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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 1 December 2021

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine of Nigeria, Abuja (FEDCAM) and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.1649) (*Senate*) *Second Reading*.
- 2. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skills Acquisition, Ijebu-Ife, Ogun State, to Provide Full–Time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 1725) (Hon. Adesegun Abdel-Majid Adekoya) Second Reading.
- **3.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Chartered Institute of Emergency, Crisis and Disaster Risk Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 1707) (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata and 4 others*) *Second Reading*.

- **4.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Sobe, Edo State; and for Related Matters (HB.1493) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere*) *Second Reading*.
- 5. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal School of Nursing and Midwifery, Mushin, Lagos State; and for Related Matters (HB.1516) (Hon. Ali Adeyemi Taofeek) Second Reading.
- **6.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Polytechnic, Tombia for the Training of Graduands in Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics; and for Related Matters (HB.1333) (*Hon. Dagogo Farah*) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

7. Urgent Need to Recover Outstanding Debts owed the Federal Government by Oil and Gas Companies in Nigeria:

Hon. Ahmed Munir:

The House:

Notes the Report by the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) that 77 Oil and Gas Companies operating in Nigeria are owing the Federal Government over N2.6 trillion;

Also notes that the debts accrued from failure of the Firms to remit Petroleum Profit Tax, Company Income Tax, Education Tax, Value Added Tax, Withholding Tax, Royalties, Penalties and Concession on rentals to the Federal Government;

Concerned that such a huge debt is being overlooked at a critical time when the country needs funding for its annual budget;

Cognizant that if debts are recovered, the money could be used to service some of the Federal Government's debts as well as fund up to 16.2 per cent of the 2022 budget deficit;

Also cognizant that recovery of the debts is critical in this period of dwindling revenues especially as the Covid-19 pandemic has grossly affected the country's economy;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI), the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA), and the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) to provide necessary data needed to facilitate recovery of debts owed the Federal Government by Oil and Gas Companies;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Finance to liaise with relevant agencies to ensure that the 77 Oil and Gas companies pay the respective accrued debts to the Federal Government.

8. Call for Urgent Response to the Devastating Floods in Ebonyi State: Hon. Chinedu N. Ogah:

The House:

Notes the devastating floods in Amagu, Item-Amagu, Echara, Enyimagu, Alike and other major Communities in Ikwo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State;

Also notes that the flood, which was caused by persistent heavy rainfall, resulted in the loss of lives, collapsed houses, displaced residents and washed away farmlands;

Aware that the Nigerian Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA), in its Annual Flood Outlook, categorised the likely impact of this year's flood as ranging from moderate to severe, but the general impact in most Communities in Ebonyi State has been very severe as most affected areas remain submerged;

Worried that members of the affected Communities now live in poorly organized settlements, under unsanitary conditions;

Also worried that if steps are not urgently taken to help the affected Communities, which already do not have standard medical facilities, there may be an outbreak of epidemic capable of killing a large number of the inhabitants;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to embark on immediate evacuation and resettlement of inhabitants of the affected communities to a temporary camp for displaced persons;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social development, and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently mobilise relief materials to the flood-affected areas;
- (iii) call on the Federal Government to, as a matter of urgency, provide an economic intervention programme to cushion the effects of the disaster;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance.

9. Need to Provide Security Measures in Federal Government and Private Schools in Nigeria: Hon. Taiwo Oluga:

The House:

Notes that Section 14(2)(b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of government, while Section 18 of the Constitution provides for the Educational Objectives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and mandates the Federal Government to ensure equal and adequate educational opportunities for all citizens at all levels and also that government must strive to eradicate illiteracy, provide free, compulsory and universal primary and secondary education;

Also notes that regardless of those objectives, the United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) Report of 2018 stipulated that of every five (5) out–of–school children in the world, one (1) is a Nigerian Child, the Report further states that approximately 10.5 million children in Nigeria between 5–14 years of age are out of school, 60% of 6–1 years of age children regularly attend primary schools and only 35.6% of children of age between 36 months–59 months receive early child education;

Aware that despite these frightening statistics on education in Nigeria, there is an aggressive assault on education in Nigeria, mainly by the dreaded Boko Haram and Bandits in the North that have developed a penchant for massive abduction of children, thereby increasing the number of out of school children in Nigeria;

Concerned that despite these development, the Federal Ministry of Education, the States Ministries of Education and Private School Owners have not taken steps to provide adequate security in schools across the country to prevent attacks;

Appreciates the Federal Government's intervention in School Feeding Program however, there is an urgent need to provide adequate security for schools in the country to ensure the safety of school pupils;

Resolves to:

(i) Urge the Federal Government to deal more decisively with the issue of Banditry and Kidnappings in Nigeria and consider proscribing kidnappers as terrorists;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education to deploy technology and logistics to provide security in Government Schools in Nigeria;
- (iii) further urge all Private School owners across the country to deploy adequate security in their schools;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to ensure compliance.
- 10. Need to Ascertain the Total Consolidated Inventory, Assets, Interests and Liabilities of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and its Subsidiaries Before Transfer to the NNPC Limited to Ensure a Glossary Accounting System:

 Hon, Ibrahim A, Isiaka:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) was established on April 1, 1977, as a merger of the Nigerian National Oil Corporation and the Federal Ministry of Petroleum and Energy Resources;

Also notes that the NNPC is empowered to manage the joint venture between the federal government and several foreign multinational corporations with assets and interests on land, swamp, continental shelf and deep waters;

Aware that in 1988, the NNPC was commercialized into 12 strategic business units covering the entire spectrum of oil industry operations including exploration and production, gas development, refining, distribution, petrochemicals engineering and commercial investments among others;

Also aware that in line with Section 53 (1) of the Petroleum Industry Act (PIA), the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited was registered and incorporated by the Corporate Affairs Commission on September 22nd, 2021 as a Limited Liability Company with an initial capital of N200 Billion, which was regarded as the highest share capital holding in Nigeria;

Cognizant of Section 53 (3) of the PIA, which vests ownership of the NNPC Limited on the Federal Government through the Ministry of Finance, which are both financed by the Nigerian People, but recognizes NNPC limited as an Agent;

Also cognizant that Section 88 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) empowers the National Assembly to carry out investigations into matters to which it has powers to make laws;

Further cognizant of the need to boost investors' confidence and enhance transparency and efficiency in the supply chain management of the newly established NNPC Ltd owing to the outstanding credit sales and the much-needed revenues by the Federal Government to support annual budgets;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Finance, Petroleum Resources (Upstream), Petroleum Resources (Downstream) and Gas Resources to conduct investigations into the consolidated Inventory, Assets, Interest and Liabilities of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries to ensure a legitimate transition process of NNPC/NNPC Limited and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Call for Expansion of Facilities at Osubi-Warri Airport: Hon. Oberuakpefe Anthony Afe:

The House:

Notes that the Osubi-Warri Airport known as Warri Airport is an important facility that was privately owned, operated by Shell and is located at Osubi Community in Okpe Local Government Area Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency of Delta State;

Also notes that the airport was built to ease air movements and attract commercial activities to enhance the economic development of the area;

Worried that the Osubi-Warri Airport operated for several years until its operators became incapable of running it, leading to termination of the contract in February 2020 by the Management of the Civil Aviation Authority;

Recalls that in February 2021, the House passed a resolution and resolved that the Ministry of Aviation should see to the re-opening of the Osubi–Warri Airport;

Aware that the Federal Government has gracefully approved the re-opening of the Osubi–Warri Airport for operations in response to the call and plight of the people which is a welcome development;

Convinced that the expansion of the runway will accommodate bigger Aircraft which will, in turn, boost the commercial activities in the oil—rich areas considering the volume of passengers that ply the Lagos-Warri-Abuja routes as the present passenger Aircraft is not sufficient;

Appreciates President Muhammadu Buhari (GCFR), Delta State Governor His Excellency, Senator (Dr) Ifeanyi Authur Okowo, the Minister of Aviation, the Management of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) and Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) for Re-opening of the Osubi–Warri Airport;

Resolves to:

Urge the Ministry of Aviation and other relevant Agencies to commence the expansion of the facilities at the Airport to accommodate bigger Aircraft that will increase the economic activities of Warri and its environs.

12. Urgent Need to Reconnect Communities in Shongom Local Government Area of Gombe State to the National Grid

Hon. Karu Simon Elisha:

The House:

Notes that the project for the construction of 33KVA lines from Boh in Shongom Local Government of Gombe State to other towns and villages was initiated in 2013 but was subsequently destroyed by windstorms and vandals, leaving the project in an abandoned state;

Also notes that the scope of the project included transformer substations and town distribution networks from Labeke, Pokata, Boh, Lawishi, Lalaipido, Filiya, Kushi, Burak, Gundale, Gwandum, Bangunji and neighbouring villages;

Worried that the long absence of power supply has adversely affected socio-economic activities of the people and further increased the poverty rate within the affected communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Power to reconnect Lalaipido, Labeke, Pokata, Boh, Kushi, Gwandum, Bagunji, Burak and other villages in Shongom Local Government of Gombe State to the National grid;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Power to ensure compliance.

13. Call to Rehabilitate Amansea–Ugwuoba Road Axis of Enugu –Onitsha Expressway: Hon. Sam Chinedu Onwuaso:

The House:

Notes that Amansea-Ugwuoba axis of the Enugu-Onitsha expressway is the only road that connects Anambra and Enugu States;

Also notes that the deplorable condition of the road calls for government's intervention, as road users spend 5-7 hours in the gridlock daily;

Further notes that the vice-president, Yemi Osinbajo, during an official visit to Anambra State, experienced a similar fate on Tuesday, 24 August 2021;

Aware that the road has not witnessed any form of rehabilitation as farmers find it difficult to transport farm produce during the rainy season;

Concerned that with the deep potholes and gully erosion on the road caused by torrential rainfalls, it has not only become a death trap for commuters and residents of adjoining communities but also a breeding ground for robbery and other criminal activities;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to commence rehabilitation of the road to avoid further disaster and deterioration with the attendant hardships on commuters and residents;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to provide palliative measures on the road, to ease the movement of goods and services;
- (iii) mandate Committees on Works and FERMA to ensure compliance

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- **14.** A Bill for an Act to Establish the Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN) charged with Responsibilities to, among others, Provide Community Policing, Maintenance of Law and Order and Community Service for Nigerians; and for Related Matters (HB. 437) (*Leader*) *Adjourned Consideration:18/11/2021*.
- **15.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Education, Kontagora; and for Related Matters (HB.1136) (*Senate*) (*Leader*) *Committee of the 12/10/2021*.
- **16.** A Bill for an Act to Provide a Legal Framework to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Mubi; and for Related Matters (HB.1342) (*Senate*) (*Leader*) *Committee of the Whole:14/7/2021*
- 17. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-Modal Economic Regulatory Authority and Provide for a Legal Frame work for the Economic Regulation of Transport Services in the Industry; and for Related Matters (HB.1082) (*Leader*) *Committee of the Whole: 16/11/2021*.

18. Committee on Health Institutions:

Hon. Paschal Obi.

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ogoja, Cross Rivers State; and for Related Matters (HB. 276) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid:13/10/2021*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee(s)	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 1 December 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Wednesday, 1 December 2021	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex