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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Federal Roads Authority Bill, 2023 (HB.288) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading.*
2. National Roads Fund Bill, 2023(HB.305) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading.*
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6. Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2023(HB.309) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading.*
7. National Postgraduate College of Medical Laboratory Science (Establishment) Bill, 2023(HB.310) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading.*
8. Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB.311) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading.*

9. Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB.312) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
10. Nigeria Police Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB.313) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
11. ECOWAS Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons, their Ammunition and other Related Materials (Ratification and Enforcement) Bill, 2023(HB.314) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
12. Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.315) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
13. Corrupt Practices and other related Offences (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB.316) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
14. Psychiatric Hospitals Management Board (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB.317) (*Hon. Dumnamene Dekor*) – *First Reading*.
15. National Institute for Sports Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB.318) (*Hon. Dumnamene Dekor*) – *First Reading*.
16. Court of Appeal Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB.319) (*Hon. Babajimi Benson*) – *First Reading*.
17. Estate Surveyors and Valuers (Registration, etc) Act. (Amendment), 2023(HB.320) (*Hon. Akintunde Rotimi*) – *First Reading*.
18. Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act (Amendment) 2023 (HB.321) (*Hon. Akintunde Rotimi*) – *First Reading*.
19. Professional Bodies (Special Provision) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.322) (*Hon. Akintunde Rotimi*) – *First Reading*.
20. Federal College of Agriculture, Orhionmwon / Uhunmwode, Edo State Bill, 2023 (HB.323) (*Hon. Billy Osawaru*) – *First Reading*.
21. Nigerian Association of Paralegals (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.324) (*Hon. Paschal Agbodike*) – *First Reading*.
22. Public Procurement Practitioners Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.325) (*Hon. Paschal Agbodike*) – *First Reading*.
23. Food Vendors (Registration) Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.326) (*Hon. Paschal Agbodike*) – *First Reading*.
24. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Mbozi, Anambra State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.327) (*Hon. Paschal Agbodike*) – *First Reading*.
25. Federal College of Aviation Technology, Ihala, Anambra State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.328) (*Hon. Paschal Agbodike*) – *First Reading*.
26. National Institute for Vocational and Technical Education, Uli, Anambra State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.329) (*Hon. Paschal Agbodike*) – *First Reading*.
27. Federal College of Agriculture, Abi, Cross River State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.330) (*Hon. Alex Egbona*) – *First Reading*.

28. Explosives Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.331) (*Hon. Whingan Sesi Oluwaseun*) – *First Reading*.
29. Internet Child Pornography Prevention Bill (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.332) (*Hon. Whingan Sesi Oluwaseun*) – *First Reading*.
30. Palm Oil Development Bill (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.333) (*Hon. Whingan Sesi Oluwaseun*) – *First Reading*.
31. Agriculture (control of Importation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.334) (*Hon. Whingan Sesi Oluwaseun*) – *First Reading*
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33. Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analyst of Nigeria Bill (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.336) (*Hon. Whingan Sesi Oluwaseun*) – *First Reading*.
34. National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.337) (*Hon. Whingan Sesi Oluwaseun*) – *First Reading*.
35. Cancer Registry Bill (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.338) (*Hon. Whingan Sesi Oluwaseun*) – *First Reading*.
36. Estate Surveyor and Valuers (Registration, etc. (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.339) (*Hon. Whingan Sesi Oluwaseun*) – *First Reading*.
37. Environmental Health Bill (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.340) (*Hon. Whingan Sesi Oluwaseun*) – *First Reading*.
38. Oil and Gas Investment & Free Zone Bill (Repeal and Enact) Bill, 2023 (HB.341) (*Hon. Whingan Sesi Oluwaseun*) – *First Reading*.
39. Central Bank of Nigeria Act (Repeal) Bill, 2023 (HB.342) (*Hon. Ademorin Kuye*) – *First Reading*.
40. Administration of Criminal Justice Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.343) (*Hon. Miriam Onuoha*) – *First Reading*.
41. Payment of Judgement Debt by Federal Government (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.344) (*Hon. Miriam Onuoha*) – *First Reading*.
42. Pharmaceutical Technologist and Pharmacy Technician Council of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.345) (*Hon. Sani Madaki*) – *First Reading*.
43. Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.346) (*Hon. Sani Madaki*) – *First Reading*.
44. Dave Umahi Federal University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.347) (*Hon. Chinedu Ogah*) – *First Reading*.
45. Federal Medical Centre Obukpa, Bill, 2023 (HB.348) (*Hon. Mark Obetta*) – *First Reading*.
46. Federal Medical Centre, Atan – Ota (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.349) (*Hon. Olatunji Akinosi*) – *First Reading*.
47. Federal University of Technology, Atan – Ota (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.350) (*Hon. Olatunji Akinosi*) – *First Reading*.

48. Tertiary Hospitals Development Tax Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.351) (*Hon. Olatunji Akinosi*) – *First Reading*.
49. Nigerian Heroes Welfare Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.352) (*Hon. Ademorin Kuye*) – *First Reading*
50. National Institute for Creative and Performing Arts, Ikate Surulere, Lagos State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.353) (*Hon. Lanre Okunlola*) – *First Reading*.
51. National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Itire, Lagos State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.354) (*Hon. Lanre Okunlola*) – *First Reading*.
52. Federal College of Education, Ijesha, Lagos State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.355) (*Hon. Lanre Okunlola*) – *First Reading*.
53. National Sport Development Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.356) (*Hon. Lanre Okunlola*) – *First Reading*.
54. National Children Entrepreneur Training (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.357) (*Hon. Lanre Okunlola*) – *First Reading*.
55. Nigerian Rural Health Care Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.358) (*Hon. Lanre Okunlola*) – *First Reading*.
56. National Institute for Technical and Vocational Education, Minijibir, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.359) (*Hon. Adamu Sani Wakil*) – *First Reading*.
57. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ungogo, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.360) (*Hon. Adamu Sani Wakil*) – *First Reading*.
58. Federal Capital Territory Customary Court Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.361) (*Hon. Aminu Balele*) – *First Reading*.
59. Petroleum Training Institute Ibeno, Akwa Ibom State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.362) (*Hon. Okpolupm Etteh*) – *First Reading*.
60. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Eket, Akwa Ibom State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.363) (*Hon. Okpolupm Etteh*) – *First Reading*.
61. Federal College of Education (Technical) Akpet, Cross River State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.364) (*Hon. Emil Inyang*) – *First Reading*.
62. Federal College of Agriculture and Forestry Oban – Akamkpa, Cross River State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.365) (*Hon. Emil Inyang*) – *First Reading*.
63. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Akpet, Cross River State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.366) (*Hon. Emil Inyang*) – *First Reading*.
64. National Mathematical Centre, (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.367) (*Hon. Matthew Nwogu*) – *First Reading*.
65. Joint Admission and Matriculation Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.368) (*Hon. Matthew Nwogu*) – *First Reading*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:

Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:

Hon. Julius Ihonvere:

- (i) *Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Otu-Jeremi, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.221);*
- (ii) *Broadcasting Practitioners' Council of Nigeria Bill, 2023(HB.247) ;*
- (iii) *African Union Development Agency Bill, 2023(HB.271);*
- (iv) *African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Nigeria Bill, 2023(HB.272);*
- (v) *National Commission for Museum and Monuments (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023(HB. 274);*
- (vi) *Alex Ekwueme Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki (Establishment) Bill, 2023(HB. 281);*
- (vii) *Satellite Towns Development Agency Bill, 2023(HB.290); and*
- (viii) *Federal College of Education, Omu Aran Kwara State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 185).*

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negated or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negated or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bill, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, 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 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. 221, 247, 271, 272, 274, 281, 290 and 185 read the first time, respectively;

Resolves to:

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

2. Need to Rehabilitate Emere - Okaba - Adoka Road to Ayangba-Ankpa-Otukpa Road- and Complete the Abandoned Ankpa - Onyagede Road in Kogi State:

Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Halims:

The House:

Notes that Emere - Okaba - Adoka Road, Ayangba-Ankpa-Otukpa roads in Kogi State are Federal Roads and are major roads linking Kogi, Benue to the North Central and Southern States of the country;

Also notes that the Ankpa - Onyagede road is a major road which connects Kogi State to the Northern and Southern States of Nigeria traversing four constituencies in Kogi, Benue and Nasarawa States through which farmers and traders transport goods and, services;

Aware that approximately N33million for the general maintenance of Ayangba-Ankpa- Benue border (Otukpa) roads was included the 2023 budget under Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA);

Worried that a portion of the Emere - Okaba - Adoka road in Kogi State is seriously damaged as a result of gully erosion and now a death trap, a den of Kidnappers leading to loss of lives, goods and services worth millions of Naira;

Cognizant that if the Emere-Okaba-Adoka road is not urgently rehabilitated it will cut off connectivity in the affected areas and by extension parts of the North Central and Southern States of the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing through the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to rehabilitate the affected portion of the Emere - Okaba - Adoka road in Kogi State to avoid further loss of lives and properties;
- (ii) also urge the Ecological Fund Office to remedy the ecological challenge posed by the gully erosion on the Emere - Okaba - Adoka road and also ensure the provision of Fund in the 2024 Budget estimate to comprehensively solve the Ecological challenge of the road in Kogi State;
- (iii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to include the Construction of the abandoned Ankpa - Onyagede road and the rehabilitation of the dilapidated 100km Emere - Okaba - Adoka road in the 2024 Budget estimates;
- (iv) again urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to make provision for the general maintenance of Ayangba- Ankpa-Otukpa roads in the 2023 to 2024 Budget estimates; and
- (v) mandate the Committees on Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and Ecological Fund to ensure compliance.

**3. Need to Rehabilitate the Electricity Installations along Hadejia-Yalo Unguwan Jibrin Kaugama/Malam Madori Federal Constituency of Kaugama Local Government Area:
Hon. Makki Abubakar Yalleman:**

The House:

Notes that the deteriorating state of the Electricity installations resulted in significant hardships for residents and businesses in the affected area, undermining economic development and the overall well-being of the Kaugama/Malam Madori Federal Constituency;

Also notes that Hadejia-Yalo to Unguwan Jibrin is an important corridor in serving as a critical route and home to a significant number of residents of the area;

Concerned that the lack of reliable electricity supply along this stretch has hindered progress and development in the area. The existing electricity infrastructure is outdated and has been reduced to rubble, hence the need for rehabilitation to meet the growing demands of the population;

Also concerned that the unreliable of power supply has a detrimental effect on education and health care services, Educational institutions struggle to provide a conducive learning environment due to inadequate lighting and the inability to power essential equipment. Students' academic performance are compromised, and the overall quality of education suffers.

Observe that the healthcare facilities face challenges in the delivery of critical medical services, including refrigeration of vaccines, operation of medical equipment, and providing round-the-clock care to patients;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Power and Rural Electrification Agency (REA) to, as a matter of urgency, ensure timely rehabilitation of the electricity installations along Hadejia-Yalo- Unguwan Jibrin of Kaugama local government of Jigawa state;

- (ii) also ensure the Electricity Distribution Companies access the feasibility of extending the power grid and improving distribution networks in the constituency; and
- (iii) mandate the committee on power (when constituted) to ensure compliance.

4. Need to Investigate the Irregularities and Alleged Corruption in the Nigerian Energy Security Provider, NNPC Retail Limited and the Acquisition of OVH Energy Marketing:

Hon. Miriam Onuoha
Hon. Abdullahi Aliyu
Hon. Clement Akan:

Hon. Dabo Ismal Haruna
Hon. Sadiq Ango

Hon. Mark Chidi Obeto
Hon. Aliyu Gara

The House:

Notes that the NNPC Retail is a subsidiary of NNPC Limited saddled with the responsibility of retailing fuel and allied products to the Nigerian populace, with about 700 company-owned stations and affiliates across all states;

Aware that the recent enactment of the Petroleum Industry Act, NNPC Limited was commercialized and expected to fund its operations. To achieve this feat, NNPC Limited deployed a plan to grow the assets of NNPC Retail Limited (NRL) which included the acquisition of other downstream companies;

Also aware that on October 1, 2022, NNPC Limited announced the outright acquisition of OVH Energy (OVH) and Apapa SPM Limited (an affiliate of OVH Energy) to strengthen its downstream business portfolio, enhance profitability and guarantee national energy security;

Concerned that before the acquisition, OVH Energy claimed to have about 380 company-owned stations, a jetty (ASPM) WITH 240,000 MT, Eight (8) LPG plants, three (3) Lubricants blending plants, three (3) aviation and fuel depots and twelve (12) warehouses whereas they had owned only 72 stations as others were leased or owned by third parties, all 8 LPG plants were leased, 12 lubricant warehouses listed were leased;

Also concerned that the lopsided appointment of the Management Team and staff of NNPC Retail Limited made up of about 75% of OVH staff, the appointment of an expatriate, a former MD of OVH as Managing Director ahead of many qualified Nigerians, and the immediate relocation of the NNPC Retail headquarters and NRL staff to Lagos where OVH is headquarter raises doubt as to whether NNPC Limited acquired OVH Energy or the reverse;

Cognizant that in every acquisition, if a firm buys more than 50 per cent of a target company's shares, it effectively gains control of that company but in this case, it appears that the NNPC has taken over OVH Energy but in operational terms, it is OVH Energy that has taken over the affairs of NNPC Retail;

Also cognizant of the need to ensure transparency by addressing these irregularities and nefarious activities to take over the NNPC Retail by interested parties at a critical time in the Nigerian energy sector given the overhaul of the petroleum laws, the removal of fuel subsidy and in particular the deliberate efforts to curb corruption in the energy sector;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the NNPC Limited to immediately suspend the acquisition of OVH Energy Marketing and proposed relocation of the NNPC Retail Head office from Abuja to Lagos pending the outcome of the investigation; and
- (ii) setup an *Ad-hoc* committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the acquisition of OVH Energy by the NNPC Limited and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**5. Need to Identify and Recover Public Funds Seized, Forfeited and Abandoned in Financial Institutions and Government Agencies to Improve the Current Economic Challenges In Nigeria:
Hon. Dachung M. Bagos:**

The House:

Notes that the Proceeds of Crime Act was enacted to provide for an effective legal and institutional framework for the recovery and management of the proceeds of crime, strengthen criminal confiscation procedure, and collaborate among the relevant organizations in tracing properties reasonably suspected to be proceeds of unlawful activities;

Also notes that under Section 69 of the aforesaid states that all recovered Monies, as well as proceeds from the sale of confiscated assets, shall be paid into the Central Bank of Nigeria as Confiscated and Forfeited Properties Account for the Federation;

Aware that CBN grant permission to Money Transfer Service Operations (MTSO) for both inbound and outbound transfers and that sometimes monies are trapped in the coffers of the CBN and other financial institutions;

Observes that despite having at least 12 institutions and agencies responsible for tackling illicit financial flow (IFF) and related crimes, Nigeria continues to be menaced by weak regulatory structures and complicity of other financial secrecy, among others;

Concerned that all recovered Funds from the investigation of the Federal Government Agencies like the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Unit (NFIU), Funds recovered through whistle Blowing, all funds seized by CBN, funds left by deceased bank customers, funds trapped in banks, forfeiture, exhibits, proceed of frauds terrorism, drugs, etc, are stacked in places not known and are not accounted for to the Public;

Also concerned that while the National Assembly has made considerable efforts by making enactments such as the Proceeds of Crime Act which has introduced some laudable provisions to realign the fight against corruption and financial crimes with International best practices, the lack of enforcement has rendered these efforts futile;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to appraise the Federal Government's current policy framework, to ascertain-

(a) who authorized the seizures?

(b) who keeps the seized funds and for what duration, and

(c) demand for the statement of account for a period covering ten (10) years and proffer measures to curb revenue losses and identify and analyze all funds trapped in other banks and funds recovered so far by CBN, EFCC, NFIU and other Agencies and report back within 4 weeks.

**6. Need to complete the shore protection project at Ibeno Local Government Area and other NODC Projects Abandoned in Eket/Onna/Esit-Eket/Ibeno Federal Constituency:
Hon. Okpolupm Etteh:**

The House:

Notes that a contract for Shore Protection works in Ibeno Local Government Area in Akwa Ibom State was awarded on September 15, 2006, to a company called Smith Engineering Company Limited by the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC);

Also notes that as part of the terms of the contract, the contractor was to be paid a 50% mobilization fee before the company moved to the site. The contract sum was N3,287,787,000.00, for which N1,643,893,500.00 being half of the contract sum, had been paid to the contractor before the company mobilized to the site;

Aware that the scope of the contract was to cover the shorelines along Upenekang, Iwuoachang, Okorutip, Odoro-Ikot, Iwuo-Okpom, Mkpanak and Itak Abasi villages in Ibena Local Government Area;

Informed that the Federal Ministry of Environment through its Flood Early Warning Systems (FEWS) Central Hub has warned that; amongst others, Upenekang; a seashore coastal village covered by the abandoned project, may witness heavy rainfall that may lead to flooding. This could have been avoided had the project been completed as and when due;

Concerned that since many of the villages in Ibena Local Government Area lie at the coast of the Atlantic Ocean, to protect against the dangers and constant threat of ocean surge, it is recommended that setbacks like dykes and other control measures should be established around the communities most prone to ocean encroachment which is what the shore protection project was to achieve;

Worried that after receiving 50% of the contract sum, the contractor has only achieved 8% completion, and had since abandoned the project site, having mobilized only a few materials to the site at Upenekang. No one knows the whereabouts of the contractor at this moment;

Alarmed that many of the projects embarked on by the Niger Delta Development Commission in the Federal Constituency, have suffered the same fate of abandonment by contractors who were mobilized and had moved to the site only to disappear without completion of the projects;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Niger Delta Development Commission to assess the level of work said to have been done by Smith Engineering Company Limited from 2006 to date, and to carry out the same assessment in all other abandoned projects across the Federal Constituency;
- (ii) also urge the Niger Delta Development Commission to either compel the company which was given the contract, to immediately return to the site or take all necessary action to recover the mobilization paid to the contractor and the contract be re-awarded to another competent contractor;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (when constituted) to demand a comprehensive list of all abandoned projects across the Federal Constituency and investigate why projects across the federal constituency are abandoned; and
- (iv) mandate Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (when constituted) to ensure that the project is completed, and report back within four (4) for further legislative actions.

**7. Need Protect Hapless Nigerians from Discrimination by (Foreign Nationals) Employees:
Hon. Anthony Adebayo Adepaju:**

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government desire to boost the growth of the Nigerian economy has embarked on the policy of ease - of doing business with its concomitant invitation and acceptance of direct foreign investments into the Country;

Also notes that the Sterling Policy of the Government has opened a floodgate of foreigners into the country, some are embarking on policies and actions that are anti-people and in flagrant disobedience of our laws;

Concerned that the majority of foreigners who are involved in these unwholesome practices are Chinese and Lebanese nationals engaged in either construction industries or retailing businesses;

Also concerned that the above-stated nationals are employing Nigerians on an *Ad-hoc* basis with no conditions of service, nor any welfare or medical services, thereby violating the rights of their workers and the labour laws of the country;

Recalls that on 20 June, 2023, the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) picketed a Chinese construction company, Shaanki Construction Company at their site at New ECOW AS Secretariat, Airport Road, Lugbe, Abuja, over allegations of inhuman treatment and casualisation of its workers. The company's obnoxious policies led to the death of one of its drivers, Mr A. Augustine, with no care, empathy or sympathy from the management of the company;

Also recalls that by the real-life apartheid racist system practiced by a Lebanese company known as Fouani Nigeria Limited, a retailer of Hisence electronics at Idu Warehouse, Plot 791, Cadastral Zone 10, Idu Industrial Area, Abuja, where privileges between workers/Nigerian customers and a class of people referred to as "whites", up to and including the use of toilets/conveniences are utterly and strictly compartmentalized and segregated;

Worried that this apparent state of siege, exploitation and dehumanization of Nigerians by foreigners in our country is unacceptable and condemnable as it is nothing but a pullback to the dark era of colonization and slavery;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to be more alive to its responsibility and protect Nigerians, especially the masses, from abuse of their constitutional rights as citizens; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Human Rights (when constituted) to investigate the incidents and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

8. Investigation into the Collection and Disbursement of Stamp Duties Revenue in Nigeria: Hon. Mansur Manu Soro:

The House:

Notes that Stamp Duties is a Tax Payable in respect of a dutiable instruments such as contracts, agreements and receipts as provided under the Stamp Duties Act 2004;

Also notes that Stamp Duties Revenue is being collected by the duo of Central Bank of Nigeria through the commercial banks and the FIRS on behalf of the federation;

Aware that the new formula for distribution of stamp duties revenue allocates 15% to the FG and the FCT and 85% to the states;

Also aware that section 52 of the Finance Act 2021 expanded the scope of Stamp Duty Act to cover electronic transactions tagged "electronic money transfer levy" (EMTL);

Informed that the Central Bank of Nigeria through its then Governor Godwin Emefiele in December 2022 admitted the collection of N370.68 billion as stamp duties revenue between the period 2016 - 2022;

Concerned about the past experiences of disagreements between the states and FG on the distribution of stamp duties revenue that resulted to litigation;

Cognizant of the fact that Finance Act, 2021 has provided for distribution of stamp duties revenue collected within 30 days from the month of collection;

Disturbed about the seeming lack of adequate information relating to collection and distribution of the revenue and effective implementation of the provisions of the finance act;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the extent of the collection of stamp duties revenue and its distribution and to report back within four (4) weeks.

**9. Need To Address Incessant Kidnappings Nings/Warji Federal Constituency, Bauchi State:
Hon Adamu Hashimu Ranga:**

The House:

Notes that a high rate of insecurity become the order of the day with rampant cases of kidnapping in various towns and villages within the Ningi/Warji federal constituency in Bauchi state;

Also notes that the Ningi/Warji federal constituency has been endowed with vast agricultural and mineral potentialities which enhance its visibility to attract the participation of Nigerians in managing the natural resources;

Aware that from March 2023 to date, four (4) people including the village head of Balma were kidnapped and released on payment of a ransom sum of thirteen million naira(13M), while 9 PEOPLE were brutally killed. Fifteen (15) people in Tabla, Bukutumbe, katsnawa, Rafinchiyawa and Jimiat various times and released on Twenty-Seven Million Naira (27M) ransom, two people in Sama Ward were released on Six Million (N6M) Ransom, three people in kurmi were released on Eight Million Naira (N8M) Ransom; bringing the total sum to the fifty-four million Naira (N54M) paid as ransom within less than five (5) months;

Worried that while crime is still on the increase with adverse consequences of fatal economic loss, violation of fundamental rights and threat to public safety, especially giving the busy nature of the rainy season, it is sad to inform this Honorable House, of the absence of federal security in response to the disturbing insecurity challenge that has thrown the entire federal constituency into confusion;

Regret that this high rate of insecurity will continue to affect the farming season and all social economic activities, if urgent action is not taken to address the menace;

Resolves to:

- (i) Observe one minute silence in honour of the deceased victims;
- (ii) urge the Military, Police and office of the National Security adviser to deploy a joint patrol team to address the worsening security situation in the affected areas within the federal constituency; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence (when constituted) to ensure compliance and report back within four(4) weeks

**10. Need to Stop the Diversion of Nigeria-Bound Cargoes to Neighbouring Countries and Decongest the Apapa and Tin Can Island Seaports:
Hon. Mark Esset:**

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has six major seaports which include the Apapa Port and the Tin Can Island Port in Lagos State, the Calabar Port on Cross River State, the Harcourt Port and the Onne Port in Rivers State, and the Warri Port in Delta State;

Also notes that despite having six seaports in Nigeria, Apapa and Tin-Can Island Ports in Lagos have remained the nation's major economic gateways while the rest have remained either mostly idle or totally non-functional;

Further notes that due to the in operation of other seaports, the Apapa and Tin Can Ports are currently operating three times above their capacities as they handle over 70 percent of Nigeria-bound import and export goods, thus making it extremely difficult for trucks to clear their goods on time and resulting in loss of man hours and resources;

Concerned that according to reports, as a result of congestion, collapse of quay aprons and poor monitoring system in Nigeria's Ports, 60 per cent of containers shipped to West and Central Africa destined for Nigerian markets are diverted to ports in Ghana, Togo, Benin Republic and Cote d'Ivoire, causing a yearly revenue loss of about N136 billion;

Also concerned about a recent report by the Lagos State Chamber of Commerce and Industry which revealed that Nigeria loses a whopping N7.6 trillion annually as a result of congestion in the Apapa and Tin Can ports;

Aware that port congestion can lead to scarcity and inflation when there is insufficient supply of specific commodities in the market, and local industries would be forced to either close shop or trim their workforce in order to remain afloat;

Also aware that leading Countries with heavy port activities have rail networks to the ports, which serve as alternative routes to ease the pressure off on the roads to prevent congestion;

Disturbed that unlike in advanced countries where the port corridors are usually reserved and restricted as an exclusive economic environment, Nigeria's ports are surrounded by residential houses and warehouses, thus contributing to the congestion in the area;

Also disturbed that the country is further bled financially by corrupt port officials who engage in bribery, extortion and other unethical practices in order to enrich themselves;

Cognizant of the need to revive moribund seaports and create more access routes to the Apapa and Tin Can Island ports in order to forestall further loss of revenue as well as boost the country's economy;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge on the Federal Government to rehabilitate the Eastern seaports, construct more deep Sea Ports and decongest Lagos ports in order to encourage more patronage and grow the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP);
- (ii) Also urge on the Federal Government to construct dry ports across strategic locations to serve as inland hubs for cargo handling and processing and divert maritime traffic from seaports, thus reducing pressure on seaports and facilitating smoother cargo movement;
- (iii) further urge on the Federal Government to set up a joint task force to enforce Port Corridor regulations and ensure that port corridors are restricted to port operations;
- (iv) again urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to construct railways as alternative routes to major ports across the country to ease cargo movement and reduce road congestion around the ports;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Maritime, Customs, Excise, and Works to investigate the factors hindering the smooth running of Nigeria's seaports with a view to curbing the diversion of Nigeria-Bound Cargoes to Neighbouring Countries and ensuring that the ports operate effectively to boost the country's economy, and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

**11. Need to put an End to the Incessant Dehumanization and Harassment of Road Travellers by Security Agents within South East Geo-Political Zone especially by the Police and Army:
Hon. Attorney Matthew Nwogu:**

The House:

Notes the reports and growing instances of dehumanization, harassment, and extortion of citizens in the South East Geopolitical zone by security agencies estimated to be in billions of Naira;

Disturbed by the incessant and continued dehumanization and harassment of road travellers in the South East Geopolitical zone of Nigeria by security agents, especially by some Police officers and Army personnel who have perfected the act of extorting money forcefully from road travellers who embark on journeys daily to earn a living;

Worried that the weapons given to the security agents are meant to be used for the protection of lives and property, such weapons are now been used by some unscrupulous security agents to harass and dehumanize law-abiding travellers within the South- East Geopolitical zone;

Alarmed at the brazen manner in that travellers within the South East are forcefully moved out from their travelling cars/vehicles by security agents and are ordered to walk some kilometres with their hands raised above their heads thus dehumanizing and portraying them as common criminals or prisoners thus creating a feeling of discontentment, social unrest and creating the feeling of a conquered territory;

Aware that while a vast majority of the security personnel diligently professionally perform their duties, there has been regrettable cases of misconduct, abuse of power, and extortion perpetrated by a few individuals within these agencies, specifically, on 8 July 2023 some unscrupulous Police officers waylay and detained some travellers engage in legitimate business along Owerri-Onitsha express road and forcefully collect the sum of N500, 000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Naira) from the travellers;

Concerned at the inability of some security personnel entrusted with the protection of lives and property to conduct themselves professionally in carrying out checks on road travellers except to subject and subjugate them to inhuman treatment thus causing disenchantment between the citizenry and the security agents this has further worsened the needed collaborative effort needed to checkmate crime and criminality within the South East Geopolitical zone;

Worried that on a regular basis, travellers within South East are forced to open their phones and laptops and in some instances are forced to part with their hard-earned money and their belongings;
Recognizing the urgent need to address these acts of dehumanization, harassment and extortion of road travellers within the South East Geopolitical zone and to restore public confidence of citizens in the security agents;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector General (IG) of Police to identify, discipline and call to order the police officers perpetuating these inhuman and degrading treatments on road travellers along the South East Geopolitical Zone to desist from such unprofessional conduct and to carry out their duties professionally;
- (ii) also urge the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) to call on the military personnel manning roadblocks within the South East Geopolitical Zone to carry out their duties professionally and stop the incessant harassment of law-abiding citizenry in the South East; and
- (iii) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the forceful collection of N500, 000.00 by some police officers on 8th July 2023 from travellers along Owerri-Onitsha express road using MONIEPOINT POS belonging to DIVINE

**12. Need to Address the worsening Insecurity in Dandume Local Government Area and its environs in Funtua/Dandume Federal Constituency of Katsina State:
Hon. Abubakar Ahmad Mohammad:**

The House:

Notes the state of Insecurity in Dandume local government area and its environs has assumed a worrisome dimension.

Also notes that the said Local Government Area have become a haven for Bandits, Armed Robbers, Kidnappers, Cattle Rustlers and all other types of criminal elements in recent times.

Aware that all through last year till date, it has been a different insecurity challenges by armed bandits leading to loss of lives, kidnappings and the dispossession of properties owned by the locals in Dandume Local Government Area of Katsina State.

Concerned that many rural dwellers have been displaced on account of this onslaughts, while agricultural activities have been greatly paralyzed leading to economic loss to Katsina State, and the nation at large.

Worried that the number of out of School Children has significantly increased as Schools are frequently attacked, Students kidnapped thus creating fear amongst Parents who prefer their Children to stay at home;

Also worried that several villagers in the local government now leave in fear and majority of them have been displaced and dispossessed of their valuable properties worth hundreds of millions in Naira.

Believes that there is a need for immediate and adequate intervention by the Federal Government in order to arrest the spate of insecurity in the area and as well provide humanitarian aids to those that have been dispossessed of their valuables.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Chief of Army Staff and the Inspector General of Police to deploy more security personnel to intensify the security architecture in Dandume Local Government Area;
- (ii) Also urge the Chief of Army Staff to establish operational unit for rapid response in the Area;
- (iii) Further urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief materials to the affected communities within the Local Government Area.
- (iv) Mandate the Committees on Army and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance when constituted.

**13. Fuel Tanker Explosion at Ore in Odigbo Local Government Area of Ondo State that claimed over thirty (30) lives:
Hon. Festus Ayodele Adefiranye.**

The House:

Notes the unfortunate loss of over thirty lives including that of a pregnant woman, three children and at least twenty- five (25) other persons on Sunday, July 23, 2023, when a tanker laden with Petroleum Motor Spirit (PMS) lost control at Ore town in Odigbo Local government area of Ondo state;

Aware that apart from the deaths recorded, other people sustained different degree of injuries, while over ten (10) vehicles and fifteen (15) buildings were destroyed;

Worried that the incident hindered normal, social and economic activities of Ore town;

Disturbed that dangerous and arbitrary parking by truck drivers thereby limiting the free flow of vehicular movement on the highway has led to the loss of many lives on the road;

Concerned at the recurrence of the incidents across the country and wonder if the drivers of those inflammable content are qualified to drive such cargo and have been trained in immediate safety precautions;

Also concerned that the affected persons will need the support of the government agencies responsible for emergencies cases;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence for the deceased;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, Disaster Management and Social Development to immediately send relief materials to affected victims and settle medical bills of those hospitalized;
- (iii) set-up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the cause of the incident with a view of proffering solutions and preventing recurrence in other parts of the country and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action;
- (iv) mandate the Nigeria Police Force the Federal Road Safety Corps to clear the trucks on the highway to forestall future occurrences.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

14. A Bill for an Act to an Act to Amend the Electricity Act, 2023 to Address the concern of Host Communities ad for Related Matters (HB. 38) – *Committee of the Whole: 20/7/2023.*
15. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Niger-Delta Development Commission Act 2000 and for Related Matters (HB.264) – *Committee of the Whole: 26/7/2023.*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on the Review of Standing Orders	Thursday, 27 July 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 305 (New Building) Assembly Complex
2.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee to Investigate the Cause of the Delay in Completing the Construction of Abuja -Kaduna- Kano Highway.	Thursday, 27 July 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Ethics and Privileges	Thursday, 27 July 2023	3.00 p.m.	Suite 1.56 (New Building) Assembly Complex