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1. Electoral Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 981) (*Hon. Dukku Aishatu Jibril*) – *First Reading.*
2. Flag and Coats of Arms Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 982) (*Hon. Olufemi Fakeye*) – *First Reading.*
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4. Appropriate Arrangement of Names Bill, 2020 (HB. 984) (*Hon. Olufemi Fakeye*) – *First Reading.*
5. Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 985) (*Hon. Olufemi Fakeye*) – *First Reading.*
6. Federal Road Safety Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 986) (*Hon. Olufemi Fakeye*) – *First Reading.*

7. National Assembly Library Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 987) (*Hon. Gaza Jonathan G.*)
– *First Reading.*

- 56 National Infrastructure Development Commission Bill, 2020 (HB. 988) (*Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive*) – *First Reading*.
- 57 Federal Medical Centre, Ovwian (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 989) (*Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive*) – *First Reading*.
- 58 National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 990) (*Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu*) – *First Reading*.
- 59 Foreign Service Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 991) (*Hon. Yusuf Buba Yakub*) – *First Reading*.
- 60 Copyright Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 992) (*Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok*) – *First Reading*.
- 61 River Basins Development Authorities Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 993) (*Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok*) – *First Reading*.
- 62 Motor Vehicles (Third Party Insurance) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 994) (*Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok*) – *First Reading*.
- 63 Export Prohibition (Repeal) Bill, 2020 (HB. 995) (*Hon. Prestige Ossy*) – *First Reading*.
- 64 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 Act (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB. 996) (*Hon. Olajide Olatubosun*) – *First Reading*.
- 65 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 Act (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB. 997) (*Hon. Olajide Olatubosun*) – *First Reading*.
- 66 Medical and Dental Practitioners Act (Amendment) Act 2020 (HB. 998) (*Hon. Prestige Ossy*) – *First Reading*.
- 67 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 Act (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB. 999) (*Hon. Olajide Olatubosun*) – *First Reading*.
- 68 Code of Conduct Bureau and Tribunal Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1000) (*Hon. Olajide Olatubosun*) – *First Reading*.
- 69 Anti-Kidnapping, Terrorism and Violent Crimes Agency Bill, 2020 (HB. 1001) (*Hon. Fatuhu Muhammed*) – *First Reading*.
- 70 Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1002) (*Hon. Olajide Olatubosun*) – *First Reading*.
- 71 Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1003) (*Hon. Zakariya'u Galadima*) – *First Reading*.
- 72 Federal College of Agriculture, Karaye, Bill, 2020 (HB. 1004) (*Hon. Dederi Haruna Isa*) – *First Reading*.
- 73 Federal College of Agriculture Produce Technology, Kano, Bill 2020 (HB. 1005) (*Hon. Dederi Haruna Isa*) – *First Reading*.
- 74 Sexual Harassment of Students in Tertiary Educational Institutions (Prohibition) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1006) (*Senate*) – *First Reading*.
- 75 Theatre Arts Professionals (Regulatory Council of Nigeria, etc.) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1007) (*Hon. Ifeanyi Chudy Momah*) – *First Reading*.
- 76 Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1008) (*Hon. Olaifa Jimoh Aremu*) – *First Reading*.

77 National Border Academy, Imeko (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1009) (*Hon. Olaifa Jimoh Aremu*) – *First Reading*.

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78 National Hospital, Port Harcourt, Rivers State (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1010) (*Hon. Ken A. Chikere*) – *First Reading*.

79 National Minimum Wage Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1011) (*Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye*) – *First Reading*.

80 Treaties (Making Procedure) Bill, 2020(HB. 1012) (*Hon. Ossai N. Ossai*) – *First Reading*.

81 National Coroners (Establishment) Bill, 2020(HB. 1013) (*Hon. Tashir Raji Olawale*) – *First Reading*.

82 Federal University of Agriculture, Ugbawka (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1014) (*Hon. Nnolim Nnaji*) – *First Reading*.

83 Federal Medical Center, Akpugo (Establishment) Bill, 2020(HB. 1015) (*Hon. Nnolim Nnaji*) – *First Reading*.

84 Chartered Institute of Information Management (Establishment) Bill, 2020(HB. 1016) (*Hon. Chinyere Emmanuel Igwe*) – *First Reading*.

85 Standard Engineering Works Bill, 2020(HB. 1017) (*Hon. Joseph Asuku Bello*) – *First Reading*.

86 National Institute of Credit Administration (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1018) (*Hon. Abdulmumini Ari*) – *First Reading*.

87 Federal University of Lokoja Teaching hospital (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1019) (*Hon. Joseph Asuku Bello*) – *First Reading*.

88 Federal University of Agriculture, Ikirun (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 1020) (*Hon. Olalekan Rasheed Afolabi*) – *First Reading*.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Conference Committee on Police Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill:

Hon. Bello Usman Kumo:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Police Act, Cap. P19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact Nigeria Police Bill, 2020 to Provide the Framework for the Police Force and ensure Cooperation and Partnership between the Police and Host Communities in Maintaining Peace, Protecting Lives and Property; and for Related Matters (HB.685)”

2. Committee on Justice:

Hon. Ozurigbo Ugonna:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, 2017 to Prescribe the Offence and Punishment for Contempt of Legislative Houses, Provide Punishment on the Police or any other Law Enforcement Agent that refuses to Arrest any Person as directed by a Legislative House, to provide exception to the kind of person to be compelled by a Legislative House, such as President, the Executive Governor and the Deputy, Diplomats and their agents, Representatives of International Organizations such as the United Nations, the African Union, the European Union, ECOWAS and Commonwealth and to Preserve the Legislative Powers of a Legislative House and Guarantee the Principle of Separation of Powers; and for Related Matters (HBs.510 and 250) (*Referred:12/12/2019*).

3. Committee on Governmental Affairs:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Government Affairs on the Mediation in the Ongoing Rift between the Operators of Western Lotto, Premier Lotto and 22 Other Lottery Operators and

the National Lottery Regulatory Commission (*HR.118/03/2020*) (*Referred: 18/3/2020*).

4. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Dr. Napoleon Aisueni JP:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

“That the House do receive the report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Dr. Napoleon Aisueni JP against the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, a Call to function as the Director/CEO of the Nigerian Institute for Oil Palm Research (NIFOR) Benin City, Edo State of Nigeria” (*Referred: 26/9/3019*).

5. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Akinola James Oluwatoyin Akanbi:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

“That the House do receive the report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Akinola James Oluwatoyin Akanbi Against Nigerian Immigration Service on Appeal to Investigate a Case Suspected to be Fraudulent act by the Nigeria Immigration Service and First Bank PLC, after his unlawful disengagement from Service by the Authority” (*Referred: 18/9/2019*).

6. Committee On Sports

Hon. Olumide Osoba

“That The House do receive the Report of the Committee on Sports on the Investigation into the Death of Martins Chineme on the Football Pitch in Lafia, Nasarawa State (*Referred: 17/3/2020*)

7. Committees on Finance, Customs and Excise and, Public Petitions:

Hon. James Abiodun Faleke:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Finance, Customs and Excise and, Public Petitions on the Curious Proposes Concession Arrangement between Consortium Bionica Technologies West Africa Limited (Sponsor) Bergmands Security Consultant and Supplies Limited (co. Sponsors), African Finance Corporation(lead Financier) and Huawei (Lead Technical Service Provider) and the Nigeria Customs Services and Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC) , for the Customs Modernization Project (*Referred 3/10/2019*)

ORDER OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Pharmaceutical Technologists and Pharmacy Technicians Regulatory Council of Nigeria to be Vested with the Responsibility of Determining the Standards of Knowledge and Skills to be Attained by Persons seeking to Become Pharmaceutical Technologists and Pharmacy Technicians; and for Related Matters (HB. 459) – *Third Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja Area Courts Act, 2010 and Enact the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja Area Courts Bill to, among other things, Expand the Jurisdiction of the Area Courts to entertain both Civil and Criminal Matters; and for Related Matters (HB. 67) – *Third Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Monguno to provide Full-Time Courses Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management, and to Provide for the appointment of the Provost and other Officers of the College to carry out the Administration and Disciplining of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB.217) (*Hon. Tahir M. Monguno*) – *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 162(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 by increasing the percentage of derivation Fund of the Revenue accruing to the Federation Account directly from any Natural Resources to not less than fifty (50%) percent; and for Related Matters (HB.415) (*Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante and 13 Others*) – *Second Reading*.

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5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Water Resources Act, Cap. W2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review upward the Stipulated Fines and Penalties for Offence under the Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 953) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) – *Second Reading*.
6. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Service Compact Management Agency (SERVICOM) for the effective Management, Execution and Enforcement of Service Compact with Citizens, Setting, Controlling, Implementation and Enforcement of Service Charter and Standards, the Identification and Facilitation of Resolution of Service failures and enhancement of Citizens Service Rights and Responsibilities in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 558) (*Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu*) – *Second Reading*.
7. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Act No. 19 of 1995 and Enact the Safety and Radiation Bill, 2020 by Re-Establishing the Nigerian Nuclear Regulatory Authority in Order to Provide for nuclear Security and Safeguards; and for Related Matters (HB. 586) (*Hon. Anayo Edwin*) – *Second Reading*.
8. A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 12 1(3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 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*.

MOTIONS

9. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:**

Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata:

- (i) *Federal Medical Centre, Abakaliki, (Establishment) Bill, 2019, HB.253;*
- (ii) *Federal Medical Centre, Abeokuta (Establishment) Bill, 2019 HB. 254;*
- (iii) *Federal Medical Centre, Asaba (Establishment) Bill, 2019 HB. 255;*
- (iv) *Federal Medical Centre, Azare (Establishment) Bill, 2019 HB. 256;*
- (v) *Federal Medical Centre, Bida (Establishment) Bill, 2019 HB. 257;*
- (vi) *Federal Medical Centre, Birni-Kebbi (Establishment) Bill, 2019 HB.258;*
- (vii) *Federal Medical Centre, Birni-Kudu (Establishment) Bill, 2019 HB. 259;*
- (viii) *Federal Medical Centre, Ebute-Meta (Establishment) Bill, 2019 HB. 260;*
- (ix) *Federal Medical Centre, Yola (Establishment) Bill, 2019 HB. 262;*
- (x) *Federal Medical Centre, Gusau (Establishment) Bill, 2019 HB. 263;*
- (xi) *Federal Medical Centre, Ado Ekiti (Establishment) Bill, 2019 HB. 264;*
- (xii) *Federal Medical Centre, Jalingo (Establishment) Bill, 2019 HB. 265;*
- (xiii) *Federal Medical Centre, Katsina (Establishment) Bill, 2019 HB. 266;*
- (xiv) *Federal Medical Centre, Keffi (Establishment) Bill, 2019 HB.267; and*
- (xv) *National Water Resources Bill, 2020(HB. 921).*

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve (12), Rule 18 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, legislative businesses of the House by a Committee of the House which remain undetermined at the end of the Assembly shall be resumed and proceeded with in the next Assembly in the same manner as if the tenure of the Assembly had not come to an end, if the House resolves in the affirmative that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted, be reconsidered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced de-novo;

Also notes that the aforementioned Bills were passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made and/or forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bills were re-gazetted as HBs. 253,254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 267 and 260 respectively and read the first time;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

**10. Need to Investigate the Nigerian Correctional Service:
Hon Ndudi Elumelu:**

The House:

Notes that all over the world a Correctional Service Centre, otherwise called a Prison, is a public institution established by government to provide rehabilitation, reformation and correctional facility services for individual offenders who have at breached the law, with the ultimate goal of re-orienting and re-integrating them back into the society.

Aware that the Nigerian Correctional Service has not been operating and performing satisfactorily to its statutory duties, and instead of functioning as rehabilitation and reformation centres, the scenario has been that of dehumanizing situation and hardening of the inmates.

Also notes that the policy objective of the present administration of President Muhammadu Buhari on the Nigerian Correctional Service is to ensure total transformation to a modern reformatory institution, so as to enable it operate in line with international best practices.

Also aware that Section 10 (h) of the Nigerian Correctional Service Act of 2019 is to the effect that the functions of the Custodial Service, inter alia, is empowering inmates, through the deployment of educational and vocational skills, training programmes and facilitating incentives and income generation through Custodial Centres, farms and industries as well as Section 24 of the same Act ensures best available health care for mental health of inmates in the criminal justice system.

Recalls that the Federal Government has appropriated over N613.5 Billion to the Nigerian Correctional Service in the last ten years, with a sum of N4 billion in 2015, N14 billion in 2016, N16.6 billion in 2017 and a higher sum of budgetary allocation in both 2018 and 2019, with each year having over 70% recurrent expenditure;

Further aware that the Federal Government spends an average of N17 billion annually on feeding of convicts and awaiting trial inmates in the 244 Correctional Services nationwide;

Worried that despite the huge and increasing annual budgetary allocations by the Federal Government to the Nigerian Correctional Service in recent years, the situation of the Correctional Service evinces squalor and is characterised by poor feeding, widespread disease, poor medical attention, overcrowding and poor ventilation, thereby contributing to human rights violation of the inmates;

Cognizant of the fact that the inmates deserves good rehabilitation and reformation services in line with the United Nations Convention Against Torture which, in Article 11, provides for treatment of persons subjected to any form of arrest, detention or imprisonment from any cases of torture, and Section 34 (1)(a) of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution also emphasises on the right to dignity of the human persons;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Reformatory Institutions to investigate the Nigerian Correctional Service and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Need to set up Skills Acquisition Centres in the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Camps Across the North–East Geo-Political Zone:

Hon. Bukar Gana.

The House:

Aware that the North East Geo-Political Zone of the Country and its people have been devastated by the lingering crisis of the Boko Haram insurgency;

Notes that one of the resultant effects of the insurgency is the serious issue of displacement of the people of the areas from their ancestral homes and communities, hence the creation of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Camps across the length and breadth of the North East Geo-Political Zone;

Disturbed that the IDPs are mostly unskilled and unemployed, and are without opportunities or much hope is dignified life in the camp;

Also notes that with the gradual return of peace to the areas, there is a great need to train and empower the IDPs with skills that will guarantee a better livelihood for them, their communities and in the long run, the country at large;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the North East Development Commission (NEDC) and the Office of the Special Assistant to the President on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to set up full-fledged Skills Acquisition Centres in designated communities to train and equip the IDPs in different trades and vocations to enable them have meaningful sources of self-sustenance;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on North–East Development Commission and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to liaise with the North East Development Commission (NEDC) and the Office of the Special Assistant to the President on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to ensure compliance.

12. Need to Investigate the Activities of the Development Finance Department of the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Nigeria Incentive–Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL):

Hon. Jaha Ahmadu Usman:

The House:

Notes that Section 4 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the National Assembly shall have power to make laws for the peace, order and good government of the Federation or any part thereof with respect to any matter included in the Exclusive Legislative List set out in part of the second schedule to this Constitution;

Also Notes the provisions of Chapter II of the 1999, Constitution on the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy in Section 13 which provides that it shall be the duty and responsibility of all organs of government, and of all authorities and persons exercising legislative, executive or judicial powers to conform, observe and apply the provisions of the Constitution;

Further notes the combined effect of Section 16 (1) (a) and (b) which provides that the state shall harness the resources of the nation and promote national prosperity and an efficient, a dynamic and self-reliant economy and control the national economy in such a manner as to secure the maximum welfare, freedom and happiness of every citizen on the basis of social justice, equality of status and opportunity;

Aware of the functional role of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to promote monetary stability, ensure sound financial environment and act as financial adviser to the federal government;

Also aware that development financing is key to sustainable economic growth in any economy as it ensures the supply of finance to various sectors of the economy to promote economic growth, development and welfare improvement at a faster rate;

Further aware that the Development Finance Department of the CBN is responsible for the formulation and implementation of various policies, innovations of appropriate products and creation of enabling environment for financial institutions to deliver services in an effective, efficient and sustainable manner, mainly targeted at the agricultural sector, rural development and micro, small and medium enterprises;

Informed that the Development Finance Department of the CBN, in line with its mandate to ensure real sector growth, financial inclusion and entrepreneurship development formulates and manages several schemes and initiatives including the Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL), Anchor Borrowers' Programme (ABP), Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme (CACs), Agricultural Credit Guarantee Scheme Fund (ACGSF), Agricultural Credit Support Scheme (ACSS), Interest Drawback Programme (IDP), Microfinance Policy, Financial Inclusion, Entrepreneurship Development Activities, Power and Airline Intervention Fund (PAIF), Small and Medium Enterprises Credit Guarantee Scheme (SMECGS), SME Restructuring/Refinancing Fund (RRF), Real Sector Support Facility (RSSF), National Collateral Registry (NCR) and Nigeria Electricity Market Stabilization Facility (NEMSF);

Also informed that several of such schemes and initiatives being managed by the Development Finance Department like the Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL) designed to provide farmers with affordable financial products and reduce the risk of financial institutions that grant them loans; the Anchor Borrowers' Programme (ABP) aimed at creating a linkage between anchor companies involved in the processing and small holder farmers (SHFs) to boost production, stabilize inputs supply to agro processors and address the country's negative balance of payments on food; the Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme (CACs) established in 2009 to finance large ticket projects along the agricultural value chain and administered at a single digit interest rate of 9 per cent to beneficiaries and the N235 Billion SME Credit Guarantee Scheme (SMECGS) established in April 2010 to fast-track the development of the manufacturing and SME sub-sector are replete with irregularities and not at optimal performance;

Concerned that the N200 billion SME Restructuring/Refinancing Fund (RRF) was suddenly discontinued by the Management of the bank without any explanation to relevant government agencies and key stakeholders;

Also concerned that the N300 billion Real Sector Support Facility (RSSF) established in 2014 to address the funding needs of large ticket SMEs in Nigeria to closing the short-term and high- interest financing gap for SME/Manufacturing and start-ups as well as create jobs through the Real Sector of the Nigerian economy has remained a dormant initiative;

Disturbed that the CBN, in 2015 established the Nigeria Electricity Market Stabilisation Facility (NEMSF) and invested N213billion in a Refinancer – NESI Stabilization Strategy Ltd to provide refinance for the NEMSF aimed at putting the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI) on a route to economic viability and sustainability by facilitating the settlement of Legacy Gas Debts and payment of outstanding obligations due to Market Participants, Service Providers and gas suppliers that accrued during the Interim Rules Period (IRP Debts) but the impact of such an investment is not yet being felt in the economy;

Worried by the recent outcry by over 800,000 applicants that the N50 billion Targeted Credit Facility (TCF) stimulus package announced by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) in March 2020 to help mitigate the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the economy and businesses, and to support

which was to be disbursed through the NIRSAL Microfinance Bank Ltd (NMBL) is not easily accessible due to difficult conditionalities attached to the facility;

Also worried that the Management of NIRSAL Microfinance Bank Ltd (NMBL) is reported to have allegedly diverted over 1 billion naira into a personal account of one of its management staff;

Conscious of the provisions of section 88 (1) of the Constitution to the effect that the National Assembly shall have power by resolution to direct or cause to be directed investigation into any matter or thing with respect to which it has power to make laws, and the conduct of affairs of any person, authority, ministry or government department charged, or intended to be charged with the duty of or responsibility for executing or administering laws enacted by the National Assembly;

Resolves to:

Set-up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the activities of the Development Finance Department of the Central Bank of Nigeria, the Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL) and any other such schemes under the Department and report back within 8 weeks for further legislative action.

13. Need to Rescue the Businesses of Importers from Total Collapse:

Hon. Okwudili Christopher Ezenwankwo:

The House:

Notes that most importers usually raise funds through bank loans and overdrafts to import goods from Asian and European countries for sale in Nigeria;

Also notes that members of the South–East Amalgamated Markets Traders Association (SEAMATA) and other traders doing businesses across the states of Nigeria benefited from the bank loans and overdraft facilities to import goods from Asia and Europe;

Informed that some of the imported goods arrived the ports shortly before and during the Covid-19 Pandemic induced lockdown, but the traders could not clear and take delivery of the goods because the authorities and cargo handling companies at the ports were not operating;

Also informed that while the cargoes and consignments of those traders were lying at the facilities of the cargo handling companies at the ports during the period of Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, the interests on the loans and overdraft facilities with which the goods were imported were accumulating at the banks;

Cognizance that the traders' inability to clear the goods on arrival was never their making, but rather an act of God caused by the novel Corona Virus Pandemic;

Concerned that the cargo handling companies, including SAFMARINE (an affiliate of MAERSK Line Nigeria Limited), West African Container Terminal and others have refused to allow the traders to clear and take delivery of their consignments unless the accumulated demurrages running into millions of Naira are paid first;

Worried that if the Federal Government does not make urgent intervention, the cargo handling companies would not allow the traders to clear and take delivery of their goods whilst the demurrages will keep accumulating;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government through the COVID–19 Economic Hardship Relief Programs to intervene and save the businesses of the importers from total collapse;

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Commerce to investigate the matter and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

14. Devastating Fire Disaster at Akesan Market, Main Commercial Area, Oyo Town, Oyo State:

Hon. S. Ajibola Muraina
Hon. Adeyemi Akeem Adeniyi
Hon. Shina Abiola A. Peller
Hon. Olatubosun Olajide
Hon. Stanley Olajide
Hon. Akinola Adekunle Alabi
Hon. Tolupe Tiwalola Akande

Hon. Musliudeen Olaide Akinremi
Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun. A.
Hon. Ojerinde Olumide Abiodun
Hon. Yemi Taiwo
Hon. Abass Agboworin
Hon. Akintola Oluokun George
Hon. Ajao Jacob Adejumo

The House:

Notes that on 5 January, 2020 fire razed down the Akesan Market in the main commercial area of Oyo town, Oyo State, claiming lives and destroying goods worth millions of naira;

Also notes that the immediate cause (s) of the fire at Akesan market is yet to be determined, but eye witnesses claimed that the fire started in the early hours that day;

Concerned that the security agents attached to ‘Operation Burst’ disproportionately used force in responding to the people protesting the failure of the fire fighters based in Oyo town which led to the killing of 3 persons, including a woman;

Also concerned that some shops and other valuables were destroyed in the inferno, thereby taking away the means of livelihood of the traders, some of whom had just stocked their shops;

Cognizant of the provisions of Section 14 (2)(b) of the 1999 Constitution which provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government;

Resolves to:

- (i) Observe a minute's silence in honour of those who lost their lives in the inferno;
- (ii) constitute a Delegation to visit the market and commiserate with the people and government of Oyo State;
- (iii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to visit the area and provide relief materials for the affected people in order to ease their pains.

15. Call for Rehabilitation of Abeokuta Express Road from Abule Egba to Sango Tollgate:

Hon. James Adisa Owolabi:

The House:

Notes that the key to economic growth and development in any Society is the provision of basic infrastructure and other social amenities such as good road network given that transportation plays a vital role in the well-being and economic development of a country and its citizens;

Also notes that the deplorable condition of Abeokuta Express Road makes it difficult for commuters to ply without recording accidents and loss of lives and properties as a journey of 30 minutes now takes 2 to 3 hours;

Aware that the road accommodates more than 300,000 vehicles and more than 1 million people with goods running into millions of tons daily, being one of Nigeria’s key economic roads that is strategic for providing the required connectivity between producers and marketers;

Concerned that the road has suffered so much neglect and abandonment, particularly from Caaso Bus Stop and anytime it rains, the road is flooded because there is no proper drainage system;

Also concerned that armed robbers, kidnappers, bandits and other criminals alike have continued to carry out their dastardly acts on commuters at the dilapidated portions on the road, thereby causing mayhem on the people plying the road;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to carry out urgent repairs of the affected portions pending the reconstruction of the road;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to include the reconstruction of the road in the 2012 budget proposal;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure implementation.

**16. Urgent Need for a Review of the National Road Traffic Regulations
Hon. Olufemi Fakeye.**

The House:

Notes that Section 5 of the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, 2007 empowers the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to make the National Road Traffic Regulations to the address the mutual relationship between road users and their surroundings;

Aware that one of the major public safety challenges for governments across the globe since the introduction of the automobile as a means of mass transportation, has been how to establish and maintain a reasonable level of road safety on the roads and highways, especially in terms of the creation of a safe driving culture to reduce the number of or preventable accidents;

Worried that most Nigerian drivers have no regard whatsoever for traffic laws and regulations, such as the prohibition of eating and smoking while driving, use of old and expired tyres, shattered windscreen, etc. and do not observe speed limits as well as fail to obey traffic signs on the highways;

Alarmed that even the Federal Road Safety Commission and other government authorities, including governments at different levels, do not make a duty of posting speed limits on most of our roads;

Cognizant of an apparent weak legal framework and poor operational synergy between the FRSC and its sister organizations, which poses serious challenge in the enforcement of road traffic rules and regulations on the highways;

Disturbed that traffic regulations in Nigeria are deficient, especially in certain areas, which include:

- (a) the need to require the former owner of a vehicle return the FRSC issued license plates for cancellation in order to enable the authority to update its records and reflect the termination of ownership by the former owner, and the registration and issuance of new plate numbers to the new owner or buyer of the vehicle;
- (b) the need to mandate the FRSC to design and enforce the ways and means whereby an owner of a vehicle in long-term disrepair, or which is not in an operable condition and is to be parked, or has been parked, in a publicly accessible space for more than six (6) months, to give a notice of such to the Authority for appropriate cancellation of the licensed plates of such vehicles and be compelled to return the registered licensed plates to the Federal Road Safety Corps;
- (c) the need to ban the use on Nigerian roads of vehicles with foreign business adverts/inscriptions on them with such foreign inscriptions not being removed before plying Nigerian roads;

- (d) the need to ban the practice of using smaller vehicles to tow bigger broken down vehicles on the road;

- (e) the need to ban the use of ear-plugs to listen to any electronic or telephonic sound, while operating any vehicle in motion;
- (f) the need to avoid obstructing the driving view of the driver's mirrors with loaded cargo, and not securely locking all doors, booth or trunk of a vehicle in motion;
- (g) the need to ban the carrying of any item, or goods whose width is wider than the measurable physical width of the motorcycle or carrying a luggage heavier than the measureable physical unladen weight of the motorcycle by a motorcycle rider or passenger;
- (h) the need to ban the carrying of any combustible material, such as a gas cylinder, containers filled with petrol, kerosene or diesel products by a motorcycle rider or a passenger while in motion;
- (i) the need to ban the towing of another broken down motorcycle by a motorcycle rider stretching a leg, or tying a rope, to physically provide torque or leverage to the broken down motorcycle;
- (j) the need to ban the sharing of the front driver's seat of a tricycle with a passenger by the tricycle driver;
- (k) the need to ban the practice of overlooking a vehicle doing a U-turn on a multi-lane road;
- (l) the need to carry out a review of all offences and penalties under the Act as appropriate.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission to ensure the review on the National Road Traffic Regulations to address the challenges within 3 months and report back for further legislative action.

17. Need to Complete the Abandoned Federal Low-cost Housing Estate at Ezianya, Isiala Mbano Local Government Area of Imo State and Rehabilitate the existing Infrastructure at Federal Low-cost Housing Estate Ubaha, Okigwe Local Government Area and Umuelemai, Isiala Mbano local Government Area, Imo State:

Hon. Miriam O. Onuoha:

The House:

Notes that according to the Nigeria Bureau of Statistics Nigeria has a Housing deficit of about 17 million houses as at August 2012 and requires 700,000 houses annually to offset the deficit compared to less than 100,000 being constructed;

Also notes that public housing in Nigeria has been criticized for failing to generate tangible and sustainable housing production, distribution and acquisition mechanisms to meet increasing housing demand, particularly by low-income earners;

Recalls that through the National Development plan, a National Housing Program was launched to deliver housing units across the country, Federal Housing Estate, Ezianya and Umuelemai Isiala Mbano Local Government Area and Federal Lowcost Housing Estate Ubaha, Okigwe Local Government Area inclusive, While those of Okigwe Local Government Area and Umuelemai, Isiala Mbano Local Government Area were completed and occupied till date, the Ezianya Isiala Mbano Housing Estate has been abandoned with over 1000 housing units;

Worried that if urgent attention is not taken and the Housing Estate completed, the property and land may be taken over completely by unpatriotic citizens and intention of Government not realized;

Concerned that the abandoned Housing Estate has become a hideout for criminals and hoodlums, this has in turn increased the high rate of crime in the area, hence the urgent need for completion of the Housing Estate, and rehabilitation of the dilapidated ones in Ubaha, Okigwe Local Government Area;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works, and Housing to complete the abandoned Housing Estate in Eziamma, Isiala Mbano Local Government Area;
- (ii) again urge the Federal Ministry of Works to rehabilitate the dilapidated access roads at the Federal Lowcost Housing Estate in Ubaha, Okigwe Local Government Area and Umuelemai, Isiala Mbano Local Government Area;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Housing to appropriate funds for the completion of the Housing Estate and Rehabilitation of dilapidated access roads in the 2021 Appropriation;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation.

**18. Need to Rehabilitate Kwale–Ogume–Obiaruka–Umutu–Agbor Federal Raod:
Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai**

Notes that the road starting from Kwale, continuing thence to Umutu and terminating at Agbor on truck A232 was on October, 1, 1974 described and specified by Federal Highways (Declaration) Order (No.2) as a Federal Highway with Highway Number F224 in the East-Westerly Routes of the Federal Highways in Nigeria;

Also notes that the road traverses two major Federal Constituencies of Ndokwa/Ukwuani and Ika, that already had established functional institutions, such as Delta State University Campus, Novena University, Marine Technology, College of Education, School of Nursing etc;

Aware that Ndokwa land is an oil and gas producing area, and the Federal Road is a major feeder to Onitsha - Benin and Warri - Asaba express roads that drive heavy duty trucks with petroleum products and vehicular movement of people conveying indigenous arts of woven baskets, metal works and sculpture to the South Eastern and Northern Nigeria;

Observes that in the last 46 years of the construction of the road by the Federal Government, there has not been any rehabilitation or reconstruction of the failed sections which have become havens for hoodlums, armed robbers who have constantly left tales of woes on road users with so many people losing millions of naira and their precious lives;

Also aware that the Ndokwa nation is a place where crude oil is being explored and it is the only oil and gas producing area in Nigeria whose people do that does not engage in militancy and destruction of oil facilities as a way of expressing their frustration and marginalization in the oil exploration process and the implementation of the Federal Character policy in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to urgently embark on reconstruction or rehabilitation of the road.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 19.** A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, Cap. A18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Arbitration and Mediation Bill to Provide a Unified Legal Framework for the Fair and Efficient Settlement of Commercial Disputes by Arbitration and Mediation; make Applicable

the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York Convention) to any Award made in Nigeria or in any Contracting State arising out of International Commercial Arbitration, the Convention on the International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (the Singapore Convention); and for Related Matters (HB. 91) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno*) (*Committee of the Whole: 18/12/2019*).

20. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Institute of Environmental Practitioners of Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 353) (*Hon. Makwe Livinus Makwe*) (*Committee of the Whole: 9/10/2019*).
21. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Abuja Geographic Information Systems Agency; and for related Matters (HB. 215) (*Hon. Gaza Jonathan*) (*Committee of the Whole: 14/7/2020*).
22. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Protection of Plant Varieties, to encourage Investment in Plant Breeding and Crop Variety Development, to Establish a Plant Variety Protection Office for the Promotion of increased Staple Crops Productivity for Small Holder Farmers in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 68) (*Hon. Munir B. Dan Agundi*) (*Committee of the Whole: 2/7/2020*).
23. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Technology, Auchi, Edo State; and for Related Matters (HB. 527) (*Hon. Johnson E. Oghuma*) (*Committee of the Whole: 20/2/2020*).
24. **Report of the Conference Committee on Police Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill:**
Hon. Usman Bello Kumo:
“That the House do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Police Act, Cap. P19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact Nigeria Police Bill, 2020 to Provide the Framework for the Police Force and ensure Cooperation and Partnership between the Police and Host Communities in Maintaining Peace, protecting lives and Property; and for Related Matters (HB.685) and approve the recommendations therein”

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 21 July, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (<i>White House</i>) Assembly Complex
2.	Petroleum Resources (<i>Upstream</i>) (<i>with Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI)</i>)	Tuesday, 21 July, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
3.	FOI (Reforms of Government Institutions)	Tuesday, 21 July, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 344 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
4.	Inter-Parliamentary	Tuesday, 21 July, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex
5.	Health Institutions	Tuesday, 21 July, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 (<i>New Building</i>) Assembly Complex