to many interns matched to organizations and firms have not been made, despite interns' performance reports generated and submitted to the Federal Ministry of Finance on its request, on monthly basis;

Aware that the Federal Ministry of Finance matched the interns/trainees with firms and organizations according to the interns/trainees' propensity to fit into the organization, be able to add value and take out practical experiences if not retained at the end of the programme, as a means of reducing poverty in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Call on the Federal Ministry of Finance to release the outstanding monthly allowances of all the interns/trainees engaged by the now scrapped SURE-P; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committees on Finance, and Appropriations to ensure implementation and report back to the House within four weeks for further legislative action.

7. **Need for Comprehensive Audit of all Sources of Revenue in Nigeria:**
Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has been portrayed as essentially a mono commodity economy whose source of revenue is crude oil despite the country being blessed with sundry natural resources capable of boosting its revenue baseline, thereby enhancing its economic fortunes and reducing the rate of poverty which has perennially plagued it;

Concerned that little regard had been paid to other veritable sources of revenue, thus diverting the attention of the appropriate institutions and agencies of government from focusing on these other sources;

Also concerned that current trend in global economies suggest a downward slide in the price of crude oil, thus necessitating the urgent need to look inwards with a view to exploring other viable means of revenue generation to enable government meet its huge financial obligations;

Convinced that if an effective audit of the various sources of revenue generation is done, it would assist the Federal Government to explore and exploit those other sources and also enable the National Assembly to track those sources for the purpose of making appropriate budgetary decisions;

Resolves to:

Urge the Executive arm of Government to undertake an inventory of all the sources of revenue generation for the country; their current potentials and physical state, and submit a report to the National Assembly within 90 days for further legislative action.

8. **Need for the Ibadan Dry Port to commence Operation to Save it from going Moribund:**
Hon. Akintola Taiwo Michael:

The House:

Notes that in 2006, the Federal Government approved the setting up of five Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and three Container Freight Stations (CFS) and while the ICDs were located in Oyo, Abia, Plateau, Bauchi and Kano States, the three Container Freight Stations were sited in Katsina, Borno and Gombe States;

Also notes that the Oyo State Government, with 35% stake in Catamaran Logistics Limited, the concessionaires of the Ibadan Dry Port, had earlier sought and obtained approval for re-designation of the ICD status in Ibadan to Inland Dry Port (IDP);

Aware that the IDP as against ICD, has the status of Port of origin and destination, so that it can serve consigned cargos;

Also aware that commencement of operation by Ibadan Dry Port would boost the revenues of the surrounding States, attract investors, improve economic activities of the people and create employment for the youth;

Worried that despite the heavy financial investments in the project since 2006 and completion of all necessary infrastructure since 2014 for its takeoff, the project is still not operational;

Also worried that the infrastructure in place, like roads, office buildings and equipment are either deteriorating or liable to vandalisation, if the project is allowed to remain idle;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Mandate the Committees on Ports, Harbours and Waterways and Industry to liaise with officials of the Ministries of Commerce and Industry with a view to determining the current status of the project and facilitate its commencement of operation, and report to the House within four weeks; and

(*ii*) urge the Inspector General of Police to, in the interim, provide adequate security for the buildings and other infrastructure in the Ibadan Dry Port, Erunmu, Egbeda Local Government Area of Oyo State to prevent their vandalisation pending its inauguration.

9. **Call for Commendation of the Civilian Joint Task Force and Local Hunters for their Assistance to the Military in Engaging the Boko Haram Sect and to urge the Federal Government to Transform them into a Paramilitary Force:**
Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakub:

The House:

Notes that the Civilian Joint Task Force and Local Hunters comprise indigenes and residents of the areas that were subjected to attacks by the Boko Haram Sect in the North East of the Country;

Aware that they decided to come together to assist the Military in the battle against the Boko Haram sect since, being indigenes, they have a good knowledge of the terrain and therefore were able to put this to the advantage of the military in the course of the fighting;

Also aware that in assisting the military, they put their lives on the line and indeed many were killed by the insurgents, therefore, it is believed that this conscious decision marked them as patriots and defenders of their people; as they put common interests above their own personal interests;

Recognising that it could have been difficult for the Military to contain the Boko Haram Insurgents without assistance from the Civilian Joint Task Force and Local Hunters, it is therefore apt to recognise the efforts put into the fight by them;

Also recognising that the military cannot be stationed permanently in all the nooks and crannies of the North East zone after the defeat of the Boko Haram insurgents, as they are specifically trained to defend the nation from external attacks, it is therefore apposite that the Civilian Joint Task Force and the local hunters be transformed into a paramilitary force to confront insurgency and terrorism, if they reoccur, just like the Civil Defence Corp was packaged into a paramilitary force to protect oil pipelines;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Commend the Civilian Joint Task Force and Local Hunters for their roles in the fight against the Boko Haram Sect;

(*ii*) urge the Federal and State Governments to provide them with logistics such as security vests, motorcycles, vehicles, funds and other items needed for their operations;

(*iii*) also urge the Federal Government to consider transforming the Civilian Joint Task Force and local hunters into a paramilitary force specially trained in counter insurgency and terrorism, to take care of a post Boko Haram era in the North East zone; and

(*iv*) observe a minute silence in memory of the fallen Civilian Joint Task Force members and Local Hunters in the battle against the Boko Haram Sect in the North East zone.

10. **Calling Attention to the High Cost of Rent in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja: Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola:**

The House:

Aware of the universally acknowledged fact that shelter is a basic human necessity and a pre-requisite for survival, in addition to food and water, and it is the responsibility of every government to provide shelter for its citizens;

Notes with concern the outrageous rent regime on residential and commercial buildings in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and its negative effects on the social and economic lives of residents of the city;

Also notes that at a time when many Nigerians do not have access to anything close to a decent accommodation, the number of completed, but unoccupied structures litter the nation's capital in the prime areas of Maitama, Asokoro, Wuse and Garki, thereby forcing many people to live in the outskirts of the city;

Also aware that from statistics, the housing deficit in Nigeria is about 17 million, with the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja accounting for 10% of this deficit;

Recalls that in the past, the Government took the lead in constructing residential houses for the citizenry but worried about the Federal Government's current policy thrust that recognizes only the private sector as the main solution to the housing deficit in the country, thereby giving room for indiscriminate charges being placed on rent by private developers;

Concerned that if this abnormal situation is not addressed, the middle and low income earners residing in the Federal Capital Territory will continue to suffer;

Resolves to:

(*i*) Urge the Federal Government to put in place a policy that would regulate house rents and impose taxes/rates on unoccupied houses that have remained so for a specified period of time; and

(*ii*) mandate the Committee on Housing to review all existing Housing Policies with a view to evolving a legislative framework for a comprehensive and integrated housing Policy.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

11. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 78) (*Committee of the Whole*: 16/12/2015).

12. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Nwachukwu Loretta Chinwe and 4 *Others*:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Nwachukwu Loretta Chinwe and four (4) others against the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPPRA) and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 16/2/2016):

Urge the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulatory Agency (PPPRA) to re-instate the Officers, Nwachukwu Lorretta Chinwe, Omali Pauline Peter, Ewoh Obiefuna Nkechi A., Osagie Blessing Otaigboria and Oyekanmi Isaac Ayodele and pay each of those officers their entitlements from the date of their disengagement to date.

13. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Moses Ebi and Seventy-Eight Others:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Moses Ebi and Seventy-Eight (78) Others on their alleged wrongful disengagement from the service of the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) through the Subsidy Re-Investment Programme (Sure-P) and approve the recommendation therein" (*Laid*: 16/2/2016):

Urge the House to discountenance the petition for lack of merit.

14. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by L/CPLC OlayiolaLatilo:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by L/CPLC Olayiola Latilo against the Nigerian Army on denial of his benefits and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 16/2/2016):

(*i*) Urge the Nigerian Army to accelerate action on the verification and reconciliation efforts on the matter, with a view to expediously settling the claims of the Petitioner;

(*ii*) report back to the House via the Committee on Public Petitions, the final resolution and the packages thereof for the Petitioner.

15. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Kaine & Co. for Mrs Mary Yusuf:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Kaine & Co. on behalf of Mrs. Mary Yusuf on the non-payment of death benefits and other entitlements of her late husband, former Chief of Army Staff, Lt-Gen. L. N. Yusuf and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid*:16/2/2016):

(*i*) Urge the Nigerian Army to treat the matter with the urgency it requires with a view to assuaging frayed nerves and ameliorating the discomfort and pains being suffered by the bereaved;

(*ii*) report back to the House via the Committee on Public Petitions the final resolution and the packages thereof for the family of late Lt-Gen. L. N. Yusuf.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Diaspora	Wednesday, 2 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 455 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	Industry	Wednesday, 2 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Federal Character (*with Federal Inland Revenue Service* (*FIRS*))	Wednesday, 2 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Federal Road Safety Commission	Wednesday, 2 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Public Petitions (*Investigative Hearing*)	Wednesday, 2 March, 2016	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 028 New Building (House) Assembly Complex