

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 25 November, 2020

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Valedictory Session in Honour of Mr Patrick Ahonkhai Giwa, the Out-Going Clerk of the House of Representatives:

Admittance into the Chamber:

Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado:

"That the House, pursuant to Order Nineteen, Rule 8 (1) (vi) of the Standing Orders, do admit into the Chamber, the immediate family Members of the out–going Clerk of the House of Representatives for the purpose of a Valedictory Session in his Honour".

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Mohammed Ibrahim and 53 Others:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mohammed Ibrahim and 53 Others against the Nigeria Defence Academy on the unlawful withdrawal and relegation of Mohammed Ibrahim and 53 Others" (*Referred:4/10/2020*).

2. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Mr. Samuel Umeadi Mogekwu:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr. Samuel Umeadi Mogekwu *against* the Central Bank of Nigeria for his wrongful dismissal from service and the blunt refusal of the Bank to comply with the resolution of the House (*Referred:* 19/11/2019).

3. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Hamza Ridwan B. A:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Hamza Ridwan B. A. against the Unity Bank Plc and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on the Fundamental Issues in the Bank (Referred: 24/9/2020).

4. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Support Staff of Warri Refinery and Petrochemical Company: Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Support Staff of Warri Refinery and Petrochemical Company, Delta State against the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on their continuous casualization" (*Referred:1/8/2019*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account the Total Sum of N189,512,094,100.00 (One Hundred and Eighty–Nine Billion, Five Hundred and Twelve Million, Ninety–Four Thousand, One Hundred Naira) only of which the Sum of N71,898,469,314.00 (Seventy–One Billion, Eight Hundred and Ninety–Eight Million, Four Hundred and Sixty–Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Fourteen Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs; and the Sum of N55,691,319,788.00 (Fifty–Five Billion, Six Hundred and Ninety–One Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty–Eight Naira) only, is for Overhead Cost; while the Balance of N61,922,304,998. 00 (Sixty–One Billion, Nine Hundred and Twenty–Two Million, Three Hundred and Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety–Eight Naira) only is for Capital Projects; for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja for the Financial year commencing from 1 January and ending on 31 December, 2020 (HB. 1102) (Leader) Second Reading.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electric Power Sector Reforms Act to Provide for the Electricity Distribution Companies to Reimburse any Power Consumer who incurs expenses in the Acquisition and Maintenance of Electricity Apparatus Connected to the National Grid in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 287) (Hon. Rollannd Igbakpa) Second Reading.
- 3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Film and Video Censors Board Act, Cap. N40, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Film and Video Censorship, Classification and Exhibition Regulatory Commission Bill for Classification of Films, Video Works, Musical Video and Video Games; and for Related Matters (HB.514) (Hon. Olusegun Odebunmi) Second Reading.
- 4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Defence Academy Act, Cap. N101, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for Establishment of Additional Campuses to give more Opportunities to Nigerian Youths wishing to take up careers in the Military; and for Related Matters (HB. 910) (Hon. Aniekan Umana) Second Reading.

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strengthen the Commission to conduct Investigations and sustain activities in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1072) (Hon. John Dyegh and Hon. Onofiok Luke) – Second Reading.

MOTIONS

6. Need to Investigate the Gruesome Murder of a Popular Trado-Medical Practitioner, Alhaji Fatai Yusuf A.K.A Oko. Oloyun: Hon. S. Ajibola Muraina

The House:

Notes the gruesome murder of a popular trado-medical practitioner, Alhaji Fatai Yusuf (Oko Oloyun) on Thursday 23 January 2020 while travelling along the Abeokuta-Igbo-Ora Isevin Road in Oyo State by hoodlums who overwhelmed his two police escorts;

Also notes that the deceased was killed at a point that is between two police checkpoints on the Eruwa-Igboora road which is noted for cases of kidnapping and robbery, but had rarely recorded cases of hired assassination;

Further notes that preliminary investigation by the police showed that Alhaji Yusuf was assassinated hours after some of his workers set fire on some financial book-keeping records due to an alleged book-keeping fraud he detected in his Lagos office:

Recalls incidents in year 2019 last year of the dastardly attacks carried out at Eruwa, Lanlate Igangan, Tapa and Ayete, Igboora and Idere in Ibarapa Central Local Government Area of Oyo State by armed bandits and criminal element, notorious for kidnappings, rape and extortion of large sums of money from victims;

Cognizant that the level of insecurity is attributed to the inability of security operative to secure the area, a development that negates the provision section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) which provides security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of Government thus leaving the people with no other option than to resort to to vigilante groups to tackle banditry, kidnappings and other criminal activity;

Resolves to:

- observe a minute of silence in honour of the deceased; *(i)*
- urge the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to direct a thorough investigation into the (ii) gruesome murder of Alhaji Fatai Yusuf and to review the security architecture of Ibarapa Central Local Government, Ibarapa North Local Government and Ibarapa East Local Government Areas of Oyo State and Nigeria as a whole and also upgrade Igangan Police Station in Ibarapa North Local Government Area to a Divisional Police headquarters for effective policing of the Local Government Area;
- also urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to carry out rehabilitation (iii) work on the Abeokuta–Igboora–Iseyin–Sokoto road;
- mandate the Committees on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and Police (iv) Affairs to ensure compliance;
- set-up an Ad-hoc Committee to visit and commiserate with the immediate family of the (v) deceased and the people and Government of Ovo State over the death of their illustrious son, whose death not only hurt his family, but also dealt a huge blow to many people benefiting from him.

7. Need to Regulate the Movement of Articulated Vehicles, Especially Fuel Tankers, on Nigerian Roads:

Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive.

The House

Notes that tanker explosion accidents have become regular occurrence on Nigerian roads and have continued to claim lives and properties on a regular basis, the most recent being the Onitsha tanker explosion which occurred on Friday, 18 October, 2020, barely 24 hours after a tanker laden with petroleum products fell into a ditch and spilled its content in the same town;

Also notes the regular accidents caused by trucks transporting containers from the ports to different parts of the country with cases of containers falling on the high way and crushing other vehicles and their occupants;

Aware that that the Anambra State Government, in a publication dated November 2, 2019, restricted the movement of articulated vehicles, especially tankers with petroleum products to the hours of 8pm to 5am following incessant accidents in the State;

Also aware that besides the loss of lives and properties caused by the accidents, the roads also suffer as they lack the capacity to carry such heavy duty vehicles loaded with goods, resulting in huge expenditure on road maintenance yearly, and in some other cases, being the major cause of traffic congestion in different parts of the country, thereby slowing down economic activities;

Cognizant that pipeline transmission is the safest mode of oil transportation and has been adopted by several civilized countries as it requires significantly less energy to operate than trucks or rail and also have a lower carbon footprint;

Also cognizant that the Federal Government has been working hard on revamping the Nigerian railway system in order to create an alternative approach to haulage of petroleum and other products, however there is an urgent need to enforce strict driving rules, safety standards and road worthiness of articulated vehicles, as well as regulate their movements across the country;

Believes that the policy of the Anambra State Government can be adopted nationwide, particularly in major cities, so as to protect the lives and properties of the citizens pending when alternative means of transportation of goods will be put in place;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Road Safety Commission to enforce strict driving rules, restrict movement of articulated vehicles within major cities to between 9pm to 8am, ensure road worthiness for articulated vehicles and also that their drivers possess mental health certification;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Transport to acquire cargo trains for transportation of goods;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Land Transport and Federal Road Safety Commission to ensure compliance.

8. Call for Construction of Roads in Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency: Hon. Preye Influence Oseke

The House:

Notes that Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency is an area covering one of the eight Local Government Areas which records an average crude production rate of 171,000 (one hundred and seventy-one thousand) barrels per day.

Also notes that economic assets of national concern in Southern Ijaw are a thriving and productive source of revenue for the Nigerian federation realized from the exploration and exploitation of crude for decades running;

Cognizant that the mission of the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing is to elevate Nigerian roads to a standard of veritable national economic assets and tools for national integration, rapid economic growth and national development;

Worried that the absence of roads in 113 (one hundred and thirteen) out of the 115 (one hundred and fifteen) autonomous communities in Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency spells a disconnect and disintegration of the Nigerian entity, and therefore results in backward underdevelopment for the people of the Southern Ijaw federal constituency;

Aware that though Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency is an area covering the largest and most populated of the eight local government areas in Bayelsa State with only two (Amassoma and Ayama), out of the one hundred and fifteen communities connected by road to the State Capital—Yenagoa and by implication other neighbouring states;

Also worried that despite the avowed and demonstrable belief in the oneness of the Nigerian federation vide the enormous contribution of Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency to the Federation Account, 98.26% (ninety-eight point two six percent) of communities still remain inaccessible by road;

Also aware that the entire Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency could be linked by a single road called the Southern Ijaw Road connecting Ibeni-Akeddei-Ogboinbiri-Gbaraun-Kokologbene-Apoi-Ukubie-Lobia-Koluama-Foropa-Ezetu Road, the Oporoma-Ondewari-Olugbobiri-Ikebiri-Koluama-Korokorosei-Ikeinghenbiri Road, and the Ayama-Igeibiri-Enewari-Opuama Road, and Oporoma-Onyuma-Ekowe-Peremabiri/Oporoma-Otuan and Ikibiri-Oweikoroghalink Road;

Further notes that the environment, being predominantly riverine, the said road, when constructed, will be very pivotal to the transportation of humans, goods and services thereby making it strategic for the local inhabitants as well as multinationals such as the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC), Chevron Limited, Shell Petroleum Development Company, Conoil, amongst others operating in the area;

Cognizant that the Yenagoa-Opuama-Peremabiri Road abandoned by the Federal Ministry of Works was to cover Peremabiri giving accessibility to the Peremabiri Rice Farm which, if reactivated, can generate enormous wealth and employment for our teeming unemployed youths;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to include the Southern Ijaw Roads project in its 2021 Budget estimate;
- (ii) also urge multinational companies operating in Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency to construct the aforementioned roads as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Works and Housing to interface with relevant agencies of government in ensuring that the Southern Ijaw Roads project is accorded the priority attention;

9. Need to ensure Strict Compliance with COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocols as Schools Resume:

Hon. Beni Lar:

The House:

Notes that due to community transmission of COVID-19 the Government announced closure of Schools in March, 2020;

Also notes that the mode of transmission of coronavirus is through contact with an infected person and aerosols;

Again notes that COVID-19 guidelines require Schools to have good ventilation, social distancing, facemasks and frequent hand washing facilities;

Aware that the closure of Schools has affected children negatively and in some countries like Israel, Lebanon, South Korea, Iran etc., they impose the lockdown on Schools after reopening because of resurgence of the virus;

Also aware that Article 6. 4 of the Federal Ministry of Education Guidelines for Schools reopening recommends that before reopening, all Schools must strictly adhere to all COVID–19 Protocols;

Concerned that unless COVID-19 guidelines are strictly complied with Nigeria may witness another resurgence of the virus;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 to ensure that there is strict compliance with
 - (a) COVID-19 guidelines in all Schools in Nigeria and that testing and isolation centres be setup on Campuses to ensure aggressive testing on Schools and Campuses;
 - (b) also urge the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) to carry out aggressive testing and quarterly review of the rate of transmission;
 - (c) further urge the Federal Government to direct that the number of students in a given class be minimized to comply with social distancing measures;
 - (d) mandate the Ad-hoc Committee on COVID-19 and Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to carry out a joint quarterly oversight on Campuses and Schools to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

10. Need to Eliminate the Menace of Illicit Drugs and their Attendant Consequences: Hon. Francis Ottah Agbo:

The House:

Notes that there is an organic correlation between the level of narcotic drug abuse and the frequency and severity of crimes in every society including Nigeria, as a result a vicious cycle of drugs-crimes is created, hence it is not surprising that those arrested for various types of crimes are drug addicts and traffickers;

Further notes that the incidents of drug abuse and addiction knows not age limits, as children adolescent and youths are getting more involved in criminal activities;

Regrets that the proliferation of drug abuse and the demand for illicit substances has created an underground economy where crimes flourish as opportunistic criminals battle for turf and proceeds while at the same time exploiting addicts, corrupting and victimizing innocent members of the society;

Aware that experience has shown the correlation with the current insecurity problems and an increased abuse of illegal substances;

Further aware that it is against this backdrop that President Muhammadu Buhari constituted the Advisory Committee on the Elimination of Drug Abuse, chaired by a Former Military Administrator of Lagos State, Brig. Gen. Buba Marwa (Rtd.);

Conscious of the fact that the culture of drugs and bloodshed is spreading fast as Nigeria is transiting from a trafficking corridor to a nest of Barons who possess enormous financial resources and live ostentatiously, consume conspicuously and glamorize both illicit drug use and drug trafficking;

Concerned that Cannabis described by the World Health Organization as the most abused drug globally, is the commonly used hard drug in Nigeria that can be found virtually every wherein the country;

Also concerned of the growing trend abuse of synthetic and designer drugs by Nigerians coupled with the increase in the number of Household items and other easily-accessible narcotizing agents such as amphetamine, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, plant thinner, glue, codeine-laced cough syrup, cement, and animal excreta which are widely abused in Nigeria;

Worried that the tragic phenomenon now affects all strata and demographic groups of Nigerian society;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to develop preventive strategies such as creating a general as well as a demographically-targeted enlightening campaign against drug abuse and its consequences and to direct the National Orientation Agency to device enlightenment Campaign Programme against drug abuse in the country;
- (ii) also urge relevant Federal Government Health Institutions to develop new and improved treatments to help people with substance abuse disorders recover and achieve a normal life;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Government to ensure increased funding of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency and to direct all relevant Federal Government Health Institutions to develop new and improved treatments to help people with substance abuse disorders recover and achieve a normal life;
- (iv) again urge the Federal Government to establish functional rehabilitation centers which will have the financial and bureaucratic status of Specialists Hospitals with Psychiatrists, Psychologist, Toxicologists, Professional Councilors and other Experts to manage these Hospitals;
- (v) mandate the Committees on Narcotic Drugs and Health Care Services to ensure the implementation of the resolution and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Need to Address the Increasing Rate of Brain Drain of Medical Personnel from Nigeria: Hon. Ganiyu Abiodun Johnson:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has one of the leading stocks of human resources for health in Africa but has failed to meet the health attention of its over 200 million people as a result of brain drain;

Also notes that the Nigeria Medical Association (NMA) in 2016 gave the statistics of about Five Thousand (5,000) medical workers leaving the country annually to developed countries making Nigeria the highest source of foreign born medical practitioners abroad;

Aware from studies that Nigeria has over Ninety Thousand (90,00) qualified Medical Doctors practicing abroad and in fact an average of fifty (50) doctors who had their primary Medical Education in Nigeria are said to be registering for practice every week in the United Kingdom (UK), United States of America (USA), Canada and the Oil rich countries;

Also aware that Saudi Arabia Health Ministry visit Nigeria every year to conduct screening for intending Medical Practitioner both in Abuja and Lagos to take them to their country for employment and Nigerian doctors are struggling for visa at British Embassy to travel to their country after they have even passed their compulsory Professional Linguistic Assessment Board (PLAB) exams at the British council;

Observes that some factors responsible for this development in Nigeria are inadequate infrastructure, poor human resources planning and management practices and structures, unsatisfactory working conditions characterized by heavy workloads and other factors such as lack of professional autonomy, poor supervision and support, long working hours, unsafe workplaces, inadequate career structures, poor working conditions and poor compensation packages are the factors contributing to the emigration from the country by surgeons, physicians, nurses and other medical professionals;

Worried that the exodus of medical practitioners in Nigeria has in particular contributed to acute shortages of specialized and experienced health professionals in the country and if not curbed, it will be tough for Nigeria to tackle poverty because health is actually the wealth;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Productivity to review the salary, allowance and welfare of Nigerian medical practitioners;
- (ii) call on the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Productivity to consider expanding the size of the medical practitioner in the country to create employment for the unemployed ones and develop a functional strategy that will attract diaspora Medical personnel to work at various teaching hospitals;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity to ensure the employment of the Nigerian medical practitioners;
- (iv) also mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to call other relevant stakeholders for an interactive session in other to proffer a lasting solution to Brain Drain of Medical Personnel from Nigeria.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

12. Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management:

Hon. Ahmed Safana Dayyabu: "That the House de consider the

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Promissory Notes Programme and Bond Issuance as refund to Rivers, Bayelsa, Cross River, Osun and Ondo States Government for projects executed on behalf of the Federal Government and approve the recommendations therein" (laid: 24/11/2020).

Approve the Promissory Notes Programme and Bond Issuance to settle outstanding claims and liabilities of five (5) State Governments in the sum of One Hundred and Forty–Eight Billion, One Hundred Forty–One Million, Nine Hundred and Sixty–Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-One Naira, Twenty–Four Kobo only (N148, 141, 969, 161. 24) based on the claims by each State as follows:

S/N	State	Amount
1.	Bayelsa State	38, 404, 564, 783. 40
2.	Cross River State	18, 394, 732, 608.85
3.	Ondo State	7, 822, 147, 577. 08
4.	Osun State	4, 567, 456, 673. 63

5.	Rivers State	78, 953, 067, 518, .29		
	Grand Total	148, 141, 969, 161 .24		

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 25 November, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Wednesday, 25 November, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Healthcare Services	Wednesday, 25 November, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 141 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Constituency Outreach	Wednesday, 25 November, 2020	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 304 (New Building) Assembly Complex