FOURTH REPUBLIC 9th National Assembly (2019-2023) First Session No. 92



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

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- 6. Federal Polytechnic Daura Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 646) (Senate) First Reading. 424 Thursday 30 January, 2020

7. Modibbo Adama University, Yola (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.646) (Senate) – First Reading.

- 8. Federal University of Health Science, Otukpo, Bill, 2020 (HB.648) (Hon. Samson Okwu) First Reading.
- 9. Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun, Ekiti Bill, 2020 (HB.649) (Hon. Olarewaju Ibrahim Kunle) First Reading.
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- 11. Federal College of Education Ifon, Osun State (Establishment) Bill, (HB.651) (Hon. Olubukola Oyewo) First Reading.
- **12.** Federal University of Agriculture, Dadin Kowa, Gombe State (Establishment) Bill, (HB. 652) (Hon. Abubakar Yunusa) First Reading.

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Roads Fund for the Purpose of Financing, Routine and Periodic Maintenance of National Roads and for Related Matters, 2020 (HB. 367) *Third Reading*.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2002 (as amended), the Federal Highways Act, 1971 and the Control Of Advertisement, Federal Highways Act, 1986 and Enact the Federal Roads Bill for Establishment of Federal Roads Authority, the Framework For Private Sector Participation; and for Related Matters (HB. 362) *Third Reading*.
- **3.** A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 and Establish the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Commission; and for Related Matters (HB. 87) *(Hon. Dachung M. Bagos Second Reading.*
- 4. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, Act and to Provide for Establishment of the Nigerian Infrastructure Management and Maintenance Agency; and for Related Matters (HB.543) (Hon. Rolland Igbakpa) Second Reading.
- 5. A Bill for an Act to Establish Ramat Federal Polytechnic, Maiduguri, Borno State to Provide for Equity and Access to Tertiary Education in the Country, make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.498) (Hon. Satomi Alhaji Ahmed) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

6. Adherence to House Resolutions by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA's) and Need to Optimize the Functions of the Committee on Legislative Compliance: Hon. Ibrahim Kunle Olarewaju:

The House:

Notes that the oversight functions of the National Assembly provided for under Section 88 of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) empowers the Legislature to carry out investigations within its competence in order to prevent and expose corruption, inefficiency or waste in the execution or administration of laws;

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Also notes that pursuant to the provisions of Order 18, Rule 64 (2) (a) of the Standing Orders of the House, the jurisdiction of the Committee on Legislative Compliance includes, among others,

"ensuring the implementation of all Acts passed or deemed to have been passed by the National Assembly and all House Resolutions on Motions, Petitions and other Resolutions";

Aware that in the 8th Assembly, over 1,588 Resolutions were passed and about 1,192 Petitions were considered by the House of Representatives while a significant number of Motions and Petitions have been presented before the 9th Assembly;

Also aware that the Committee on Legislative Compliance was constituted to take inventory of the Resolutions that had been passed by the House and measure the level of compliance;

Believes that for the Committee to properly function in line with its mandate as prescribed in the House Standing Orders and to achieve the goals set by the Speaker and Honourable Members of the 9th Assembly, all Resolutions on Motions and Petitions should be forwarded to the Committee for monitoring, implementation and compliance;

Also believes that in line with the expectations of the House, the Committee on Legislative Compliance, when empowered, will be able to keep track of all Resolutions arising from Motions and Petitions and would ensure that they are effectively enforced;

Cognizant that the inability to ensure compliance with the Resolutions on Motions and Petitions is making the House look ineffective;

Resolves to:

- *(i)* Mandate the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available within 3 days, all resolutions arising from Motions and Petitions to the Committee on Legislative Compliance for implementation and compliance, after passage of same by the House;
- *(ii)* urge that all Motions should include in their prayers the need for the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance;
- *(iii)* also mandate the Committee to ensure the implementation of all Acts passed or deemed to have been passed by the National Assembly;
- *(iv)* further mandate the Clerk of the House of Representatives to notify the Committee of any member attending any parliamentary conference, training, seminar or capacity building;
- (v) also urge any member who attends any seminar, conference etc, pursuant to Order 18,Rule 64(2) (b) of the Standing Orders of the House to file a written report of the said conference, seminar, etc to the Committee on Legislative Compliance within seven (7) days of the return from such conference or seminar.

7. Alleged Use of Excessive Force and Abuse of Due Process by the Nigerian Air Force Authority against the Blue Boulevard Limited: Hon. Tyough Robert Aondona:

The House:

Notes that by an Agreement of 7 September, 2012, between the Nigerian Air Force Holding Company and the NAF Shopping Boulevard, the later also known as the Blue Boulevard Limited, was authorised to demolish the Mammy Market at the Nigerian Air Force Base, Port-Harcourt Rivers State and in its place, build an Ultra-Modern Market, at the cost of over ten billion naira (N10B) after series of negotiations and approval by the Nigerian Air Force Authority;

Also notes that pursuant to the said agreement, Arc. Peter Osunde, the Chief Executive Officers (CEO) of the Blue Boulevard Ltd, took loan facilities from banks amounting to about three billion, six hundred million (N3.6B) naira only and financially settled over 100,000 shop owners and residents on the site and commenced immediate construction of the market;

Informed that long after commencement of the project by the Boulevard Ltd, some armed and gruesome looking personnel of the Nigerian Air Force invaded the project site, harassed and chased away over 1,000 workers on the site, including professionals and artisans, most of whom were widows of the Nigerian Air Force personnel, who were engaged by the developer to alleviate their poor conditions, on the pretext that there was a change of guard and authority;

Aware that Blue Boulevard Ltd had invested over N3.6billion before the invasion, subsequently sold over 50 earth moving equipment, houses and property to ensure that it fulfils his own part of the agreement, while the bank loans continue to attract interests;

Also aware that following a Federal High Court judgement in suit No FHC/PH/FHR/71/2017, ordering, among others, that the personnel of the Nigerian Air Force should vacate the project site, the Blue Boulevard Ltd continued the development and construction of the said market;

Conscious of the provisions of Section 88(2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to the effect that the House of Representatives shall have power, by resolution published in its Journal, to direct or cause to be directed an investigation to expose corruption, inefficiency or waste in the execution and administration of laws;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Air Force to investigate the matter with a view to ensuring that justice is done and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

8. Rehabilitation of the Irrigation Project in Ayamelum Local Government Area of Anambra State Built by Anambra/Imo River Basin Development Authority (AIRBDA): Hon. Vincent Ofumelu:

The House:

Notes that the irrigation project in Ayamelum Local Government Area of Anambra State which was designed in 1982 by the Anambra/Imo River Basin Development Authority spans over 5000 hectares and was meant to complement agricultural projects and massive production of rice;

Also notes that River Basin Development Authorities are mandated to improve agricultural production and rural development through irrigation, control of river pollution and assistance to farmers in food production and processing;

Aware that factors militating against the proper functioning of River Basin Development Authorities include paucity of funds, inappropriate technology and dearth of manpower, among others;

Also aware that farmers could produce crops in rainy and dry seasons with the aid of irrigation but they can no longer do same nowadays, a situation that is impacting negatively on the quality and quantity of their agricultural produce;

Worried that several attempts by successive governments to rehabilitate the irrigation projects failed majorly due to lack of political will and inconsistency in government policies;

Cognizant that the temporary closure of land borders by the Federal Government has boosted sales of locally produced rice and the country is witnessing a steady increase in production to meet the demands, thus creating the need for optimal use of the irrigation project;

Resolves to:

- *(i)* Urge the Federal Government to rehabilitate the Anambra/Imo River Basin Development Authority (AIRBDA) irrigation project to enable rice farmers achieve optimum production;
- *(ii)* mandate the Committees on Water Resources, Agricultural Production and Services and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

9. Call for Remediation, Shore Protection and Canalization of Rivers and Streams in Nigeria: Hon. Paschal Chigozie Obi:

The House:

Notes that the dangers posed by climate change which manifested in excessive flooding have wrought unimaginable environmental disasters and social calamities in communities across the nation and have occasioned losses of lives and destruction of homes and properties, especially in Ideato Federal Constituency of Imo State;

Also notes that the phenomenon, which has led to over flooding of Orashi River in the federal constituency has led to displacement of people in those communities, destroying their sources of livelihood and general mode of existence in the process;

Cognizant that frequent over flooding of river banks across the country results from poor remediation of environmental problems, absence of shore line protection at the banks of the ocean and rivers and weak canalization, as evidenced with the Orashi River;

Believes that only the urgent intervention of the Federal Government through the construction of shore line protection, canalization of rivers and remediation of environmental problems will curb the continuous over flooding of river banks and the attendant harrowing experiences of communities along the banks;

Resolves to:

- *(i)* Call on the Federal Ministries of Works and Housing and Water Resources to prioritize the construction of shoreline protection and canalization of river banks in the country in any supplementary budget;
- *(ii)* urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to urgently embark upon remediation works in the flooded communities in Nigeria, especially those of Ideato Federal Constituency of Imo State;
- *(iii)* also call on the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide assistance and relief materials for the victims of the flooding;
- (iv) further call on the Federal Ministry of Information and Culture and the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to embark upon enlightenment campaigns to people living in houses and other outfits close to shores and banks of rivers on the dangers of such phenomenon;
- (v) mandate the Committees on Works and Housing, Water Resources, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation.

10. Urgent Need to Investigate the Fire Disaster at Amu Building Materials, Amu Street, Mushin II, Lagos State: Hon. Bolaji Yusuf Ayinla:

The House:

Notes that on 25 January, 2020, fire raced down the Amu Building Materials Market in Amu Street, Mushin II in Lagos State, destroying goods worth Billions of Naira;

Also notes that the market which is the biggest market in the State has been affected with varying degrees of losses occasioned by fired outbreak;

Aware that the cause of the fire at Amu Building Materials Market is yet to be determined, but eye witnesses said that the fire started 12 midnight;

Informed that shops and other valuables were destroyed in the inferno thereby taking away the means of livelihood of the traders who are now worried about their inability to continue in business and also interests accruing on the loans they took from commercial banks to stock their shops;

Cognizant of the provision of Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) which provides that the Security and Welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government would become a mere dream if necessary actions are not taken to bring succor to the affected traders;

Resolves to:

- *(i)* Commiserates with the Government and good people of Lagos State and in particular the victims of the fire out-break being the traders;
- *(ii)* urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials for the affected people in order to ease their pains;
- *(iii)* Mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to investigate the remote cause of the incidence as well as visit the scene of the fire disaster and commiserate with the people and government of Lagos State.

11. Need to Investigate the Fire Incident at the Old Motor Spare Parts Market, Obosi, Anambra State:

Hon. Okwudili Christopher Ezenwankwo:

The House:

Notes that at the early hours of January 11, 2020, fire erupted at the Old Motor Spare Parts Market, Ugwuagba-Obosi, popularly known as Mgbuka Obosi Market in Anambra State;

Informed that the fire outbreak razed more than four hundred (400) lockup shops and caused the death of one Mr. Godwin Edozieuno;

Also informed that Anambra State accommodates over Seventy-Five (75) major markets where goods worth billions of naira are traded, yet there is no presence of Federal Fire Service in the State;

Recalls that a similar Motion was moved on October 29, 2019 in respect of the Upper Iweka/Ochanja Market Fire Incident and the House resolved, inter alia, to call on the Federal Government to establish a Federal Fire Service Station in Onitsha or its environs.

Worried that no feasible steps have been taken to establish any Federal Fire Service station in Anambra State, especially in Onitsha where over Thirty-Five (35) major markets are situated;

Disturbed that the absence of a Federal Fire Service contributed to the extent of damage wrecked by the Fire outbreak at the market;

Resolves to:

- (*i*) Mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the fire outbreak and report back within Four (4) weeks four further legislative action;
- *(ii)* urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the victims of Mgbuka Obosi Fire Outbreak;
- *(iii)* remind the Federal Government of the House Resolution of October 29, 2019, calling for establishment of a Federal Fire Station in Onitsha, or its environs;
- *(iv)* call on the House to observe one minute silence in the memory of one Mr. Godwin Edozieuno who lost his life in the Fire incident.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S /N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 30 January, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Legislative Budget and Research	Thursday, 30 January, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 344 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Public Accounts (Public Hearing to Investigate the Deliberate and Reckless Refusal by Non—Treasury and partially Funded MDAs to render accounts covering 2014– 2018 to the Auditor-General for the Federation)	Thursday, 30 January, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 028 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Federal Character (with Economic and Financial Crimes Commission)	Thursday, 30 January, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex