



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 29 January, 2020

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6. Federal Polytechnic Daura Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 646) (*Senate*) – *First Reading*.

7. Modibbo Adama University, Yola (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.646) (*Senate*) – *First Reading*.
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 9. Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Otun, Ekiti Bill, 2020 (HB.649) (*Hon. Olarewaju Ibrahim Kunle*) – *First Reading*.
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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 to Establish the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Commission; and for Related Matters (*Hon. Dachung M. Bagos*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

4. **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 agriculture 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 includes paucity of funds, inappropriate technology and dearth of manpower among others;

Also aware that farmers could produce crop in rainy and dry seasons with the help 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 irrigation projects failed majorly due to lack of political will and inconsistency in government policies;

Cognizant that the temporally closure of land borders by the Federal Government has boosted sales of locally produced rice the country which 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 and Agricultural Production and Services to ensure compliance.

**5. 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 in 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 and Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to ensure implementation.

6. Need to Review the Bilateral Air Services Agreements between Nigeria and Other Countries to Develop the Aviation Sector of the Economy:

Hon. Bello Kajoje.

The House:

Notes that there is a raging controversy over the commencement of Emirates Airline's second flight operation from Abuja to Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) which will increase its frequencies to four flights daily into Nigeria;

Aware that the clarification by Emirates Airline that it used 46 of those flights to facilitate travel for Hajj pilgrims which operated between 27 July and 22 August 2019, left much to be desired in view of the fact that the increased frequencies are still to be utilized beyond the above stipulated period;

Concerned that the grant of increased frequencies to Emirates Airline came at a time a Nigerian carrier, Air peace, on July 5, 2019, began flight operations to the United Arab Emirates, to be operated with 100% Nigerian pilots, cabin crew, engineers and dispatchers, thus the increased frequencies to a foreign Airline clearly places indigenous carriers at a massive disadvantage, hurts the nation's economy given the huge capital flight and also jeopardizes the interests of the youths in terms of employment opportunities;

Also aware that Emirates Airline currently operates two daily flights out of Lagos and two daily flights out of Abuja while Etihad Airways from the same country, also operates daily flights out of Lagos, which translates to five flights daily and a total of 150 flights per month from UAE, as against a Nigerian carrier that just started operating three flights weekly with a total of 12 flights per month into the UAE;

Also concerned that while other foreign airlines such as Emirates, British Airways, Air France and Lufthansa all have glamorous and dedicated lounges and departure wings at their national airports,

Air Peace is still battling to get a dedicated lounge and a departure wing at the Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Lagos;

Recalls a report in the Daily Trust Newspaper of Monday, August 5, 2019 that in 2017, the Trump Administration forced Emirates Airlines to reduce their flight operations into the United States by about 30% to protect the American economy and save jobs in the Aviation sector;

Also recalls that the Chairman of Airlines Operators of Nigeria, in the same Daily Trust Newspaper, stated that the additional double daily flights granted to Emirates Airlines is not necessary at this time as statistics show that half of the flights out of Abuja are usually half full and the fact that Emirates Air already have an unfair trade advantage of 150 monthly flights out of Nigeria as against 12 monthly flights for Nigerian Airlines that should have been allowed to stabilize and grow their operations to a level where they can compete favourably on the route;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Hon. Minister of Aviation to review the grant of multiple frequencies to Emirates Airlines into Nigeria;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria to allocate a befitting lounge and dedicated departure wing to Air Peace Airline at the Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Lagos;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Government to direct an immediate review of all existing Bilateral Air Services Agreements between Nigeria and other countries to redress the unfair trade advantage granted to foreign airlines against Nigerian airlines;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Aviation, Foreign Affairs and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

7. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria, Act, Cap. P17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Pharmacy Council of Nigeria Bill to Regulate the Training and Practice of Pharmacy; and for Related Matters (HB. 334) (*Hon. Johnson E Oghuma*) – (*Committee of the Whole: 26/9/2019*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| <i>S/N</i> | <i>Committee</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Venue</i> |
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| 1. | Rules and Business | Wednesday, 29 January, 2020 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex |
| 2. | Cooperation and Integration in Africa | Wednesday, 29 January, 2020 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 304 (New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 3. | Basic Education and Services | Wednesday, 29 January, 2020 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 141 (New Building) Assembly Complex |