

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 26 February, 2020

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC): Hon. Olubunmi Tunji Ojo:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission on the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the Total Sum of N346,388,900,000.00 (Three Hundred and Forty-Six Billion, Three Hundred and Eighty-Eight Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Naira) only, of which the Sum of N22,338,900,000 (Twenty-Two Billion, Three Hundred and Thirty-Eight Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Naira) only, is for Personnel Expenditure, while the Sum of N13,466,810,000 (Thirteen Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty-Six Million, Eight Hundred and Ten Thousand Naira) only, is for Overhead Expenditure, while the sum of N4,083, 000,007 (Four Billion, and Eighty-Three Million, Seven Kobo) only, is for Internal Capital Expenditure and the sum of N306,500,899,992

(Three Hundred and Six Billion, Five Hundred Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two Naira) only is for Development Projects for the Service of the Niger Delta Development Commission(NDDC) for the Financial Year Ending on 31 May, 2020 (*Referred:26/11//2019*).

2. House Delegation on Parliamentary Union Conference of the OIC Member States: Hon. Mohammed Tahir Mouguno:

"That the House do receive the Report of the House Delegation on the Parliamentary Union Conference of the OIC Member States, 15th Edition held at Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso from 27–30 January, 2020".

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria and to make Provisions, among other things, for Membership and Control of the Profession of Public Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.329) *Third Reading*.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Establish South West Development Commission charged with Responsibility, among others, to Receive and Manage Funds from Allocation of the Federation Account, including Donations and Gifts, for the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Roads, Houses and other Infrastructural damages suffered by the Region and the Need to tackle the Ecological Problems and any other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the South West States; and for Related Matters (HB.597) (Hon. Olufemi Fakeye and 80 Others) Second Reading.
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education (Technical) Ikirun, Osun Sate to Provide for Full-Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology Applied Science, Arts, Social Science, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 532) (Hon. Rasheed Afolabi Olalekan) Second Reading.
- 4. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Police Act, Cap. P19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigeria Police Bill to provide the Framework for the Nigeria Police Force, ensure Cooperation and Partnership between the Police and Host Communities in Maintaining Peace and Combatting Crimes; and for Related Matters (HB. 684) (Hon. Gagdi Adamu Yusuf) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

5. Need to Assess the Quality of Work on the Abuja-Lokoja Dual Carriageway: Hon. Hassan Abdullahi:

The House:

Notes that the contract for reconstruction of Abuja-Lokoja Expressway was awarded to Messrs Dantata and Sawoe, RCC Nigeria Ltd, Bullentine Construction Company Nigeria Ltd and Gitto ConstruzioniGeneralli Nigeria Ltd in 2006 with some of the contractors having completed their sections while others appear to be experimenting;

Also notes that the dual carriageway has become dangerous to thousands for Nigerians that ply the very busy road with strange folds, contours and potholes that have continued to frighten drivers

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and passengers, thus leading to harrowing travelling experiences with the section between Giri junction to the main Gwagwalada town and between Abaji and Lokoja being the worst sections;

Further notes that the 196 kilometers highway is one of the most critical roads in the country, being the major link between the North and South for the movement of people and goods through vehicular transportation;

Equally notes that the road has turned to a death trap as a result of heavy traffic, badly constructed portions which have led to daily multiple accidents resulting to deaths and destruction of properties worth several millions of naira;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Hon. Minister of Works and Housing to carry out an evaluation of the contract for the reconstruction of Abuja-Lokoja dual carriageway to assess the quality and durability of the construction and ascertain its conformity with the architectural and engineering designs in line with the contract;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with the Minister of Works and Housing, and stakeholders to review the conflicting issues on the construction of the Abuja-Lokoja Expressway with a view to balancing information on the state of the reconstruction of the road and report back in four weeks for further legislative action.
- 6. Need to Support the Victims of Fire Disaster at Aghoro Market, Ekeremor Local Government Area of Bayelsa State: Hon. Frederick Yeitiemone Agbedi:

The House:

Notes that Aghoro market which has been in existence before the colonial era, is one of the largest in the Niger Delta Area as traders patronize the market from all sections of the Niger Delta and beyond;

Informed that in the early hours of 3 January, 2020 when the community was still in the mood of celebrating the New Year, they were struck with the sight of a fire outbreak in their market and it took the collective efforts of good spirited individuals to avert loss of lives;

Also informed that properties worth millions of naira were destroyed in the fire, thereby destroying the means of livelihood of the victims;

Cognizant of the need to bring succour to the victims of the fire disaster;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency to immediately send relief materials to the victims of the fire incident;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance.
- 7. Need to Construct a Flyover or Roundabout at Jama'are/Itas/Gadau Junction on the Kano-Maiduguri Expressway:

Hon. Bashir Uba Mashema:

The House

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Notes that the welfare and security of the people is the primary purpose of government, and it is in realization of the above that the federal government awarded the contract for the dualization of

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the 600km road linking Kano, Jigawa, Bauchi, Yobe and Maiduguri at the cost of (N50, 000, 000, 000) Fifty Billion Naira in 2006 to ease the free movement of people and goods;

Also notes that the road passes through several communities, towns and cities, including Jama'are/Itas/Gadau Junction, where citizens of the area live along the federal high way which intersects Jama'are/Itas/Gadau road, a State Road in Bauchi State;

Concerned that the intersection has become very dangerous since commuters on the highway are usually on top speed and there is no overhead bridge or roundabout to allow free movement of travellers, vehicles or residents from communities along Jama'are/ltas Gadau State Road;

Also concerned that the absence of a flyover or roundabout at the intersection has become a death trap as residents attempting to cross the federal highway are being knocked down by vehicles on a daily basis, hence the need for construction of a flyover or roundabout in Jama'are along the Kano-Maiduguri express way.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to immediately construct a flyover or at least a roundabout to ease vehicle movement and reduce accident on the highway;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee of Works to ensure implementation.

8. Need to Construct Multipurpose Mini Stadium in Shira and Giade Federal Constituency of Bauchi State:

Hon. Kani Abubakar Faggo:

The House:

Notes that sports is a powerful tool in strengthening social ties and networks and has been proven to be an effective catalyst for promoting peaceful, locally-driven development;

Also notes that sports is a tool for job creation and revenue generation as individuals who are actively engaged in sporting could derive their livelihoods from games and when sports facilities are leased out, revenues are also derived from them;

Aware that active engagement of the youths in sports will greatly reduce negative influences such as drugs and alcohol addiction, gang affiliation, criminality and myriad forms of anti-social activities to an appreciable extent, thus fostering nation building and economic development;

Also aware that the youths of Shira and Giade Local Government Areas are actively engaged in sporting activities with an estimated 126 registered football teams, 6 volleyball teams, 3 hockey teams, 11, langa teams, 7 badminton teams and 5 table tennis teams and have over 25,000 sports fans and supporters across the two Local Government Areas;

Concerned that the youths of the Local Governments are unable to reach their full potentials in sports development due to inadequate sporting facilities and stadiums, hence, many of them have become discouraged and resorted to anti-social behaviour for want of better ways to keep their idle minds occupied;

Cognizant that the construction of a mini stadium in each of the Local Government Areas would generate huge revenue and create employment opportunities in the communities of Shira/Giade Federal Constituency;

Also cognizant that the construction of multipurpose mini stadiums in Shira and Giade Local Government Areas will not only be cost effective, but will also open avenues for participation in more variety of sporting activities while providing opportunities for supporters to come together

and encourage the youths to strive to be better as well as attract investors to the communities of Shira/Giade Federal Constituency and Bauchi State in general;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to make provision in the 2021 budget estimates for the construction of multipurpose mini stadiums at Shira and Giade Local Government Areas of Bauchi State in order to encourage sports and youth development;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Sports, Youth Development and Appropriations to ensure implementation.
- 9. Need to Investigate the Privatization of Afam Power PLC and the New Afam III 240MW Power Plants by the Bureau of Public Enterprises:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta

Hon. Mzondu Benjamin Bem

Hon. Dike Chisom Promise:

The House:

Notes that on 31 July, 2013, Televaras Group beat other contenders to emerge the preferred bidder for the AFAM Power Plant PLC with a bid of \$260m;

Also notes that a \$64m payment was made by Televaras Group to the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE), however, the deal remained inconclusive due to the inability of the government to sign a Gas Supply Agreement with the company until February 2016 when the said gas agreement was eventually signed;

Aware that prior to the signing of the Agreement, the Management of AFAM Power Plant PLC got approval from the Federal Ministry of Power to decommission and scrap AFAM I - III which were part of the Assets in the deal secured by Televaras Group;

Concerned that in view of this development, Televaras Group made an application to the Bureau of Public Enterprises for the reduction of the total bid price, which was turned down and in turn, made the investors to terminate the deal and subsequently, requested for the refund of their initial 25% deposit which was granted and the monies refunded on 30 of November, 2019;

Informed that in 2017, the then Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing communicated to the Bureau of Public Enterprises via a letter dated 29 March, 2017, its decision to commence rapid installation of Eight (8) GE 2500 mobile turbines that would generate 240MW of 30MW each on the site of AFAM III, which was earlier decommissioned and scrapped;

Worried that despite the decision to install mobile turbines at the site of AFAM III, the same communication from the Ministry also invited the Bureau of Public Enterprises to privatize both AFAM Power Plant PLC and AFAM Fast Power Plant;

Also worried that the BPE proceeded with the privatization and a preferred investor emerged with a bid of one hundred and five billion (N105, 000, 000, 000) naira, approximately \$300m;

Also informed that Televaras Group was willing to pay a bid price of \$260m for just AFAM Power Plant in 2013 without the AFAM Fast Power Plant which was at the period under construction, at a contract sum of \$160m;

Observes that the said AFAM Power Plant PLC has a 575MW recoverable capacity from GT12 14, 15, 16, 19 and 20 which is capable of increasing the gross installed capacity of 1 096MW of the two Power Plants;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Bureau of Public Enterprises to suspend the latest transaction processes pending the outcome of the investigation;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization to investigate those transactions and report back within 4 weeks for further legislative action.

10. Call on the Federal Government to Partner with Indigenous Inventors to Facilitate Growth of Inventors in Nigeria:

Hon. Dennis Idahosa.

The House:

Notes that the need to facilitate growth of indigenous inventions and inventors to be at per with their counterparts worldwide cannot be over emphasized as the global economic landscape is experiencing rapid changes;

Aware that Globalization, among others is creating considerable new opportunities and new challenges by plethora of breakthroughs, thus making significant progress in driving the economy;

Also notes that notable inventors of Nigerian extraction with remarkable inventions are making waves in the Science and Technology world, among whom are Philip Emeagwali, Adepoju Saheed, Jelani Aliyu, Ndubuisi Ekekwe, Col. Ovieno Ovadje (rtd.), Emeka Nchekwube, Erino Gilbert, Olu Atanda, Dr. Osatohamem Osewengie and Silas Adekunle;

Also aware that in 2011 in Birnin Kebbi, former President Goodluck Jonathan said that Nigeria was going to run its economy based on science and technology, because Nigeria cannot move its economy forward without science and technology and that emphasis will be placed more on science and technology without which, Nigeria was just dreaming;

Further aware that 8 years after, President Muhammadu Buhari urged Nigerian Universities to intensify efforts at making discoveries and inventions that can assist the development of the country stating that over 53 years after independence, Nigerian Universities were slow in making discoveries and inventions;

Equally aware that from verifiable statistics, most of the Nigerian inventors are working alone without government or corporate support and the lack of investments in this area has hindered research and development in strategic industries;

Believes that over 60% of Nigeria's population is below 30 years and are in touch with the changing world and the advancement in technology and therefore, the right time for more government participation in supporting inventions and discoveries is now;

Cognizant that the key to greatness among the comity of nations is the full utilization of the potentials of Nigeria's youth force in areas of technological advancement;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to support indigenous inventors and invention companies;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Science and Technology to interface with the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology on the state of implementation of the National Policy on Science and Technology" especially on policy incentives to Nigerian youths for career development in Science and Technology, fields and report back within 4 weeks for further legislative action;

(iii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

11. Need to Investigate the Degrading Sex Slavery Nigerian Women are Subjected to:

Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum Hon. Yunusa Ahmed Abubakar

Hon Zakariya Nyampa Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata

Hon. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori Hon. Babajimi Benson

Hon. Sada Soli Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos:

The House:

Notes the assurances given by President Muhammadu Buhari in Sochi, Russia recently to the effect that the Nigerian Government would stretch its reach and capacity to protect all Nigerians all over the world;

Also notes that presently, there are several tens of thousands of Nigerian women who have been turned into sex slaves around the world and reports in the media show that Nigerian women and even underage girls, have been turned into sex slaves in European and several Middle East countries:

Concerned that even the neighbouring West African states which depend on Nigeria for their wellbeing and security have become notorious in maltreating Nigerian women, keeping them as sex slaves and providing safe haven for perpetrators of human trafficking;

Aware that the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) has conducted several investigations and discovered that:

- (i) between 20,000-30,000 Nigerian girls are sex slaves with fifty additional girls being added to the list every day;
- (ii) because of increased efforts of the Security Agencies, traffickers no longer accompany their victims to Mali but now "waybill" the girls through Cotonou;
- (iii) many of the victims were deceived by friends and relatives to leave Nigeria for greener pastures (mostly domestic work, hair dressing or sales) in 'Mali-sia' only to discover later that they are being used for sex trade;
- (iv) Nigerian girls are trafficked mainly to the mining areas in the South and Central part of Mali, but a substantial number are trafficked to rebel held areas in the North of Mali, where they stand the risk of being radicalized;
- (v) some of the victims were taken away from Nigeria, some in school uniforms and are being treated like slaves and less than second class citizens by Malians and their law enforcement agencies collect taxes from the Nigerian women on a weekly basis and force them to use condoms;
- (vi) Nigerian women are forced by their 'Madams' to sleep with numerous men, without using any protection, hence the high incidence of sexually transmitted diseases and other ailments;
- (vii) the border point between Nigeria and Benin Republic at Seme-Krake is notoriously porous and in spite of numerous reports and pictures of notorious trafficking sent to Nigerian security agencies at the border, no action has been taken to curb the practice;

Also aware that recently, the Nigerian Ambassador to Burkina Faso, Ramatu Ahmed alerted that no fewer than 10,000 Nigerian, women, mainly under-aged girls are forced into prostitution in Ouagadougou and other mining camps across West Africa;

Worried that the continuation of this activity dents the image of the country and provides room for other West African countries to disrespect, not just Nigerian women, but all Nigerians;

Also concerned that several of the girls tricked into travelling out of the country have been brutally penalized for insisting that they would not prostitute. For instance in some cases, according to Kevin Hyland, Britain's anti-slavery commissioner, women who insist they will not work as prostitutes are tied up in a position called crocodile, where their hands are tied to their feet, and are left for days without food or water and some are left to die as an example to others;

Informed that in 2020 alone, fifteen young Nigerian women were killed in Mali to instil fear in the other women who may have had the intention of escaping;

Aware that Section 14(2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the government has the responsibility to provide for the security and welfare of Nigerians;

Observes that current efforts to combat the menace are commendable though not far reaching and comprehensive and have not been adequately funded;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge personnel of the Nigerian Immigration Service at the ports and borders of Nigeria to permit trained NAPTIP officials to operate, to spot, identify and prevent the illicit emigration of potential victims and in the long term, given the low budget of NAPTIP, to make it mandatory for all border officials of all security agencies to be trained by NAPTIP
- (ii) also urge the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) to begin to shame the traffickers in their homes, including the widespread publication of the names and pictures of convicted traffickers;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Human Rights to conduct investigation into all aspects of sex slavery and recommend appropriate budgeting and legislative, measures including sanctions and cooperation with fellow African countries to stem the tide.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 12. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria (ICCON) Act, Cap. I.112, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Role of Chemists, the Regulation of Practicing Fees by Members of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB180) (Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega) (Committee of the Whole: 5/11/2019).
- 13. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Agriculturists and to make Provisions for Establishment, Function and Administration of Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists; and for Related Matters (HB.104) (Hon. Munir Babba Dan-Agundi) (Committee of the Whole: 9/10/2019).

14. 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 Nigeria's Diplomatic Missions in the USA and Europe and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid:12/12/2019*).

(i) that virtually all the Missions visited suffer similar problems of poor funding, late remittances, lack of total capital allocation; even the paltry sum allocated is hardly released.

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- the consequences of such are, no service provider wants to do business with most of the Nigerian Embassies concerned;
- (ii) recommends a statutory budget for the Ministry and its Missions which may be 1.5% of the total revenue of the Federation after a careful Constitutional amendment;
- (iii) that the Missions should be encouraged to retain a fraction of the revenue it generates from issuance of visas and passports and other diplomatic interventions; which can then be used to maintain the Missions;
- (iv) that Maintenance of the Missions should be done jointly with other Agencies who are using the chancery buildings as offices;
- (v) that a legislation to create a Foreign Service Commission with the responsibility for the recruitment, training, promotion and discipline of Foreign Service Officers. This will end the problems associated with career progression in the Service. Nearly all countries of the World have Foreign Service Commission (FSC) and Nigeria should not be an exception;
- (vi) that the sale of the old Nigerian Embassy building in Bonn, Republic of Germany and use the funds to purchase a new chancery in Frankfurt since the Bonn office has been closed;
- (vii) that since most of the activities of the Foreign Affairs Committee are carried out outside the shores of the country, the Committee recommends that it be adequately funded by the House to enforce the recommendations that are highlighted in this Report;
- (viii) that the House adopt the practice in the Senate where Special Fund is allocated in the Budget in each fiscal year to fund the activities of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 26 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Federal Character (with Waziri Umaru Federal Polytechnic, Birnin Kebbi and Advertising Practitioner Council of Nigeria)	Wednesday, 26 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Wednesday, 26 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 427 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Police Affairs	Wednesday, 26 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5.	Appropriations	Wednesday, 26 February, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 (New Building) Assembly Complex