

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 9 June, 2020

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- 1. Foreign Exchange Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 845) (Hon. Victor Nwokolo) First Reading.
- **2.** Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (Repeal) Bill, 2020 (HB. 846) (Hon. Victor Nwokolo) First Reading.
- **3.** Free Education (Prohibition of Fees and Other Charges) Bill, 2020 (HB. 847) (Hon. Unyime Idem) First Reading.
- **4.** Nigerian Council for Psychologists Act (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 848) (Hon. Ari Mohammed Abdulmumin) First Reading.
- **5.** Micro-Credit Intervention Tax Fund Bill, 2020 (HB. 849) (Hon. Bamidele Salam and 6 Others) First Reading.
- 6. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) (Right to Education) Bill, 2020 (HB. 850) (Hon. Kpam Jimin Sokpo) First Reading.

7. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) (Geo-Political Zones) Bill, 2020 (HB. 851) (Hon. Kpam Jimin Sokpo) – First Reading.

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 12 1(3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Reflect the Authority of Persons mandated to effect Payments and Receive Funding for the House of Assembly and Judiciary of States from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation; and for Related Matters (HB. 839) (Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo) Second Reading.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Price Control Act, Cap. P28, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for stiffer penalties and make better Provisions for Implementation of the Price Control Regime in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 797) (Hon. Taiwo Olukemi Oluga) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

3. Call to Investigate the Abandonment of the Rehabilitation of Otuocha-Ibali-Nzam-Innoma-Iheaka Ibali Section of the Otuocha-Ibali-Odulu-Alegwu Road in Anambra State: Hon. Obidigwe Chinedu Benjamin:

The House:

Notes that the contract for rehabilitation of Otuocha- Ibaji-Nzam-Innoma- Iheaka Ibaji section of the Otuocha- Ibaji-Odulu-Ajegwu Road was awarded to Messrs Niger Construction Limited on 16 December, 2009 at the cost of Seven Billion, One Hundred and Seventy-Three Million, Nine Hundred and Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Five Naira, Forty Kobo (N7, 173,909,755.40) only;

Also notes that the Sum of Two Billion, Eight Hundred and Ninety Million, Four Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Ninety-One Naira, Seventy-Five kobo (N2,890,412,091.75) had been paid to the contractor to enable him execute the project shortly after the award of the contract, leaving a balance of Four Billion, Two Hundred and Eighty-Three Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Three Naira, Sixty-Five Kobo (N4, 283, 497, 663.65) only;

Informed that in the 2014 Appropriations Act, the sum of Four Hundred Million Naira (N400,000,000.00) was budgeted for continuation of work and Eight Hundred Million Naira (N800,000,000.00) was budgeted in the 2017 Appropriations Act for the project but regrettably, the completion level of the rehabilitation work is at an abysmal 46.55%;

Concerned that the road rehabilitation project that was awarded eleven years ago was last funded in 2017, thus leading to its abandonment by the Contractor to the chagrin of the people of the communities where the road traverses;

Also informed of the importance of the road which, when completed, will reduce the time of traveling from Abuja to Otuocha in Anambra State by at least two hours, thereby cutting out the costs and inconveniences, of commuters having to go through the length of Kogi and Enugu States rather than through Ajaokuta to Otuocha;

Further informed that the road will be invaluable in the evacuation of farm produce from communities along it whose inhabitants are predominantly farmers and enhance socio-economic activities in the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Works to conduct to investigate issues relating to the project to determine the reasons for the abandonment of the contract;
- (ii) also mandate the Committee to interface with the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing on ways to ensure the provision of funds in the 2021 budget proposal for the completion of the Project.
- 4. Need to Open up Rural Roads to Connect Communities that are Frequently Attacked by Boko Haram Insurgents in Local Government Areas Contiguous to the Sambisa Forest: Hon. Haruna Mshelia:

The House:

Notes that several Communities consisting of towns, villages, and hamlets including Tashan Allade, Kirmi, Garbwala, Debiro, Tarfa, Mandiragraw, Harang, Ngulde, Ngohi, Mbula Kudughe, Chanchandana, Lehu, Askira, Bigibigi, and Garkida situated in the very fertile region of Hawul, Askira/Uba, Biu, and Gombi Local Government Areas of Borno State do not have interconnected rural roads linking each other;

Also notes that the Rural Roads connecting these Communities that are needed to be opened up are the Tashan Allade Kirmi – Garbwala – Debiro – Tarfa – Mandiragraw road; the Kirmi - Harang - Ngulde - Ngohi - Mbula Kudughe - Chanchandana - Lehu to Askira and the Ngohi - Bigibigi to Garkida Roads;

Further notes that all these Communities were at one time or the other severally attacked by Boko Haram insurgents, but because of the resilience of the people, they are still living in such communities;

Cognizant that the road infrastructure which are dearly needed to link and open up the Communities to access the huge agricultural produce coming from the region yearly is not in place, thus cutting the communities;

Worried that due to the proximity of these communities to the infamous Sambisa Forest, the lack of these basic infrastructure means that whenever Boko Haram attacks, even Security Forces find it difficult to easily navigate the area in pursuit of the insurgents;

Aware that it is the responsibility of Government to provide such basic infrastructure in Communities such as those unfortunate towns, villages, and hamlets that are close to the Sambisa forest;

Also aware that the North–East Development Commission was established to tackle such challenges in the North East Geo-Political Zone of the Country;

Cognizant that provision of good rural roads with culverts and military type bridges will go a long way in mitigating the security challenges in the area and further boost agricultural output from those areas;

Resolves to:

(i) Urge the North-East Development Commission, in consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Ministry of Defence through the Army Engineering Corps to, as a matter of urgency commence the construction of rural roads connecting all the Communities;

(ii) mandate Committees of Legislative Compliance, Agriculture and Rural Development, Defence and Army to ensure Compliance.

5. Need to stop the Entry of Herdsmen from other African Countries into Nigeria: Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu:

The House:

Notes that in recent years, herdsmen have been on rampage, destroying farm lands, burning villages and killing of innocent Nigerians indiscriminately in many states across the federation:

Also notes that the Nigerian security agents have consistently stated that those herdsmen are not Nigerians but migrants from other African countries;

Concerned that those herdsmen who are militant in nature have consistently instilled fear in lives local farmers and villagers living in the affected areas by the use of coercion, intimidation, brute force and extreme violence, in most cases, leaving a large number of persons dead;

Also concerned that the violent conflicts between the nomadic herders from neighbouring countries and local farmers is escalating by the day to more states of the federation, and if left unchecked will further threaten the security and stability of the nation;

Further concerned that the clashes are becoming potentially as dangerous as the Boko Haram insurgency in the North East, yet to date, response to the crisis at both the federal and state levels have been very poor and ineffectively;

Believes that it has become necessary to lend a voice to Governor Abdullahi Ganduje of Kano State that a stop be put to the movement of herdsmen from other African countries to Nigeria, so as to curb the rate of crime and conflicts associated with their movements across Nigeria.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to put a halt to the entry of herdsmen from other African countries into Nigeria;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Army and Interior to interface with the Inspector General of Police, the Chief of Army Staff and the Comptroller General of the Nigerian and Immigration Service respectively on the best ways of policing and securing the Nigeria borders.

6. Need to Investigate the Nigeria Police Force Pension Limited for Failure to Meet its Pension and Gratuity Obligations: Hon. Ali Adevemi Taofeek:

The House:

Notes that the Nigeria Police Pension Reforms which started with the incorporation and operation of the NPF Pension Limited in October 2013, was initiated to address deficiencies of the current Contributory Pension Scheme, peculiar to the Police Force;

Aware that the peculiarities, which include reconciliation of personnel data crucial to obtaining pension contributions from the CBN and effectively managing critical welfare issues such as Group

Life Assurance and Health Insurance Scheme, were highlighted to be of strategic security importance and should be managed by the NPF Pension Limited;

Informed that after incorporation of the NPF Pension Limited, PENCOM in april, 2014 directed existing Pension Fund Administrators to move N305 billion Police Pension Assets to the NPF Pension Limited;

Cognizant that employers pension contributions of N15.8 billion, N16.6 billion, N16.6 billion and N19.7 billion were paid by the Federal Government from 2015 to 2019 respectively to the NPF Pension Limited as government contributions;

Concerned that despite the PENCOM regulatory supervision, there are various pending fraud cases instituted by EFCC against officials of NPF Pension Limited;

Worried that many police retirees have started protesting to the police hierarchy about the reduction of their entitlements while others have since joined the wagon of pensioners who don't receive their monthly pensions and gratuities in full and as at when due;

Also worried that the retired officers who are being short-changed after their services to the nation may resort to taking advantage of the loopholes in the security architecture of the country, which they are aware of, to perpetrate mischief for pecuniary gains to feed their families;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Police Affairs and Pension to investigate the immediate and remote causes of the NPF Pension Limited inability to meet its monthly pension obligation and the timely payment of gratuities to retiring police officers and report back with findings and recommendations for a model to prevent future misappropriations.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 9 June, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Pilgrims Affairs(with Newly Appointed Board of National Hajj Commission of Nigeria)	Tuesday, 9 June, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 459 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream)	Tuesday, 9 June, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 231 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Commerce	Tuesday, 9 June, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 304 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5.	Committees on Interior, Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring; and Commerce	Tuesday, 9 June, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 (New Building) Assembly Complex