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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
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**PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

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5. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.585) (*Hon. Fatoba Olusola Steve*) – *First Reading.*
6. Federal Institute of Vision and Optical Research, Erema, Ogba-Egbema-Ndoni, Rivers State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 586) (*Hon. Victor Obuzor*) – *First Reading.*
7. Federal College of Optometry, Odiokwu, Rivers State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.587) (*Hon. Victor Obuzor*) – *First Reading.*

8. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 588) (*Hon. Victor Abang*) – *First Reading*.
9. Federal College of Science and Health Technology, Mbu Isiuzo, Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.589) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) – *First Reading*.
10. Federal University of Aviation Technology, Ako-Nike, Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.590) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) – *First Reading*.
11. National Commission for Technology Transfer, Promotion and Acquisition (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 591) (*Hon. Clement Jimbo*) – *First Reading*.
12. Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College, Yankaba, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.592) (*Hon. Hassan Shehu Hussain*) – *First Reading*.
13. Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.593) (*Hon. Muktar Shagaya*) – *First Reading*.
14. Compulsory Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.594) (*Hon. Muktar Shagaya*) – *First Reading*.
15. Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skill Acquisition, Minna, Niger State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.595) (*Hon. Sagir Koki*) – *First Reading*.
16. Federal University of Health Sciences, Kano Municipal, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.596) (*Hon. Sagir Koki*) – *First Reading*.
17. National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.597) (*Hon. Chinedu Ogah*) – *First Reading*.
18. National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 598) (*Hon. Chinedu Ogah*) – *First Reading*.
19. Nigerian Ports and Harbours Authority Bill, 2023 (HB.599) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) – *First Reading*.
20. National Assembly Budget and Research Office (NABRO) (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.600) (*Hon. Benjamin Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
21. National Artificial Intelligence and Robotic Sciences (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.601) (*Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka and Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
22. Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.602) (*Hon. Akin Alabi*) – *First Reading*.
23. Chartered Institute of Cooperative Professionals of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.603) (*Hon. Alli Adeyemi Taofeek*) – *First Reading*.
24. Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 604) (*Hon. Abdulmalik Zubair*) – *First Reading*.
25. Nursing and Midwifery (Registration, Etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.605) (*Hon. Abdulmalik Zubair*) – *First Reading*.
26. Central Bank of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.606) (*Hon. Amos Gwamna Magaji*) – *First Reading*.
27. Nigerian Cooperative Societies Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.607) (*Hon. Amos Gwamna Magaji*) – *First Reading*.

28. Agricultural Development and Modernization (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.608) (*Hon. Lanre Okunlola*) – *First Reading*.
29. Aid for Economic Diversification Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.609) (*Hon. Lanre Okunlola*) – *First Reading*.
30. Nigerian Council for Psychologist (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.610) (*Hon. Alli Adeyemi Taofeek*) – *First Reading*.
31. Bankruptcy and Insolvency Bill, 2023 (HB.611) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
32. Real Estate Regulatory Council of Nigeria Bill, 2023 (HB.612) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
33. National Food Safety Council and National Food Safety Management Committee (Establishment) Bill, (HB. HB.613) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
34. Nigerian Weights and Measures Regulatory Agency Bill, 2023 (HB.614) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
35. Legislative House (Power and Privileges) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.615) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
36. Federal Produce Inspection Service (Enforcement of Exports Standards) (Establishment) Bill, 2023(HB. HB.616) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
37. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Act (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB. HB.617) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
38. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Act (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB.618) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
39. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Act (Alteration) Bill, 2023(HB.619) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
40. National Broadcasting Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB.620) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
41. National Planning Process Bill, 2023(HB.621) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
42. National Planning Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB.622) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
43. Public Accounts Implementation Tribunal Act (Repeal) Bill, 2023(HB.623) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
44. National Tax Crimes and Oversight Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023(HB.624) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
45. Commodity Exchange Bill, 2023(HB.625) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
46. South–East Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023(HB.626) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu and forty–two others*) – *First Reading*.

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## PRESENTATION OF REPORT

### ***Ad–hoc* Committee on Gas Flaring:**

#### **Hon. Ahmed Munir:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad–hoc* Committee on the Need to Address the Lingering Issues of Gas Flaring from 2013–2023 by Oil and Gas Companies in Nigeria” (*HR. 07/06/2023*) (*Referred: 15/6/2023*).

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

## BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Armed Forces Act, Cap. A20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff and the engagement as Consultants of Senior Compulsory Retired Officers of the Nigerian Armed Forces to provide Training and Guidance to Serving Officers and for Related Matter and for Related Matters (HBs. 07 & 13) (*Hon. Benjamin Okeize Kalu, Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi and six others*) – *Second Reading.*

## MOTIONS

2. **Need to Investigate Alleged Victimization and Maltreatment of Nigerians in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia:**

<b>Hon. O.K. Chinda</b>	<b>Hon. Abdussamad Dasukki</b>	<b>Hon. Laori Kwamoti Bitrus</b>
<b>Hon. Aliyu Madaki</b>	<b>Hon. Unyime Idem</b>	<b>Hon. Nkwonta Chris</b>
<b>Hon. Abbas Adogun</b>	<b>Hon. Kabiru Ahmadu</b>	<b>Hon. Ibe O. Osonwa</b>
<b>Hon. Ginger Onwusibe</b>	<b>Hon. Kelechi Nwogu</b>	

### **The House:**

*Notes* the alleged incidence of victimization, maltreatment and forced imprisonment of Nigerians, including air travelers, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

*Also notes* that one Dr. Paul Ezike in a “safe our soul message” circulated a message at the instance of a Nigerian allegedly arrested and put in Ethiopia prison;

*Further notes* that some Nigerians are currently serving at the Chaota Maximum Security and other prisons in Ethiopia most of whom are travelers that use the Ethiopian Airport as a transit point where they are indiscriminately arrested at the Ethiopia Airport in Addis Ababa, taken to the hospital and forcefully injected with some substances and later taken to the prison facilities;

*Again notes* that Nigerians in Addis Ababa and all over the world and their air travelers should be protected and should be accorded the same protection Nigeria gives to foreigners who live in Nigeria;

*Aware* that 250 Nigerians are currently serving prison terms in Ethiopia as a result of frequent attack and may die in prison, if urgent steps are not taken to save them;

*Also aware* that these Nigerians are not only poorly treated, but are also subjected to very agonizing conditions, poor feeding and without medication;

*Cognizant* that the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) joined the rest of Africa to sign a remarkable Trade Agreement for the continent and the fact that Nigerians are industrious entrepreneurs and have spent years transacting business in Addis Ababa and air travelers contributing to their economy;

*Worried* that if early interventions and diplomatic measures are not taken by the Nigerian Government to check the incessant attacks on Nigerian in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and air travelers would be at risk;

*Resolves to:*

mandate the Committees on Diaspora and Foreign Affairs to invite the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Chairman, Nigerian Diaspora Commission to brief them on the preventive measures taken to protect Nigerians and air travelers to Addis Ababa and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

3. **Commemoration of the 2023 International Day of the Girl Child “Invest in Girls’ Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being”**  
**Hon. Kafilat A. Ogbara:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that 11th of October every year is globally celebrated as International Day of the Girl-Child and this year’s theme is “**Invest in Girls’ Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being**”. It provides a platform for the global community to understand the disadvantages the Girl-Child faces in life;

*Also notes* that International Day of the Girl-Child is a day adopted by the United Nations to remind young girls of their uniqueness, strength and prowess; it is a day set aside to address issues such as early or child marriage, violence against girls, rape, child molestation, education deprivation and all other issues faced by girls;

*Aware* that the International Day of the Girl Child acknowledges the importance, power and potential of adolescent girls around the world by spotlighting other issues such as poor learning opportunities, discrimination, tackling issues posed by stereotypes and exclusion of children with disabilities and those living in marginalized communities;

*Also aware* that adolescent girls have the right to a safe, educated and healthy life, investing in girls’ leadership includes creating space and platforms for girls to raise their voices at every level of policy-making;

*Further aware* that in most countries, patriarchy and power dynamics affords boys comparative advantages compared to girls in most domain; last survey from UNICEF revealed that 18.5 million children are out of school, out of this number, 60% are girls a factor that left them behind across multiple dimensions;

*Worried* about the high number of out-of-school girls that engage in drugs and other vices, throughout history, girls have been systematically held back and undervalued in society;

*Informed* that investment in critical steps such as the Girls Rights under the Convention of the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) will help to fast track the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations;

*Also informed* that the current trend in Nigeria reveals that young girls who are sexually abused by their parents/guardians, return back to the same house where they were abused after police intervention;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) National Orientation Agency (NOA) and other Stakeholders to initiate ways of educating and sensitizing adolescent girls on the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse in commemoration of the 2023 International Day of the Girl Child in Nigeria going forward;
- (ii) also urge the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) that are saddled with the responsibility of training and empowerment to ensure compulsory vocational skills acquisition training for girls to keep them engaged and productive enough to keep them away from drugs;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Women Affairs, the Maryam Babangida National Center for Women Development and the National Agency Prohibition of Trafficking In Persons (NAPTIP) to build a well-furnished rehabilitation shelter/homes for sexual abuse survivors across the 36 States and FCT;
- (iv) again urge the Federal Ministry of Education to drastically reduce/eradicate the number of out-of-school girls by ensuring compulsory free education for girls across the country; and
- (v) mandate the Committee on Women Affairs to engage with all relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies to ensure compliance.

**4. Need to Replace Damaged Concrete Electric Poles in Gurka, Aviri, Gavin-Gumi and Makama and connect Neighbouring Communities in Zaki Federal Constituency of Bauchi State to the National Grid:**

**Hon. Mohammed Dan Abba Shehu:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that reliable electricity is critical for sustainable development in any society and the core mandate of the Rural Electrification Agency of Nigeria is to provide access to reliable electricity for rural dwellers in a way that would allow a reasonable return on investment at an appropriate tariff that is economically responsive and supportive of the average rural customers;

*Also notes* that it is the responsibility of the Rural Electrification Fund (REF) to promote, support and provide rural electrification through public and private sector participation;

*Concerned* that while contracts to provide electricity in Gurka, Arid, Garin-Gami and Makawa communities did not include connecting them to the national grid, Kafin Larabawa, Alangawari, Gumai, Lodiyo and Bursali all in Zaki Federal Constituency have never had electricity; and

*Cognizant* that lack of electricity in rural areas stalls their progress, thus, connecting them to the national grid will grant them access to clean, safe and reliable energy and enhance socio-economic activities therein;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Rural Electrification Agency of Nigeria to make provision in the 2024 budget estimates for the electrification and connection to the national grid of Kafin Larabawa, Alangawari, Gumai, Lodiyo, Bursali, Gurka, Arid, Garin-Gami and Makawa communities in Zaki Federal Constituency of Bauchi State;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Power to ensure compliance.

**5. Employment of Corps Members who were Victims of Election Violence into the Civil Service or Independent National Electoral Commission:**

**Hon. Emmanuel Ukpong-Udo:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Independent National Electoral Commission held the Presidential and National Assembly Elections on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, followed by Governorship and House of Assembly Elections on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for supplementary elections;

*Also notes* that the Independent National Electoral Commission co-opted over 200,000 youth Corps members as *Ad-hoc* staff to assist in the administration of the elections, thus, constituting approximately 80% of the INEC *Ad-hoc* staff;

*Worried* that some of the corps members were reported to have been victims of election violence, sustaining injuries from gunshots and matchets;

*Cognizant* that despite facing threats, the corps members remained committed in ensuring that the 2023 elections were conducted in accordance with their assigned roles;

*Also cognizant* of their sacrifice for this important National Assignment there is need to employ the corps members who were victims of the election violence to compensate for their losses and encourage future participation;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to produce a comprehensive list of corps members that participated in the last 2023 elections and are victims of election violence;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Character Commission and the Federal Civil Service Commission to review and subsequently consider employing victims of election violence into public service of the Federation; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Federal Character, Public Service, and Electoral Matters to ensure compliance.

**6. Construction of Igbo/Chokota/Ikwerrenguro/Umuebule Uwaza Road:**

**Hon. Kelechi Nwogu**

**Hon. Ginger Obinna Onwusibe:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that Igbo/Chokota/Ikwerrengwo/Umuebule/Uwaza neighbouring Communities in Rivers State and Abia State host about 117 Oil Wells, 3 Gas Plants, 5 Flow Stations and 3 Manifolds that contribute richly to Nigeria's economy;

*Also notes* that residents of the said communities are predominantly engaged in various agricultural activities including farming and fishing as well as trading in food items, thus the road plays a crucial role in facilitating movement of food items to other parts of the country;

*Aware* that Section 7 (1)(b) of the Niger Delta Development Commission Act mandates the Commission to conceive, plan and implement projects and programmes for the sustainable development of the Niger-Delta in the field of transportation including roads, jetties and waterways, health, education, employment, industrialization, agriculture and fisheries, housing and urban development, water supply, electricity and telecommunications;

*Worried* that the aforementioned communities have no good access roads and the two main bridges connecting the communities at Imo River and Otamirioche River have collapsed, crippling socio-economic activities and causing untold hardship to the people even as their land feeds the country's economy in great measures via oil exploration by international and local oil companies;

*Also worried* that failure to construct roads for the people and give them a sense of belonging could lead to unimaginable social vices;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to make provisions for construction of Igbo/Chokota/Ikwerrengwo/Umuebule/Uwaza Road in the 2024 Budget estimates; and
- (ii) mandate Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to ensure compliance.

**7. Revitalization of the Biomass Ethanol Project Abandoned by the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL) in Benue State:**

**Hon. Sekav Dzua Iyortyom:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited (NNPCL) was mandated by the Federal Government in 2005 to establish a domestic fuel ethanol industry, reduce Nigeria's reliance on imported gasoline, and environmental pollution, and create a sustainable commercial sector;

*Aware* that as part of the August 2005 Federal Government directive, the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited was directed to establish a fuel ethanol industry in six geo-political zones of Nigeria to improve automotive fossil fuel quality. The project included a sugar cane feedstock plantation, a sugar mill, and a fuel ethanol processing plant;

*Also aware* that in 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited and the Benue State Government on the Biomass Ethanol Project in Benue State, aimed at establishing a biogas cogeneration plant that will generate 64 megawatts of electricity, carbon dioxide recovery and bottling plant to produce 2000 tonnes annually and animal feed plan;

*Also Cognizant* that the Benue State Government and Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited have provided 50,000 hectares of unencumbered land, completed a perimeter survey, a topographical survey for engineering designs, educated and mobilized local communities for the project, while Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited has completed feasibility studies, an environmental impact assessment, and has unannounced core investors;

*Worried* that the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited, the Benue State Government, and Federal Government of Nigeria have spent millions of dollars on the Biofuel ethanol project.

*Further aware* the project aims to reduce insecurity in North Central Nigeria, create over 10,000 jobs for farmers, and alleviate unemployment among the region's youth and women;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited to revitalize the project and return to its original location, as per the MOU between the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited and the Benue State Government;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Downstream Petroleum to invite the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Limited to ascertain why the project was abandoned and the need for it to be revitalized; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

**8. Reconstruction of the Kisi-Soro-Igboho Road in Oyo State:  
Hon. Olaide Lateef Mohammed:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Federal Government Trunk 'A' Road, a 29-kilometre economic artery in Oke Ogun, Nigeria, was constructed in 1959 but is currently in colossal disrepair, spanning Kisi, Soro, Igboho, to Ibadan and an alternative route to the northern parts of Nigeria;

*Also notes* that the federal road links agrarian communities like Igboho, Soro, Kisi, Igbeti, and Igbope, serving as a significant food basket in the Southwest and the country.

*Worried* that lack of regular maintenance and rehabilitation of the road since it was constructed 64 years ago has led to a harrowing experience for farmers, motorists, and other Nigerians plying this road;

*Aware* that an Auditor-General's Annual Report of 2016 stated that a contract with reference number OORBDA/S/472/2014/VOL.1/027 was awarded in September 2014 by the Ogun-Osun River Basin Development Authority, Abeokuta for ₦99.8 million to rehabilitate the Kisi-Igboho road;

*Also aware* that the Auditor-General's Annual Report of 2016 revealed that the contractor was paid ₦87.8 million, but materials worth ₦39.5 million were not supplied, and expenditure on ₦5.2 million was unjustified;

*Concerned* that the poor state of the road has led to high rates of armed robbery, kidnappings, accidents, and other vices, causing insecurity and economic hardships in the area;

*Cognizant* of the detrimental effects of the road on the social and economic well-being of the affected communities, potential risks to human lives, and the local agrarian economy, including worsening security in Oke Ogun areas of Oyo State, which requires urgent attention;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to commence the design for the road and award the construction of Kisi-Soro-Igboho Road in Oyo State to enhance economic growth in Nigeria;

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Appropriations and Works to include the reconstruction of Kisi-Soro-Igboho Road in Oyo State in the 2024 budget estimates; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance.

**9. Rehabilitation of the Jibiro-Sarou-Belel Road:  
Hon. Aliyu Wakili Boya:**

**The House:**

*Notes* the importance of good road infrastructure to the development of any community is of paramount importance, particularly as it affects the livelihood of people of the area;

*Also notes* that the rehabilitation of the Jibiro–Sarou–Belel Road was awarded for construction to alleviate the suffering of the people of the area due to the bad road which is very crucial for the sustenance of their living;

*Aware* that provision for the rehabilitation of the Jibiro–Sarou–Belel road was made in the budget for the past Seven (7) years and allocations were made for the said road and a contract was awarded for which to the people’s utmost dismay there has been no visible progress of any work on the road leaving them in a continued hardship;

*Disturbed* that funds allocated for the rehabilitation of the road are either misappropriated or mismanaged and that causes great concern;

*Also disturbed* that the failure to commence rehabilitation work on the road despite the contract awarded raises questions about the effectiveness of the procurement and execution process. The delay has not only caused frustration for the people of the communities but also undermines public trust in the government’s commitments to infrastructural development;

*Concerned* that continuous neglect of the road impacted negatively on the people of the area causing unabated suffering, economic loss, limited access to essential services and significant hardship on their livelihood;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to take all the necessary steps to expedite action on the rehabilitation of the Jibiro–Sarou–Belel road by ensuring that the contract is executed promptly when the construction work commences; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to investigate the cause of delay in the commencement of the rehabilitation and execution, after funds were allocated and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**10. Investigation of Alleged Weak Accountability, Reckless Spending, Deliberate Diversion, and Mismanagement N200 Billions of COVID-19 Intervention Funds from 2019 to 2022:  
Hon. Nyampa Dauda Zakari:**

*Aware* that COVID-19 broke out as a major pandemic in 2019 affecting families, businesses and economies of the nations of the world;

*Also aware* that the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the loss of lives, jobs and economic opportunities for millions of homes in different parts of the world including Nigeria;

*Notes* that the COVID–19 pandemic disrupted economic activities, leading to global measures such as lockdowns, travel restrictions, business closures, and government shutdowns to control the virus's spread;

*Cognizant* that the disruption of economic activities necessitated the introduction of various programs, policies, and interventions to alleviate and boost the economies of families, small businesses, and public corporations;

*Mindful* of the fact that the Federal Government of Nigeria initiated a number of responses including budgetary provisions as well as funding from International donor agencies to combat the COVID-19 pandemic on the citizens;

*Also aware* that a sum of ₦83.9 Billion was appropriated for the COVID-19 response in the 2020 Appropriation Act as well as another sum of over ₦100 Billion Naira as intervention funds through supplementary budget and international donor agencies;

*Disturbed* that the Auditor-General's report and other sources reveal that significant funds for COVID-19 palliatives and international donations were diverted and unaccounted for by various Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government;

*Concerned* that the lack of proper accountability of funds allocated for COVID-19 intervention by the Federal Government and global donor agencies could potentially lead to negative economic ratings and loss of opportunities for Nigeria;

*Resolves to:*

mandate the Public Accounts Committee to investigate the expenditure of funds appropriated or disbursed as COVID-19 intervention to Ministerial Department and Agencies of the Federal Government from 2020 to 2022 and report back within 4 weeks for further legislative action

**11. Flooding in Wudil Local Government Area of Kano State:  
Hon. Abdulhakeem Kamilu Ado:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that in an earlier resolution via a Motion, the House urged the Federal Government to take rapid preventive measures towards curtailing the predicted flooding events as stated by the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET) for 2023;

*Also notes* that Wudil Local Government Area in Kano State, which has a large concentration of rice and fish farmers as the major occupation in the area, is bedeviled by recurrent flooding often leading to loss of lives and damage to farmlands and agricultural produce worth millions of Naira;

*Concerned* that a majority of the farmers affected by the flooding took loans under the Federal Government's Anchor Borrowers' programme may be unable pay back as a result of the losses incurred in the flooding incidents which has displaced a large number of the residents and destroyed their livelihood, causing them untold hardship;

*Also concerned* that flooding, which has defied various interventions by individuals and private organizations, has destroyed most of the buildings in the Aliko Dangote University of Science and Technology, Wudil, forcing academic activities to stop, thus the students are unable to continue in their various academic pursuits;

*Worried* that if the flooding in Wudil is not urgently checked, it will adversely affect the food supply chain, thus leading to food insecurity and economic hardships in Kano State and the country at large;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials to the victims of flooding in Wudil Local Government Area of Kano State;
- (ii) also urge the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants, and Internally Displaced Persons (NCFRMI) to help with a temporary relocation of the displaced flood victims pending when their communities are restored, and the Ecological Fund Office to provide a lasting solution to the problem of flooding in Wudil Local Government Area of Kano State; and

- (iii) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Internally Displaced Persons and Refugees (IDPs) and Ecological Fund to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**12. Compelling Road Users to Obey Traffic Light Signals and Road Traffic Regulations in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja:**

**Hon. Igariwey Iduma Enwo:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that traffic control lights are signalling devices placed at road intersections, Pedestrian crossings, and other locations to control vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and are designed to regulate the flow of traffic and prevent accidents;

*Concerned* that rather than regulate the flow of traffic and prevent accidents, motorists in the Federal Capital Territory by commission or omission, constitute hazard to other road users, by refusing or neglecting to obey traffic signs, and particularly the amber, red and green signs, displayed on the traffic control lights;

*Also notes* that the greatest violators of the traffic control light signals are VIP vehicles, bullion vans, motorcyclists, despatch riders, tricyclists and taxi cab vehicles etc;

*Concerned* that data published by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) shows that the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, currently has the highest incident of car crashes in Nigeria;

*Aware* that in most jurisdictions, technology is deployed to track and arrest violators of traffic rules and regulations;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Road Safety Commission to exercise their powers under the Federal Road Safety Commission, Act 2007 and arrest and prosecute persons who run against traffic light signals, and violate other road traffic regulations;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Capital Territory Administration to deploy technology that will track and arrest violators of traffic rules and regulations in the FCT; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Federal Road Safety Commission and the Federal Capital Territory to ensure compliance.

**13. Non-Compliance to Extant Laws in Implementing Presidential Palliative and the National Social Investment Programmes:**

**Hon. Midala Usman Balami:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Federal Government allocated approximately ₦3 trillion over the past seven years to implement Social Investment Programmes like N-Power, School Feeding, GEEP loans, and Conditional Cash Transfer;

*Also notes* that the programmes were formulated in 2016 by the federal government as a response to widespread socio-economic challenges bedeviling the country;

*Concerned* that the impacts created by implementation of the programmes fall short of expectation as 71 million Nigerians leaves in abject poverty;

*Worried* about the lack of reliable tracking methods for beneficiaries in these programs, such as national identity numbers (NIN) or bank verification numbers (BVN), is a concern.

*Cognizant* that President Tinubu ordered the implementation of a ₦500 billion palliative and expanded conditional cash transfer beneficiaries to 15 million Nigerians to mitigate the impact of the removal of the petrol subsidy;

*Aware* that the Federal Ministries of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, and Industry, Trade, and Investment are set, to continue implementing programs and presidential palliatives without a clear identification of beneficiaries;

*Worried* that the implementation of presidential palliatives is a concern due to potential lack of transparency and non-adherence to existing laws;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) mandate the Committees on Small and Medium Scale Enterprises and Poverty Alleviation to engage the Federal Ministries of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, Industry, Trade and Investment to define the modalities for the implementation of the programmes with the view to ensuring transparency and non-adherence to extant laws of the Land; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committees on Small and Medium Scale Enterprises and Poverty Alleviation to investigate the implementation of National Social Investment programs and to report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

**14. Need for the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency (NPHDA) to collaborate with Relevant Health Agencies in States and Local Governments to ensure the functionality of Primary Healthcare Centres:**

**Hon. Fayinka Moses Oluwatoyin:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that Nigeria is the largest economy in Africa, with a GDP of over \$430 billion and a 213 million population, and is projected to double by 2050, putting pressure on the health sector;

*Concerned* that Nigeria's primary healthcare sector faces alarmingly high rates of dilapidated facilities, it is estimated that Nigeria has about 39,983 hospitals and clinics as of 2020, with the primary Healthcare Centres accounting for about 34,000 which is 86%, however, only 20% of these primary Healthcare Centres are functional, particularly in rural areas lacking adequate facilities and staffing;

*Also concerned* that the lack of medical equipment, drugs, qualified personnel, electrical systems, beds, and road networks has increased the death toll in healthcare centers, necessitating revitalization with a budget of 80 million dollars for additional bed spaces;

*Worried* that the military regime of General Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida and Prof. Olikoye Ransome Kuti has led to a 70% decline in primary healthcare, with many centres falling into disuse;

*Alarmed* that the Federal and State Health Ministries inaccurate representation of primary healthcare centres hinders proper budgeting and access to quality healthcare in rural areas, leading to premature deaths;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Government to declare a state of emergency in the health sector and allocate significant votes to it in the 2024 budget estimates;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Health to encourage States to resuscitate the comatose primary healthcare program at the grassroots level and provide qualitative and affordable Medicare for the masses;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Health, in collaboration with State Ministries, Local Governments, and other stakeholders, to establish a task force to eradicate medical malpractice, particularly in rural areas and furnish the Committee on Healthcare Services with the summary reports in evaluating the standard of the primary Healthcare Centres from 2016-2022;

- (iv) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services, to oversight their activities to ascertain the real state of the Primary Healthcare Centres across the country; and
- (v) also mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

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## CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

15. A bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology Act, Cap. N116, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology Bill, 2023 to provide for Full-Time and Part-Time Courses of Instruction and Training for the General Development of Transport and Logistics Sector of the Nigerian Economy; and for Related Matters (HB.500) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 10/10/2023.*
16. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Administration of Criminal Justice Act, 2015 and Enact the Administration of Criminal Justice Bill, 2023 to Among other things, Provide for Establishment of Administration of Criminal Justice Monitoring Council for Effective and Efficient Administration of Justice In Nigeria (HB. 214) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 26/7/2023.*
17. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Audit Ordinance of 1956 and Enact the Federal Audit Service Bill, 2023 to Establish Federal Audit Service, provide additional Powers and Functions of the Auditor – General for the Federation, Establish Federal Audit Board and for Related Matters (HB.98) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 25/7/2023.*
18. A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Peace Corps to facilitate Peace, Volunteerism, Community Services, Neighbourhood watch and Nation Building and for Related Matters (HB. 309 & 482) and for Related Matters (HB.98) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 10/10/2023.*

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 12 October, 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Works ( <i>Inaugural Meeting</i> )	Thursday, 12 October, 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Federal Character <i>(Inaugural Meeting)</i>	Thursday, 12 October, 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 (New Building) Assembly Complex