



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER
Tuesday, 3 March, 2020**

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Chemical and Biological Weapons and Establish the National Authority for effective implementation of Chemicals and Biological Weapons Conventions in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.731) (*Hon. Namdas Abdulrazak Sa'ad*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Labour Act, Cap. L1, LFN, 2004 to Prohibit and Criminalize Casualization of Workers after Six Months of Engagement by Employers in Nigeria, Outsourcing Employment in Core Areas of Operation; and for Related Matters (HB.494) (*Hon. Tasir Olawale Raji*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

3. Call on the Federal Government to Supply Electricity by Connecting Gashaka/Kurmi/Sardurna Federal Constituency to the National Grid:

Hon. David Abel Fuoh:

The House:

Notes that the presence of Kashimbila Hydropower Plant in Taraba State makes it easy for the Federal Government through the Yola Distribution Company to link Sardauna, Gashaka and Kurmi Federal Constituency to the National Grid in view of the robust power sector reforms of the Federal Government.

Aware that Distribution Companies (DISCOs) pursuant to the provisions of the Electric Power Sector Reform Act of 2005, have the obligations of distributing electricity to customers through the construction, operation and maintenance of distribution systems and facilities;

Also aware that the Kashimbila Hydropower Plant, among other power projects in the Federation was awarded in order to meet the country's power generation needs;

Worried that despite the completion of the project and the various transmission stations and sub-transmission stations across Taraba State, Sardauna, Gashaka and Kurmi Local Government Areas of Taraba State, are yet to be connected to the National Grid the areas which has left the people of Gashaka/Kurmi/Sardurna Federal Constituency to be in perpetual darkness, hence, making life difficult for them;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government through the Ministry of Power to ensure that Gashaka/Kurmi/Sardurna Federal constituency of Taraba State is linked to the National Grid to ameliorate the suffering of the people of that consistency;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Power to ensure implementation.

4. Need to Address Erosion Problem affecting Nineteen Communities in Dutsin-Ma/Kurfi Federal Constituency of Katsina State:

Hon. Armayu Abdulkadir:

The House:

Notes that over the years, erosion has caused serious damages in the communities of Kurfi, Kaware, Tsauro, Birchi, Barkiva, Wurma, Rawayau, Dogon Ruwa, Kurechin Fulani, Kurechin Giye, Gangaren, Wakaji, Wakaji, Chediya Tara, Dage Lawai, Tsawa Tsawa, Karofi, Jaka, Kunduwa and Dangawo of Dutsin-Ma/Kurfi Federal Constituency of Katsina State;

Worried that the damages being caused to the soil surface in the communities have made it extremely difficult for the dwellers in those communities to engage in farming which is their major occupation a development that has seriously affected the income of the farmers and has led to a great reduction in food supply in the area;

Also worried that erosion has cut off the roads linking the towns and villages with one another, thus making transportation very difficult in the area and this has also affected commercial activities in the Federal Constituency;

Concerned that many of the houses affected by erosion in those communities have collapsed while many more are likely to be affected if erosion continues to ravage the various communities in the Federal Constituency;

Cognizant that if the Federal Government and the Ecological Fund Office do not take urgent measures to intervene and control erosion in the aforementioned communities it would continue to cause more damages and prolong the suffering of the people in the various communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Ecological Fund Office to carry out immediate assessment of the communities affected by erosion in Dutsin-Ma/Kurfi Federal Constituency in order to know the level of damage in each community;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government and the Ecological Fund Office to render financial assistance to the farmers and people affected by erosion in Dutsin-ma/Kurfi Federal Constituency;
- (iii) again urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Ecological Fund Office to take necessary measures to control the erosion ravaging the various communities;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Ecological Funds and Environment to ensure compliance.

5. Need to Repair Isu-Umuuanu-Amaju Amaigbo Gully Erosion at Nkwere/Isu/Nwangele/ Njaba Federal Constituency of Imo State:

Hon. Ugonna Ozurigbo:

The House:

Notes that the impact of gully erosion in Nigeria is adverse and the attendant ecological, economic, environmental and humanitarian disasters it unleashes on erosion ravaged villages and communities in Nigeria have been described as unimaginable;

Also notes that unchecked erosion sites are death traps which also lead to loss of infrastructure including roads, houses, agricultural land and vegetation, siltation in rivers leading to flooding and increased sedimentation of the water ways;

Further notes that the Isu-Umuuanu-Amaju gully erosion at Nkwere/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency covers over 1 kilometre with alarming depth of about 20ft below surface land, the gully erosion exists within and around dwelling houses and farm lands of people of Isu, Eziana Obairé, Ofé Ahie, Umuuanu, and Amaju communities and If left unchecked, may lead to national disaster;

Informed that the next target of destruction by the gully erosion is the School of Health and Management Sciences Amaigbo, a tertiary institution in Nwangele Local Government Area, also five separate buildings are facing immediate threat of being submerged by the gully erosion, if nothing is done immediately and before the coming raining season;

Also informed that the gully erosion has already destroyed farm lands, roads and agricultural produce of the affected communities who practice subsistence agriculture as their major source of livelihood, hence, the gully erosion is inimical and to their lives and economic survival;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Ecological Fund Office to immediately repair the Isu-Umuuanu-Amaju gully erosion in Nkwere/Isu-Nwangele-Njaba Federal Constituency;

- (ii) mandate Committee on Ecological Fund to ensure that the gully erosion is repaired expeditiously.

6. Call to Save Wild Life and Plant Species to Improve Conservation and Tourism Potentials as the World Marks "The World Wild Life Day":

Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha:

The House:

Notes that the Endangered Species (Control of International Trade and Traffic) Act, Cap. E9 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 provides for the conservation and management of Nigeria's wildlife and the protection of some of her endangered species that are facing the threat of extinction as a result of over-exploitation, as required under certain international treaties for which Nigeria is signatory to;

Also notes that the National Parks Service Act establishes the National Park Service to be responsible for the preservation, enhancement and protection of wild animals and plants and other vegetation in national parks;

Aware that protected areas (national parks, games reserves, forest reserves, biosphere reserves, game sanctuaries and strict nature reserves) were established in different locations with vast expanse of forest land, hills, rivers and seas, where animals (wildlife), plant species in their natural habitats are conserved and regulated, for special scientific, educative and recreational benefits;

Also aware that the poor and deplorable state of protected areas require urgent attention considering the number of national parks, game reserves, forest reserves, biosphere reserves, game sanctuaries and strict nature reserves across the country and the huge government investments in the areas of staff unemployment and other auxiliary services;

Further aware that there has been large scale destruction and mismanagement of the ecosystem in Nigeria and ecological disasters and climate change have resulted in acute loss of soil fertility and countless species of fauna and flora have gone into extinction, meaning that dozens of species are going extinct every single day;

Worried that the world wild flora and fauna are endangered due to human activities, which include, loss of habitat, industrialized-farming, commercial development and overgrazing with protected areas becoming hideouts for bandits, kidnappers, insurgents and other criminals;

Also worried that wildlife destruction, loss of habitat and denudation are on the increase as a result of human activities such that large mammals, aquatic life and plant species are going into extinction due to lack of capacity, poaching, trafficking in animal hides, tusks, technical know-how and other bureaucratic bottlenecks to manage the sector;

Cognizant that preservation of our ecosystem and effective management of the sector will attract tourism, which will in turn, generate huge revenues for Nigeria, if properly strengthened and funded;

Also cognizant that World wildlife Day is celebrated on March 3 every year and the day was set aside to draw attention to the urgent need to save the endangered species and this years' (2020) theme is tagged, "Sustaining all Life on Earth which is a clarion call on government agencies, scientists and all stakeholders to mobilize action to save the ecosystem;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and its Agencies to conduct an assessment of protected areas across the country for strengthening and proper funding;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to prepare short and long term action plans to improve the sector and forward same to the House for consideration ;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Environment to ensure implementation.

7. Need to Investigate the Destruction of Homes and Properties at Amuwo Odifin Federal Constituency, Lagos State by Naval Officers:

Hon. Oghene Emma Egeh:

The House:

Notes that the people of Abule Glass, Abule Elekpa, Bobukoji, Idimangoro, Babakati, Kopime, Akaraba, Inagbe, Abule Kamoru, Abule Alfa, Sokoto, Laje, Sopo beach, Kobena beach and lische beach are indigenous communities and residents of the area in Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency, Lagos State who have lived together for over three hundred years;

Also notes that on 15 January 2020, there were unprecedented attacks which led to the destruction properties in the above areas that were orchestrated by unknown persons wearing Naval uniforms;

Informed that residents of those communities in the riverine areas of Amuwo Odofin, Lagos State woke up to see bulldozers and caterpillars, fully protected by people in Navy uniform, storming the areas and destroying houses and properties of those indigenous communities that have Traditional Rulers and Baales;

Worried that no notice whatsoever was given to them, as they were taken unawares, and could not salvage any of their properties before they were crushed into rubbles and they were then sent out of their lands;

Concerned that the displaced persons of the communities numbering over ten thousand women, children, men, Obas and Baales are stranded without being paid any compensation;

Aware that the people that carried out the ejection and the destruction of the properties claimed that it was due to illegal oil bunkering activities being carried out in the affected communities;

Observes that even if there were illegal oil bunkering activities in the areas, it was not everybody in the communities that was involved and therefore, it was not fair that the whole communities were punished for the offences of a few unruly hoodlums in the areas;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to find out the remote and immediate causes of the mayhem in order to provide remedy for the problem and compensate the people who were displaced and also identify the perpetrators of illegal oil bunkering activities for sanctions to be meted out to them to avoid a repeat of such a dastardly behaviour.

8. Need to check the Rise of Drug Insecurity and to encourage Indigenous Production of Drugs in Nigeria:

Hon. Dennis Idahosa:

The House:

Aware that Nigeria is largely dependent on China among other countries for importation of Active and Non- Active Ingredients for production of drugs.

Also aware that China has recently been inflicted with a corona-virus that has paralysed its economy thus rendering it unable to produce or export those necessary ingredients or medicine;

Recalls that the Director General of National Agency for Food and Administration Drug (NAFDAC) at an event on the 18 February, 2020 raised an alarm that the outbreak of corona-virus in China has the capacity to result in an up-rise of drug insecurity;

Also recalls that one of Nigeria's National Drug Policy target was the increase in local production capacity to a level where 70% of total output satisfies at least 60% of national drug requirements of essential drugs while the balance is exported by 2008;

Cognizant of the fact that Nigeria does not produce drugs locally or the ingredients to make the drugs on a large commercial scale, and that Nigeria import over 70% of the drugs majorly from China;

Also cognizant that even when corona-virus is eradicated in future, Nigeria should continue to take the bold step in encouraging made in Nigeria drugs especially as part of its policy to encourage more locally made drugs;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committees on Health Institutions, Health Care Services and Science and Technology to organize a round table discussion to chart a probable course for the development of locally made drugs;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to invest more in the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Research and Development to encourage local and indigenous research, as well as revisit the National Drug Policy as a way to promote and boost our medical industry;
- (iii) Mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

9. Need to Control Indiscriminate Use of Drugs and Narcotics by Nigerian Youths:

Hon. Omowunmi Olubunmi Ogunlola:

The House:

Notes that drugs and narcotics are manufactured for use to combating health challenges and wrongful usage of drugs is contrary to the purpose for which drugs are produced;

Worried by the rate that drugs are abused mainly by the youths which has reached an alarming rate, with its attendant consequences given that the youths are the future of any country and if a sizeable number of youths continually engage in drugs abuse, it may spell doom for the future of the nation;

Also notes that it was in appreciation of the need to combat the above situation that the Federal Government established the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency and the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control to eradicate the menace of drug abuse;

Alarmed that despite statutory measures put in place to eradicate indiscriminate use and abuse of drugs, there seems to be little or no impact judging by the reports from the media on incessant abuse of drugs;

Aware that there are increasing incidents of misdemeanor, resulting in harassment and unruly behavior on the part of the youth resulting in unbridled killings of fellow citizens even in some unbelievable circumstances involving children killing their parents;

Worried that if the trend continues unabated, Nigerian streets may be populated by lunatics in the next 10 (ten) years;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency and the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control to be alive to their responsibilities as provided in the relevant Acts and ensuring that this ugly trend is checkmated;
- (ii) also urge the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria to exercise control by ensuring that only qualified Pharmacists are allowed to run Pharmaceutical shops;
- (iii) further urge the National Orientation Agency to embark on media campaigns against drug abuse while sensitizing citizens on the disastrous effects of drug abuse on individuals involved and the society at large;
- (iv) call on parents to be alive to their responsibilities in giving their children proper upbringing;
- (v) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services and Narcotic Drugs to ensure implementation.

10. Need to Revisit Women Participation in Politics in Nigeria:

Hon. Taiwo Oluga:

The House:

Notes that women in Nigeria have contributed enormously to the socio-economic development of this country;

Also notes that the United Nations affirmative action and the Beijing Conference of 1995, which Nigeria government is a signatory, stressed the need for active participation of women in governance process especially in elective positions;

Further notes that despite the 35% affirmative quota for women as contained in the United Nations Charter and the Beijing Conference, no meaningful effort has been made to achieve that;

Disturbed that if nothing urgent is done to address the trend, the number of women participation in politics both in elective and appointive positions will continue to dwindle;

Also disturbed that whereas so many African countries have surpassed the 35% affirmative quota and have reached 50% participation of women in elective and appointive positions in their countries, Nigeria is still struggling to reach between 6% and 10% since 1999;

Further disturbed that the bottle neck militating against the participation of women in politics are enormous ranging from stigmatization, culture, religion and financial handicap occasioned by huge monetization of politics in the country;

Worried that these bottle necks have limited women's participation in governance, hence, the need to come up with a concerted efforts including legislation and constitutional review to urgently address the challenge;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Selection Committee under to nominate the Chairpersons of Women in Parliament and Women Affairs Committees into the *Ad-Hoc* Committee on the Review of the Constitution review to find ways of tackling this challenge through Constitutional amendment;

- (ii) encourage the Committees on Women in Parliament and Women Affairs to carry out an advocacy visits and sensitization of major stakeholders on the need for all hands to be on deck in achieving the objectives;
- (iii) mandate the *Ad-Hoc* Committee on the Review of the Constitution and Committee on Electoral Matters to look at the possible ways of bridging the wide gap through the instrumentality of legislation.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

11. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Polytechnic, Orogun, Delta State; and for Related Matters (HB. 642) (*Senate*) (*Leader*) – (*Committee of the Whole: 20/2/2020*).
12. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Brackish Water Fisheries Research, Ngo-Andoni for Fishery Research, Education and Cooperative Training in Nigeria; and for Related Matters, (HB.417) (*Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante*) (*Committee of the Whole: 21/11/2019*).
13. **Committee on Foreign Affairs:**
Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakub:
 ‘That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on a Visit to the United Nation’s General Assembly (UNGA) at New York, USA and Partial Oversight of some the Nigeria’s Diplomatic Missions in the USA and Europe and approve the recommendations therein’ (*Laid:12/12/2019*).
 - (i) That the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) should be altered to provide for a statutory budget for the Ministry and its Missions which may be 1.5% of the total revenue of the Federation;
 - (ii) that the Missions should be encouraged to retain a fraction of the revenues they generate from issuance of visas and passports and other diplomatic interventions, which can then be used to maintain the Missions;
 - (iii) that the maintenance of the Missions should be done jointly with other Agencies which are using the Chancery buildings as offices;
 - (iv) that a legislation should be enacted to create a Foreign Service Commission with responsibility for the recruitment, training, promotion and disciplining of Foreign Service Officers as obtainable in all countries of the World that have Foreign Service Commissions (FSC), and Nigeria should not be an exception;
 - (v) that there is need to sell the old Nigerian Embassy building in Bonn, Republic of Germany and use the Account to purchase a new Chancery in Frankfurt since the Bonn office has been closed;
 - (vi) that since most of the activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs are carried out outside the shores of the country, the Committee should be adequately funded by the House to enforce the recommendations that were highlighted in this Report;
 - (vii) that the House do adopt the practice in the Senate where Special Fund is allocated in the Budget in each fiscal year to fund the activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 3 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Federal Character (with Federal College of Education Technical Potiskum, Yobe State and Federal Medical Centre Abeokuta, Ogun State)	Tuesday, 3 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Tuesday, 3 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 427 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Health Care Services, Health Care Institutions and Tertiary Education and Services	Tuesday, 3 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 034 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5.	HIV/AIDS Tuberculosis and Malaria Control	Tuesday, 3 March, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 (New Building) Assembly Complex

