FOURTH REPUBLIC 9TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (2019–2023) THIRD SESSION No. 109



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 9 February 2022

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Report of the Conference Committee:

Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Maritime Security Trust Fund for Training, Provision of Security Equipment and Regulate Facilities, Enhance the Skills of the Personnel of the Nigerian Navy; and for Related Matters (HB. 1243) (*Referred:* 28/9/2021).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

- 1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (as amended) to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Kirikasamma; and for Related Matters (HB.1820) *Third reading*.
- **2.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Institute for Cultural Orientation Act, Cap. N48, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 947) (Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai) Second Reading.

- **3.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Share, Kwara State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1633) (*Hon. Jimoh Abdul Raheem Olajide*) *Second Reading*.
- **4.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment and Composition of Agricultural Development Trust Fund (ADETFUND); and for Related Matters (HB. 948) (Hon. Ademorin A. Kuye) Second Reading.
- 5. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Medical and Health Science, Ondo, Ondo State for Training and Research in the field of Medical and Health Sciences in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1770) (Hon. Abiola Peter Makinde) Second Reading.
- **6.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Health Act, 2014; and for Related Matters (HB. 1611) (*Hon. Sergius Ogun*) *Second Reading*.
- 7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Trade Disputes Act, Cap. T8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Prohibit Medical Practitioners in the Employment of Federal, State and Local Governments (as Employees in the Essential Service Sector) from embarking on Strike and to Accelerate Administrative and Judicial proceedings in the Determination of Trade Disputes involving them; and for Related Matters (HB. 1618) (Hon. Simon Chukwuemeka Atigwe) Second Reading.
- **8.** A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Nigerian Merchant Navy Coast Guard, Security and Safety Corps charged with Responsibility for the Security and Safety of Coastline Waters and Nigeria Merchant Navy; and for Related Matters (HB. 1160) (Hon. Tajudeen Adeyemi Adefisoye) Second Reading.

MOTIONS

9. Committal of Three Bills:

- (i) Federal College of Education, Birniwa (Establishment), Bill, 2020 (HB.383);
- (ii) Federal Capital Territory, Abuja Area Courts Bill, 2021 (HB. 67);
- (iii) National Agricultural Development Fund (Establishment), Bill, 2021 (HB. 1319).

Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata:

The House:

Notes that the above-listed Bills were passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the President Assent;

Also notes that the Bills were returned from the President with comments which, if addressed, the Bills may be represented to the President for assent;

Resolves to:

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

10. Call to Rehabilitate Malondo to Warah Road in Ngaski/Shanga/Yauri Federal Constituency of Kebbi State:

Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu:

The House:

Notes that Land Transportation is an important means of transportation or movement of humans, goods and enhancing services delivery in the country;

Also notes that Malondo to Warrah road serves as a link between the South-West and some part of North-West, it is also an important route for conveying agricultural produce such as rice from Kebbi State;

Aware that the road is about 70 kilometers, commuters spend approximately five hours or more on transit during the rainy season and this has brought untold hardships especially to patients under referrals thus leading to loss of lives and complications;

Also aware that Kebbi State Government has rehabilitated the road about two years ago but yet to be reimbursed, however, the road is still in deplorable condition due to heavy trunks following the road;

Further aware that the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) had late last year commenced rehabilitation works covering about 8 to 9 kilometers on the Malondo Road;

Worried by the negative impact of the road on the socio-economic, security and free movement of persons, goods, and services of the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to resume the rehabilitation of Malondo to Warrah road which was commenced last year;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works and FERMA to ensure compliance.

11. Need for Federal Government's Intervention in the Crisis between Ichen and Chamb-Dakka Communities in Kurmi Local Government Area of Taraba State: Hon. David Abel Fuoh:

The House:

Notes that according to reports, eight people were allegedly killed and properties worth millions of Naira destroyed with over three thousand people displaced in Bisaula and Gwanda communities following the communal clash between Ichen and Chamb-Dakka people of Kurmi Local Government Area of Taraba State;

Aware that the State Government, in collaboration with the stakeholders of the affected Communities, took some steps to restore peace in the area but despite the efforts, there is still tension in the affected communities;

Concerned that the communal clashes have resulted in the displacement of millions of the people who are currently taking refuge in Baissa, Didan, Sabon Gida Tukura, as they lack adequate resources to cater for the refugees from neighbouring states as well as those from Cameroun;

Also concerned that Taraba State is overwhelmingly overstretched as it is currently camping over 250,000 Internally Displaced victims of attacks and killings by armed bandits and militants from the neighbouring states;

Worried that if the Federal Government fails to intervene, the crisis in Kurmi Local Government Area may escalate despite efforts of the State Government;

Also worried that despite the hardships experienced by displaced persons camped at Bisaula Community in Kurmi Local Government Area of Taraba State, humanitarian and security agencies have not done enough to ameliorate their plight;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the Federal Government to put an effective mechanism in place towards preventing the reoccurrence of the communal clash between the two ethnic groups.
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) as well as other humanitarian agencies to establish more refugee camps in Kurmi Local Government Area of Taraba State;
- (iii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development, as well as National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other humanitarian agencies to deploy relief materials to the displaced persons and victims of the communal crisis;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance

12. Need to Rehabilitate the Collapsed Kanke-Langtang Road: Hon. Beni Lar:

The House:

Notes that roads are critical to the economic development of any nation, it enhances social benefits by providing access to employment, social, health and education services;

Also notes that Kanke-Langtang road, which was constructed in 1979 has collapsed; thus slowing down development in the surrounding communities;

Aware that according to statistics by the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), between 2015 and in 2016, there were twelve thousand and seventy-seven (12,077) road accidents of which 5,400 persons died, while the Nigeria Bureau of Statistics stated that there were eleven thousand three hundred and sixty-three (11,363) road crashes with 5,053 deaths in 2017, and the numbers continue to be high every year;

Cognizant that the loss of lives continues unabated due to poor roads maintenance in the country;

Concerned that Kanke- Langtang road in Plateau State has degenerated to such a deplorable state that plying the road has become extremely hazardous;

Worried about the reoccurring accidents due to the deplorable state of the road thus frustrating travelers and exposing them to the risk of being robbed or kidnapped;

Also worried that if the road is not urgently rehabilitated, transportation which is one of the major drivers of economic growth will completely become unbearable, thereby grounding the economic activities of the people;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to take urgent steps to rehabilitate the Kanke-Langtang road in Plateau State;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure compliance.

13. Need to Develop African Traditional Medicine in Nigeria: Hon. Bashiru Ayinla Dawodu:

The House:

Notes that herbal-based traditional medicines and phytomedicine play significant roles in disease management in Africa and are widely used as alternative medicines;

Also notes that since in 2019, the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) ravaged the world, and as scientists try to find a cure for it, research in traditional and orthodox medicine as a potential therapy for the virus have been prevented from being made public;

Further notes that herbal medicines are naturally occurring plant-derived substances used to treat various ailments, thus there is a crucial need to research plant-based medicine;

Aware that there have been several declarations as regards herbal remedies for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19, but such claims are difficult to verify because of lack of documented evidence;

Also aware that developing traditional medicines research has a huge potential for health and socio-economic development in Nigeria and the African continent at large;

Further aware that as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread in Africa, there is a need to increase and promote the use of herbal-based treatments for the disease;

Concerned that currently, no herbal remedy has been validated for prevention or treatment of COVID-19;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Institute for Research and Development to use the center for the development of Traditional Medicine:
- (ii) also urge the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to intensify its effort on traditional medicine:
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to ensure compliance.

14. Need to Construct an Airstrip in Michika Town to Enhance Security and Economic Activities in the North East Zone:

Hon. Zakaria Dauda Nyanpa:

The House:

Notes that Michika town in Madagali/Michika Federal Constituency is one of the most populated Local Government Area in Adamawa State, endowed with the highest agricultural potentials, and the highest number of political wards with a significant number of Federal Institutions;

Also notes that Michika is a strategic border town surrounded by Madagali, and Gwoza in Borno State from the eastern part, Hong and Mubi North from the South, Askira Uba in Borno State from the North and Cameroon Republic from the West, thus, requires an airstrip for efficient operations;

Further notes that Michika enjoys proximity with the Sukur Kingdom in Madagali which is one of the few cultural sites recognized by the United Nations Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and is approximately 30km from where the Airstrip is proposed to be located;

Aware that the few Airstrips at Gombe and Yobe are too far from Michika and therefore cannot make any significant impact on the plight of the people of Michika;

Also aware that 100 hectares of land at Bazza community, which is strategically located at Yola-Maiduguri highway is a good location for the project;

Concerned that the non-existence of Airstrip is an impediment to economic activities in Madagali/Michika Federal Constituency and the entire North East given its endowment in natural resources, border location, dense population, and high commercial enterprise;

Also concerned that the nearby Airports at Yola, Maiduguri, and Gombe are all located at more than 200km from Michika, which compels most people to travel by road to their different destinations for business and governmental activities among others despite the high rate of insecurity and dilapidated condition of the roads;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to construct an Airstrip in Kudzum Bazza town of Madagali/ Michika Federal Constituency, Adamawa State;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Aviation, Works and North East Development Commission to ensure implementation.

15. Need to Establish Fire Stations in Communities Hosting Petrol Tank Farms in Nigeria: Hon. Thomas Ereyitomi:

The House:

Notes that there have been reports of recurring fire outbreaks at various Tank Farms and involving fuel tankers in Ubeji Ifiekporo in Warri South Local Government Area of Delta State, Apapa and Ojo areas of Lagos State, Calabar in Cross River State, and more recently, Onitsha and Umuahia in Anambra and Abia States respectively, which have led to the loss of lives and properties worth billions of naira.

Also notes that most of the Tank Farms are located in residential and densely populated areas;

Concerned that the fire safety regulations monitored by the Department of Petroleum Resources, which has been replaced by the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority in the Petroleum Industry Act, by which tank farm operators abide, have not done much to curb fire outbreaks in tank farms

Also concerned that residents of the communities where the Tank Farms are located have, over the years, suffered irreparable damage, losing loved ones, properties and their means of livelihood destroyed;

Worried that there are insufficient fire stations in the areas hosting the Tank Farms and the colossal damages from the fire have been as a result of the late response by the existing fire service, owing to the long distance between the fire stations and the tank farms;

Cognizant of the need for more Fire Stations around the hazard-prone communities where petrol Tank Farms are located to ensure quick response during emergencies and thus, save lives and properties;

Resolves to:

- (i) Observe a minute silence for victims who lost their lives in fire outbreaks at tank farms across the country;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to establish Fire Stations within communities hosting tank farms across the country;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Interior to ensure implementation.

16. Explosion of a Crude Oil Vessel at the Escravos Estuary in Delta State: Hon. Julius Pondi:

The House:

Notes the report of a massive explosion which occurred recently on floating production storage and offloading crude oil vessel called the trinity Spirit and its subsequent sinking off the coast of the country at the Escravos Estuary in Delta State;

Also notes that the incident raised fears that the crew members on the vessel may have died in the fire blaze that engulfed the ship after the explosion;

Further notes that the Trinity Spirit Vessel was the main production facility for the OML 108 in Nigeria's offshore Ukpokiti oil field in the Niger Delta, with the capacity to process up to twenty-two thousand barrels of crude oil per day with a storage capacity of 2 Million barrels;

Worried that the explosion of the vessel, which had Fifty Thousand barrels of oil in storage when it exploded, has negatively impacted the country's economy, and may take a long time to recover;

Also worried about the environmental impact the explosion has had on the immediate and surrounding coastal communities such as pollution of the waters, death of aquatic animals, and the dispersal of surviving fish, with its attendant economic hardship on the people who are predominantly seafood farmers;

Commends the assistance rendered by the Chevron team operating in the Escravos Estuary, the clean Nigeria Associates, community stakeholders, and local fishermen who responded swiftly to save the burning vessel;

Cognizant of the need to urgently provide relief materials to the affected communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the Federal Government to urgently mitigate the effects of the explosion on affected communities by embarking on a clean-up of the polluted waters and the coastlands, as well as provide relief materials and pay adequate compensation to those affected by the oil spill;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Petroleum Resources to investigate the cause of the explosion on the Floating Production Storage and Offloading Vessel FPSO, the Trinity Spirit to prevent a recurrence of the incident;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) to conduct an on-the-spot assessment of the area of the incident to make recommendations towards averting a recurrence and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

17. Report of the Conference Committee:

Hon. Yusuf Adamu Gagdi:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Maritime Security Trust Fund for Training, Provision of Security Equipment and Regulate Facilities, Enhance the Skills of the Personnel of the Nigerian Navy; and for Related Matters (HB. 1243) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid:* 8/2/2022).

18. Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

Hon. Aminu Suleiman:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Polytechnic, Garko, Kano State that Shall Provide Full-Time Courses in Technology, Social Sciences, Applied Science, Management and Other Fields of Study and to Make Provisions for the General Administration of the Polytechnic; and for Related Matters (HB. 820) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid:* 6/7/2021).

19. Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

Hon. Aminu Suleiman:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Sports, Afuze, Edo State to make Comprehensive Provisions for Its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB 628) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid:1/7/2021*).

20. Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:

Hon. Aminu Suleiman:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Omu–Aran 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 the Discipline of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 131) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 1/7/2021*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee(s)	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 9 February 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex

2.	Public Petitions (Investig Hearing)	ative	Wednesday, 9 February 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Ad-hoc Committee to Address Possible Breach of National Sec under the Peaceful Protest Acros Country	urity	Thursday, 10 February 2022	3.00 p.m.	Speaker's Conference Room 414 (New Building) Assembly Complex

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