



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 28 February, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations

Hon. Samuel Okon Ikon:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations on the 135th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Other Related Meetings held in Geneva, Switzerland between 23- 27 October, 2016”.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Enforcement and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity, War Crimes, Genocide and for Related Offences and to Give Effect to Certain Provisions of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in Nigeria (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) — *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Inland Waterways Authority Act, Cap. N47, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-Enact the National Inland Waterways Authority Act to Provide for the Maintenance, Regulation and Development of the National Inland Waterways and to Promote Private Sector Participation in the Development of National Inland Waterways in Nigeria and a Bill

- for an Act to Amend the National Inland Waterways Authority Act, Cap. N47, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Specify the Tenure of Office of the Secretary and Empower the Authority to Receive Donations and for Other Related Matters (HBs 267 and 855) (*Hon. Patrick Asadu and Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife*) — *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to make it Compulsory for all Schools to Teach the Nigerian Constitution as a Subject in Schools and for Other Related Matters (HB. 619) (*Hon. Owoidighe Ime Ekpoattai*) — *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Inclusion of Fire Safety Education in Schools Curriculum and for Other Related Matters (HB. 813) (*Hon. Lawal M. Idirisu*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

5. **Urgent Need to Complete the Aiyetoro-Eggan Road in Kogi State:**
Hon. Umar Buba Jubril:

The House:

Notes that the Aiyetoro-Eggan road project connects Kogi and Kwara States in the North Central Zone of the country;

Recalls that some years ago, the Federal Government contracted Setraco Nig. Ltd to build the road, but it has since deteriorated due to the poor quality of work carried out by the contractor, which also stopped the road construction at Iluke, due to alleged lack of funds;

Aware that due to the strategic nature of the road, the sum of three hundred and forty six million, five hundred thousand Naira (₦346,500,000.00) was earmarked in 2012 budget for the construction of the road but the fund was not released;

Observes that the stalling of the construction of the road project is adversely affecting the easy movement of perishable goods in the region, thereby causing economic losses and hardships to the people;

Convinced that there is a need to ensure the completion of the project and rehabilitation of the already completed but deteriorated portion, to enhance commerce and transportation in the north central zone of the country;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to ensure the inclusion of money in the 2017 budget estimates for the completion and rehabilitation of the failed portions of the Aiyetoro-Eggan Road.

6. **Urgent Need to Carry Out Verification of Local Debts Owed By the Federal Government before Payment:**
Hon. Orker-Jev E.Y.:

The House:

Notes that there is so much uncertainty surrounding the amount of local debts owed by the Federal Government to local contractors, exporters, oil marketers, etc. such that while some put the figure at about 2.2 trillion Naira, others put it at over 10.61 trillion Naira;

Aware that with the clamour for a reflation of the economy, the Federal Government would soon start settling those local debts when the budget is passed;

Concerned that considering the shenanigans of Nigeria's bureaucracy, the estimated amount allegedly being owed local contractors may not be real as the actual debt may have been over estimated and it will amount to a major disservice to the nation for trillions of Naira to be paid without verification;

Convinced that if a verification exercise is carried out before the payments are made, trillions of Naira will be saved for the national treasury which will be deployed for infrastructural development.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management in liaison with the Budget Office of the Federation, the Federal Ministry of Finance and other relevant government agencies to carry out a verification of local debts to ascertain the actual amount owed by the Federal Government and report back to the House within four (4) months for further legislative action.

7. Need to Investigate the Activities and Procurement Processes of Nigerian Embassies/High Commissions to Cut Costs and Fight Corruption:

Hon. Rita Orji

Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun:

The House:

Aware that Nigeria's High Commissions and Embassies are administratively under the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and as such have their individual budgets computed under the Ministry;

Notes that all sums spent by the foreign missions are meant to be subjected by parliamentary oversight in the light of the fact that the spendings are provided for under the Appropriation Act passed by the National Assembly;

Informed of the widely reported news by a number of online news media that sums running into thousands of Pounds have been spent by the Nigerian High Commission in London on activities as mundane as hiring a scaffold, clearing drainages and manholes;

Also notes the allegations by Nigerians in the diaspora of acts of insensitivity, laxity, negligence and near outright maltreatment by consular staff of Nigerian Embassies/High Commissions across the world which inflict mental torture on them;

Further notes the manifestations of these acts in the bureaucratic bottlenecks in the renewal of expired passports, extortion of money from those seeking assistance or redress and outright insensitivity to the plight of those in dire need which had resulted in the abandonment in a mental home in Turin Italy of one Julie Osamese whose kidney was stolen and the death of Nwadike Stephen Chukwuemeka in a deportation camp in Malaysia, etc.;

Concerned about the need to investigate the activities of the High Commissions and Embassies, including how those payments were approved and disbursed and the procurement processes being employed by the Embassies and High Commissions, the nation will continually be bled and the sincerity of the government's war against corruption will be called to question;

Aware that the status of some Nigerians in the diaspora are manipulated as those whose passports have expired are kept in detention, and in the process, they lose their assets and investments;

Also concerned that various missions experience scarcity of data capturing machines, thus making it difficult for expired passports to be renewed as and when due;

Further concerned about the allegation that those seeking to renew their passports are made to pay for the sixty-four (64) paged International passport booklet but are eventually issued the thirty-two (32) paged one without being refunded the excess money;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs to ensure that Nigerian Missions abroad provide counselling and support to Nigerians in time of need and to operate a twenty-four (24) hours helpline and desk for Nigerians in the diaspora; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Diaspora and Interior to investigate the above allegations, including financial improprieties and the measures to be devised to alleviate the sufferings of Nigerians in the diaspora and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

8. Call for Investigation of Allegations of Abuse, Breach and Violation of the Public Procurement Act of 2007 in the Engagement of Consultants for Pre-Shipment Inspection and Monitoring of Crude Oil and Gas Exports from Nigeria:

Hon. Babatunde Gabriel Kolawole:

The House:

Notes that the Pre-Shipment Inspection of Exports Act, Cap. P26, LFN, 2004, empowers the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to appoint inspecting agents to carry out pre-shipment inspection;

Recalls that in June 2015, the President mandated the Federal Ministry of Finance to commence the process of engaging pre-shipment inspectors and monitoring agents and based on the approval of the Bureau for Public Procurement (BPP), selective tendering was adopted;

Also notes that in December 2015, after the selection of sixty five (65) companies to participate in the bidding stage, the Honourable Minister of Finance, ordered the immediate cancellation of the tendering process on the grounds of lack of transparency, accountability and on the basis of a formal complaint from the BPP;

Further notes that in furtherance of the above, the Federal Ministry of Finance initiated a fresh tendering process in February, 2016;

Observes that the ongoing tendering process has been fraught with allegations of abuses by vested interests in the Federal Ministry of Finance who are selecting non-responsive companies that do not meet basic statutory requirements like possession of valid PENCOCOM Certificates as required by the Public Procurement Act;

Concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to investigate the allegations, non-responsive and incompetent consultants would be engaged which will undermine the entire pre-shipment inspection and monitoring exercise, thus leading to significant revenue losses;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Public Procurement to investigate the above allegations and report back to the House within five (5) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Urgent Need to Avert a Breakdown of Law and Order in Kano State:

Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki:

The House:

Aware that the Nigeria Police Force was established primarily to maintain law and order and also protect the citizens of Nigeria;

Also aware that in the course of discharging its statutory responsibilities, the Force must avoid any action that is likely to result in undue harassment of citizens;

Recalls that on Sunday, 29 January, 2017, some members of the National Assembly and the State House of Assembly from Kano State who belong to the All Progressives Congress (APC) were in Katsina for the North-West zonal meeting of the party but some of them were barred from attending the meeting by personnel of the Nigeria Police Force;

Aware that the following week, Members of the Kano State House of Assembly were invited to the Kano State Command by the Commissioner of Police, Rabi'u Yusuf, where they were asked to make statements on what transpired at the meeting in Katsina;

Notes that the meeting took place in Katsina State and therefore not within the jurisdiction of the Kano State Police Command, and at best such matter, if any, can rightly be inquired into by the Assistant Inspector-General of Police (AIG) in charge of the Zone;

Believes that the invitation of the Members by the Kano State Police Commissioner did not follow due process and that he lacks the power to do so;

Worried about the manner in which the Police Commissioner descended into the arena over issues that are purely political, such that many in Kano now regard him as the de facto factional chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC);

Also recalls that sometime in 2016, Sen. Rabi'u Musa Kwankwanso was barred by the Police Commissioner from organizing mass weddings after the Police Command had been given due notification;

Further recalls that Members of the National Assembly had, at a certain time intended to hold meetings with their constituents to brief them on the state of the Nation, but were forced to cancel the meeting by the Kano State Police Command after having been duly informed, thereby infringing on their rights to peaceful assembly and association as enshrined in section 40 of the 1999 Constitution;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to invite the Inspector-General of Police and the Kano State Police Commissioner, Rabi'u Yusuf to ascertain the reasons for the undue harassments and intimidation of Members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) from Kano State loyal to the Kwankwanssiyya Movement, in order to avert a breakdown of law and order in Kano State and report back to the House within three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

10. *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Investigation of the Award of Contract for the Installation of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras in Lagos and Abuja:

Hon. Ahmed Yerima:

“That the House do consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Investigation of the Award of Contract for the Installation of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras in Lagos and Abuja and approve the recommendations therein (HR. 102/2015)” (*Adjourned Consideration: 22/2/2017*):

- (i) that the Executive Arm of Government should not privatise the National Public Security Communication-System (NPSCS). It should be ceded to the Office of the National Security Adviser (NSA) which is the statutory body saddled with the responsibility of overseeing the activities of all security agencies in the country. The Office of the NSA should set up a department that will report directly to the NSA whose mandate would be to direct the activities of the NPSCS by utilizing the trained Engineers on the system from NIGCOMSAT

and the Nigeria Police Force to maintain the active elements, as well as training of other security agencies to join the operations and to supervise the activities of Managed Service Providers;

- (ii) that in view of the compelling need to address the nation's nagging security challenges, as well as to capacitate all security agencies to fight and contain the rising criminality in the country, the Executive Arm of Government should provide funds for the Office of the National Security Adviser to power the network nationwide. The commercialized excess capacity of the network should be sold to operators and the revenues to be derived therefrom should be used to defray the cost of maintaining and operating the network;
- (iii) that all stakeholders, particularly all Security Agencies, the Military, Nigeria Customs Service, Nigeria Immigration Service, Nigeria Prisons Service, Federal Fire Service, Federal Road Safety Commission, Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Electricity Generation and Distribution Companies, amongst others, should utilize the network of the NPSCS;
- (iv) that the Office of the National Security Adviser should supervise the activities of NigComSat, Nigeria Police Force and ZTE Nigeria Limited to ensure operationalization of the system before issuance of the Final Acceptance Certificate (FAC) to the contractor;
- (v) that the Executive Arm of Government should direct the National Frequency Management Council (NFMC) and the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) to immediately release the 450 MHz Frequency of the NPSCS project to the Office of the National Security Adviser (ONSA) in the interest of national security. The NCC should also release any other frequency required for the NPSCS project upon request;
- (vi) that the Central Bank of Nigeria, in collaboration with NigComSat Limited, should open an account into which the proceeds from commercialization of excess capacity of NPSCS network will be deposited, and subsequent repayments of loan should be made from it;
- (vii) that the Debt Management Office (DMO) should take advantage of the grace period in the Loan Agreement to enable the Federal Government derive maximum benefits from the Agreement;
- (viii) that ZTE Nigeria Limited should refund the discrepancy amount certified after the audit exercise or supply necessary equipment and spares of commensurate value as may be required by the Ministry, otherwise, the figure should be deducted from the outstanding debt of US\$20,247,172.00 (Twenty Million, Two Hundred and Forty Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy Two United States Dollars) certified by the Federal Ministry of Police Affairs as being owed ZTE for running the network from January to June 2013;
- (ix) that a forensic audit of the outstanding debt being owed ZTE for running the system for several months should be conducted and the actual cost be verified and considered at the exchange rate of US Dollar at that period (2013). Thus, the equivalent of the cost established after the verification in USD in year 2013 should be calculated and paid to ZTE to save the country the extra cost;
- (x) that the number of cameras should be increased, those vandalised be replaced, as well as expanding the geographical coverage of the cameras to increase surveillance and security in Nigeria. The second phase of the VSS camera expansion should include more cities in the country, especially the cities that have witnessed severe security challenges such as Kano, Kaduna, Port Harcourt, Onitsha, Aba, Ibadan, Jos, Maiduguri, Yola, Bauchi and border towns like Seme, Idiroko (Ogun State), Illela (Sokoto State), Belel, Toungo (Adamawa State) etc. A third phase of the expansion of the VSS camera should cover all States Capitals and other cities facing security challenges;

- (xi) that the motive for disengagement of BCTEK Engineering Limited and subsequent replacement with Netlink Broadband Networks Limited/Netlink Technologies Limited should be further investigated by relevant Security Agencies;
- (xii) that the Federal Government should revoke and/or cancel the engagement of Netlink Broadband Networks/Netlink Technologies Limited;
- (xiii) that the formation and engagement of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to commercialize the excess capacity of the network should be undertaken through a competitive and transparent process to be supervised by relevant Government Agencies;
- (xiv) that there should be a management audit of the Spectrum to include the activities of Regulators (NCC) and all the Operators including Openskys Services Limited, BCTEK Engineering Limited, and Netlink Technologies Limited;
- (xv) that all monies accrued to the project through the activities of BCTEK Engineering Limited and Netlink Technologies Limited should be returned to the Federal Government;
- (xvi) that the former Ministers and officials of the defunct Federal Ministry of Police Affairs (who served between 2010 and 2014) should be prosecuted over the rational and motive for the removal and or disappearance of the operational and maintenance costs of the project from its initial proposals, as that singular act contributed to the non-performance of the network;
- (xvii) that the former Permanent Secretary, defunct Federal Ministry of Police Affairs, Mr James Obeigbu be prosecuted for deliberately refusing to release the approved funds in the amount of Three Billion Naira (₦3 Billion) meant for network operations and maintenance;
- (xviii) that the Committee on Legislative Compliance should ensure implementation of this Resolution by the Executive Arm.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 28 February, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Tuesday, 28 February, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Women Affairs (<i>Budget defence</i>)	Tuesday, 28 February, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Automobile Industry's Non- Access to FOREX from CBN	Tuesday, 28 February, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Privatization and Commercialization (<i>Budget defence</i>)	Tuesday, 28 February, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 357 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Environment and Habitat (<i>Budget defence</i>)	Tuesday, 28 February, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

7. Public Accounts Tuesday, 28 February, 2017 3.00 p.m. Committee Room 446
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex