

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

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11.	National Infrastructure Management and Maintenance Bill, 2019 (HB. 542) (Hon. Ben Igbakpa) – First Reading.				

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Committee on Finance:

Hon. James Abiodun Faleke:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Finance on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies Income Tax Act, the Value Added Tax Act, the Customs and Excise Tariff etc. (Consolidation) Act, the Personal Income Tax Act, the Capital Gains Tax Act, the Stamp Duties Act and the Petroleum Profit Tax Act to Provide for the Review of Tax Provisions and make them more Responsive to Tax Reform; and for Related Matters (HB. 423) (*Referred: 13/11/2019*).

2. *Ad-hoc* Committee Report to Interface with Relevant Agencies and visit Bama/Ngala/Kala Balge of Borno State:

Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo:

"That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee to Interface with Relevant Agencies as well as visit Bama/Ngala/Kala Balge of Borno State to Ascertain the Level of Humanitarian and Infrastructural Situation so as to Proffer Sustainable Solution to the Crisis" (*Referred: 24/7/2019*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Smooth and Orderly Transfer of Power from one Government to Another; and for Related Matters (HB. 03) *Third Reading*.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Labour Act, Cap. L1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make further provisions for the Compulsory Registration of all Foreign Employers of Labour in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 05) *Third Reading*.
- **3.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Environmental Health Officers (Registration, etc.) Act, No. 11, 2002 to give the Council more Professional Outlook; and for Related Matters (HB. 44) *Third Reading*.
- 4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Animal Health Husbandry Technologists Registration Board of Nigeria to Regulate the Practice of Animal Health and Husbandry Technologists in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 374) *Third Reading*.

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- 5. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit the Killing and Exportation of Donkeys or their Carcasses or Derivatives out of Nigeria given their Depletion in numbers; the threat of Extinction, and their Aesthetic, Ecological, Historical, Recreational and Scientific Values to the Nigerian Nation and its People and use particularly in Rural Transportation; and for Related Matters (HB. 108) *Third Reading*.
- 6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Border Communities Development Agency Act, Cap. B10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enlarge the scope of its Coverage; and for Related Matters (HB.333) (*Hon. Kolawole Lawal*) *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

 7. Call for Construction of Yola-Song-Little/Gombi-Mubi-Gulak 132KVD/C Transmission line in Adamawa State: Hon. Ja'afar Abubakar Magaji
Hon. Zakaria Nyampa
Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakub.

The House:

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Notes that the Federal Government in December, 2011 awarded a contract for the Construction of Yola-Song-Little Gombi-Mubi-Gulak 132kv D/C Transmission line in Adamawa State to Messrs Skipper Nigeria Ltd at the sum of N3, 333, 744, 336 .63 (three billion three hundred and thirty-three million, seven hundred and forty-four thousand, three hundred and thirty-six naira, sixty-three kobo) only with the completion period in March, 2014 but later revised to June, 2016 and March, 2018 respectively;

Also notes that the sum of N281,531,713.65 (Two Hundred and Eighty-One Million, Five Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirteen Naira, Sixty-Five Kobo was paid as part payment;

Aware that Messrs Skipper Nigeria Ltd mobilized men and materials to the site, and commenced work but later abandoned the site on ground of lack of budgetary allocation since 2013 for continuation of the project;

Worried that the delay in completion of the contract is adversely affecting the economic activities and development of the areas.

Resolves to:

- *(i)* urge the Federal Ministry of Power to direct the Contractor to move back to site and continue the execution of the contract or return the advanced payment he had earlier collected;
- *(ii)* mandate the Committees on Power and Appropriations to ensure provision of funds in the 2020 budget estimates for completion of the contract.

8. Need to Curb the Rising Incidences of Building Collapse in Nigeria: Hon. Wale Raji. Hon. Chinedu E. Martins.

The House:

Informed of the collapse of a two storey building in Surulere Lagos State on October 25, 2019 in which five persons were rescued and an earlier incident in Magodo area of Lagos State on October 12, 2019, which claimed the lives of a mother and her three children, leaving at least six others injured;

Notes that the incidences of building collapse across the country have reached alarming proportion, with on less than 60 cases within the last 4 years, according to a report by the Federal Ministry of works and Housing, resulting in tragic loss of lives and destruction of property;

Recalls the collapse of a three-storey building that was housing a primary school in Ita Faji area of Lagos Island on March 13, 2019, causing the death of 16 persons; also on November 23 2018, a seven-story building under construction collapsed in port Harcourt causing the death of 13 persons;

Acknowledges that on December 10, 2016 the roof of Reigners Bible Church International, Uyo caved in during a service programme killing about 200 persons and on September 12, 2014 a six stoery building belonging to the Synagogue Church of All Nations collapsed, killing 116 person;

Observes that the frequent cases of building collapse can be attributed to negligence on the part of contractors, client and professionals, faulty designs, lack of professional supervision and adherence to the Building code, lack of effectiveness of government agencies responsible for monitoring building procurement and construction processes, quackery at pre and post contract stages and the use of substandard materials, among others;

Aware that it is the primary responsibility of government to protect lives and properties and respond to myriad of planning and environment challenges facing its citizens by ensuring that the menace of building collapse is controlled and eventually eliminated;

Worried by the report of the Building Collapse Prevention Guild, an umbrella body of all construction professionals in the country, that there are thousands of other buildings across the country waiting to collapse due to mass urbanization and lack of targeted intervention by governments at all levels;

Conscious of the an urgent need to address the menace of building collapse and sub-standard construction prevalent in the country to avert losses both in human lives and properties occasioned by the avoidable malaise;

Resolves to:

- *(i)* urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to implement the National Building Code in order to regulate construction in the country and safeguard lives and properties of citizens;
- *(ii)* also urge the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) to sanitize the building materials sector to get rid of sub-standard goods in the markets;
- *(iii)* further urge the Nigerian Institute of Building (NIOB) and the Nigeria Society of Engineers (NSE) to ensure proper supervision of workmen and to further carry out sensitization campaigns to enlighten the public on the need to use quality materials and professionals in construction of buildings;
- *(iv)* call on the Federal Ministry of Work and Housing to liaise with the Building Collapse Prevention Guild to carry out assessment of buildings prone to collapse in order to alert residents and avert impending loss of lives and properties;
- (v) again urge the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), the Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON) and other professional bodies to investigate and penalize their members involved in cases of building collapse;
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Works and, Housing and Habitat to ensure implementation.

9. Need to Rehabilitate Federal Roads in Ado-Odo/Ota Federal Constituency of Ogun State: Hon. Jimoh Olusola Ojugbele:

The House:

Notes that Ado-Odo/Ota is the industrial hub of the nation due to the large concentration of industries in the area, and is greatly involved in revenue generation for Ogun State and Nigeria as a whole;

Also notes that some of the firms operating in the area include Nestle Food Plc, Glaxo Smith lime, Unilever, GZI, Eko Supreme, Pharma Deko, Beloxi, Nigerian Breweries, Honda Nigeria Plc., Nigerian Distilleries Ltd, De-United Food (Indomie), International Distilleries, Nycil Ltd, Evans Pharmaceutical Beta Glass and Obasanjo Farm Nigeria Ltd;

Aware that good road infrastructure is crucial to the development of nation as it facilitates smooth conduct of business within and across the States, thus activating quick revenue generation;

Concerned that in spite of the huge revenue generated by the industries in Ado-Odo/Ota Federal Constituency of Ogun State, the Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Road, the Atan-Lusada-Agbara road, -the Sango-Atan-Idiroko Road, Ado-Odo-Ikoga Road all in Ado-Ota/Ota, Federal Constituency of Ogun State are in deplorable condition;

Also concerned that the dilapidated state of the roads is resulting in a meltdown of economic activities in the areas due to heavy traffic congestion, hampering conveyance of industrial materials and manufactured goods in and out of the factories and other states in the Federation;

Worried that due to the deplorable condition of the roads, commuters are undergoing untold hardships due to the wear and tear on their vehicles, as well as associated risks to their lives and properties with regards to the numerous accidents being experienced on the roads on a daily basis;

Again worried that on Thursday, November 14, a tanker conveying Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) from Lagos depot to Ogun State fell off the highway, leading to loss lives and properties on the Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Expressway;

Again worried that if urgent measures are not taken to rehabilitate the dilapidated roads in Ado-Odo/Ota, Federal Constituency accidents involving vehicles carrying highly inflammable contents would portend grave consequences to Ogun State and Nigeria as a whole;

Believes that rehabilitation of the roads will improve the wellbeing of the people as well as boost economic activities in Ado-Odo/Ota Federal Constituency, thus increasing revenue generation and improving the economy of the State and Nigeria at large.

Resolves to:

- *(i)* Observe a minute of silence in respect of those who lost their lives to the tragic accident along the Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Expressway;
- *(ii)* urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to Victims of the November 14 disaster at Ota;
- *(iii)* also Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to, as a matter of urgency, commence rehabilitation of Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Road, Atan-Lusada-Agbararoad-Sango-Atan-Idiroko Road, Ado-Odo-Ikoga Road in Ogun State;

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- *(iv)* mandate the Committees on FERMA and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure implementation.

10. Need for Police Personnel on Highway Patrol to be dressed in Police Uniform and Properly Number their Patrol Vehicles: Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Halims:

The House:

Notes that the personnel of the Nigeria Police Force usually carry out "Stop and Search" exercises on highways to reduce the spate of robbery and kidnapping incidents on the highways;

Also notes that the policemen on highway patrol appear differently from one checkpoint to another as some do not wear any means of identification such as names tag, uniforms, berets, boots, etc. which makes it difficult for citizens to identify them, thereby on occasions, mistaking them for armed robbers;

Concerned that some of the vehicles used by the policemen on highway patrols are neither properly painted in Nigeria Police colours nor are they properly numbered, thereby not providing clear means of ascertaining the Police division they belong to;

Also concerned that because of this uncertainty, men of the underworld often take advantage of the situation to ambush unsuspecting Nigerians on the highways and rob them of their valuables, inflicting untold fear and sufferings and sometimes killing or kidnapping innocent people;

Convinced that if proper uniforms with identification tags are made compulsory for policemen on patrol and their patrol vehicles properly numbered, it would be easier for motorists and other road users to clearly differentiate miscreants from legitimate officers on highway patrol duties;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to investigate the practice of policemen on highway duties not dressing properly with a view to taking necessary measures to curb this unprofessional practice within the system and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Need to Provide Enabling Environment for the Adoption of Green Energy Technology through Duty Waivers to encourage wider access to Solar Energy in Nigeria. Hon. Johnson Egwakhide Oghuma

The House:

Notes that in 2015, the world adopted the Paris Agreement on Climate Change which is aimed at reducing global carbon footprint by 20 percent, with Nigeria being one of the signatories is committed to the reduction of its carbon footprint substantially in line with this global drive for a cleaner and healthier environment.

Also notes that few years later, there has been remarkable improvements and positive developments in the area of renewable energy with global investments increasing by 17 percent and a rise in global electricity generation by 9.1 percent;

Aware that current global trends indicate an increasing investment in renewable energy by developing countries through the provision of enabling policies and programs to encourage wider access and application of alternative energy technology especially solar and wind technologies, unfortunately, Nigerian government policies in this direction have not been encouraging;

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Also aware that success being recorded in curbing greenhouse gas emissions is estimated to account for an avoidance of 1.3 gigatonnes, success is due to the rising awareness worldwide on the importance of Clean Energy;

Again aware that Nigeria with its huge potentials for solar energy can achieve a reduction of about 31 million tons of greenhouse gas emission by the year 2030 if it seriously encourages the greater adoption of alternative/renewable energy;

Cognizant that investment in this sector comes with other economic advantages such as direct or indirect employment; reduction in expenditure on fossil fuels and electricity bills, protection of bio diversity, increasing available energy sources, attracting advance technology at decreased costs through economics of scale;

Conscious that providing the enabling environment will not only ensure increased access to more sources of power supply but will also encourage the transfer of renewable energy technology in Nigeria;

Worried that the cost of renewable energy technologies, particularly solar technology in Nigeria is still very expensive and out of the reach of ordinary Nigerians;

Appreciates the need for Nigeria to join the group of progressive countries working towards mitigating global warming by adopting alternative and renewable energy technologies,

Resolves to:

- Urge the Federal Government to provide special incentives through duty waivers or tariff reductions on imported renewable energy equipment like, solar panels, inverters, batteries, LED bulbs etc. while encouraging investments in Climate smart energy projects;
- (*ii*) mandate the Committees on Environment and Climate Change to interface with the Ministries of Environment, Finance, Science and Technology and the Energy Commission of Nigeria with a view to coming up with policies/programmes that will encourage alternative/renewable energy development to reduce global warming and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

12. Need to Investigate the Alleged Violation of Labour Laws by International Oil Companies: Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu.

The House:

Aware that Nigeria, as a member of the International Labour Organization (ILO), has ratified 40 international labour conventions and has through the National Assembly, enacted the Labour Act, among other labour related laws, by which Nigeria is sworn to protecting the rights of workers in the country;

Also aware of the ugly trend of work in formalization or casualization in the oil and gas sector by International Oil Companies (IACS) leading to an uncertainty of employment for thousands of workers who are constrained to operate under very precarious conditions with near total denial of the benefits associated with permanent and decent work;

Again aware of a report published by the Campaign for Democratic Workers Rights pegged the number of casual workers in the Nigerian workforce at 45%, and also stated that 50% of the burden of casualisation exists in the downstream oil and gas sub sectors of the economy, telecommunications, banking, construction, mining and some other work places;

Notes that since the early 2000s, the Nigerian oil sector has suffered the effects of incessant disputes between International Oil Companies (IOCs) and organized labour unions over allegations of unfair labour practices levied against IOCs as a result of which, on several occasions, the Nigerian Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) had planned industrial actions which had threatened nationwide fuel scarcity and hurt the economy as Nigeria stands to lose over N100bn per day in the event of an industrial strike action by NUPENG;

Recalls that sometime in July 2018, in light of the frequency of those allegations, the federal government announced a plan to reform the process of granting and renewing recruiters license to labour contractors with the aim of ensuring adherence to expatriate quotas and eschewing unfair labour practices, despite allegations of unfair labour practices by IOCs still abound;

Further aware of a statement by the leadership of NUPENG after a recent meeting of their Central Working Committee (CWC) in Lagos, where fresh allegations were levied against IOCs for:

- (i) flagrantly flouting local and international labour laws;
- (ii) repeatedly engaging the services of unregistered and unlicensed labour contractors;
- (*iii*) massive exploitation and abuse of workers and instances of elopement of IOC labour contractors with contract workers' severance benefits; including in one case, Virtual Travel Network allegedly eloping with terminal benefits of 48 contract workers since 2015 and in another, Logistics Facility Affairs (LFA) contractor with Chevron Nigeria Limited allegedly absconding with workers final entitlements; and
- (iv) engaging in recruitment practices without adherence to expatriate quota and local content;

Acknowledges the critical importance of good employer-employee relations to the stable production and supply of crude oil for sustainable development of the Nigerian economy in particular, and the world as a whole;

Concerned that the allegations by NUPENG of unfair labour practices by IOCs threaten the industrial harmony in the oil and gas sector;

Resolves to:

- *(i)* Urge the Honourable Minister of Labour, Employment and Productivity and other appropriate Ministries, Departments and Agencies to address the challenges of exploitation and abuses of workers in the oil and gas sector;
- *(ii)* also urge the Honourable Minister of Labour, Employment and Productivity to provide to the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity with a performance update and report concerning plan to reform the process of granting and renewing recruiters license to labour contractors as announced in July 2018; and
- *(iii)* mandate the Committee Labour, Employment and Productivity to investigate the allegations of violation of labour laws by International Oil Companies, including the casualization of labour, and report back within 4 (four) weeks for further legislative action.

13. Ilegal Disposal and Burning of Seized Badges, Boats and Vehicles in the Niger Delta Region Hon. Francis EJiroghene Waive

The House;

Aware that under Nigerian laws, oil exploration and exploitation are the sole responsibility of the Federal Government and any extraction of oil without the consent of the Government is illegal;

Also aware that a sizable quantity of the nation's daily production of crude oil is being extracted and diverted illegally through acts of bunkering and vandalization of pipelines by hoodlums.

Again aware that these acts of illegal bunkering and oil theft have affected the environment negatively, leading to loss of billions of naira in public funds that could have been used for the growth and development of the country;

Notes that the law enforcement agents are empowered under Nigerian laws to arrest every any person and seize every instrument used for illegal bunkering, including the stolen oil;

Also notes that the laws did not mandated the security personnel or make provisions whatsoever on how the seized items should be disposed of;

Again notes that there have been series of complaints from the Niger Delta region of illegal disposal of seized crude oil by military personnel into the river and burning of the bunkering materials, leading to explosion, air arid water pollution.

Concerned that about three months ago, some military personnel went to Warri market, upon discovering some diesel products in the market, destroyed the containers and poured the contents into the drainage in the market and suddenly fire broke out;

Cognizant that in January 2019, military operatives launched an offensive against some vandals, setting ablaze over 50 vehicles found to be carrying stolen oil products at their check point along Okpare Road in Ughelii South Local Government Area of Delta State;

Further aware that the site of the incident at the Okpare Road has since been abandoned, but the petroleum product litters the environment and is destroying the entire habitat;

Also concerned that the manner in which the seized items are disposed of is not only harmful but dangerous and the security personnel carry out their actions without considering the environmental impact of such activities on the communities and the people;

Again concerned that the act of burning the bunkering materials and disposal of seized crude oil into the rivers pollutes the natural resources, against the environmental laws of the country and also destroys the source of livelihood of the people.

Resolves to:

- (*i*) Urge the Chiefs of Army, Navy and Air Staff and the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) to immediately stop the method of disposal of seized crude Oil by the military;
- *(ii)* further urge the National Environmental Standards and Regulatory Agency(NESREA) to cause a discontinuation of the current method that Military Personnel use in disposing of seized crude oil;
- *(iii)* mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to investigate the matter and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

14. Committee on Finance: Hon. James Abiodun Faleke:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Finance on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies Income Tax Act, Value Added Tax Act, Customs and Excise Tariff etc. (Consolidation) Act, Personal Income Tax Act, Capital Gains Tax Act, Stamp Duties Act and Petroleum Profit Tax Act to Provide for the Review of Tax Provisions and make them more Responsive to Tax Reform; and for Related Matters (HB. 423) (*Laid: 28/11/2019*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S /N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 28 November, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Thursday, 28 November, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Ecological Fund (with Accountant General of the Federation and Federal Ministry of Finance)	Thursday, 28 November, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
4.	Healthcare Services (with Medical Doctors in the House of Representatives)	Thursday, 28 November, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 034 (New Building) Assembly Complex