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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.710) (*Hon. Ahmed Satomi*) – *First Reading*.
2. Ministry of Finance Incorporated Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB.711) (*Hon. Ademorin Kuye*) – *First Reading*.
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6. National Institute of Flood and Erosion Control (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.715) (*Hon. Abdulkarim Hussaini Ahmed*) – *First Reading*.

7. National Commission for Nomadic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.716) (*Hon. Ibrahim Al-mustapha Aliyu*) – *First Reading*.
8. Federal College of Land Resources Technology, Rabah, Sokoto State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.717) (*Hon. Ibrahim Al-mustapha Aliyu*) – *First Reading*.
9. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.718) (*Hon. Ibrahim Al-mustapha Aliyu*) – *First Reading*.
10. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, Act (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB.719) (*Hon. Ibrahim Al-Mustapha Aliyu*) – *First Reading*.
11. Federal Road Safety Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.720) (*Hon. Olamijuwonlo Ayodeji Alao Akala*) – *First Reading*.
12. Federal Character Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.721) (*Hon. Victor Obuzor*) – *First Reading*.
13. Federal University of Ecology and Wildlife Conservation Studies, Yankari, Bauchi State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.722) (*Hon. Kabiru Yusuf Alhaji*) – *First Reading*.
14. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Esie (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.723) (*Hon. Adedayo Samuel Adesola*) – *First Reading*.
15. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.724) (*Hon. Adedayo Samuel Adesola*) – *First Reading*.
16. National Residency Training Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.725) (*Hon. Adedayo Samuel Adesola*) – *First Reading*.
17. Oba Obafemi Owode Vocational Skills and Entrepreneur University, Owode (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.726) (*Hon. Olumide Osoba*) – *First Reading*.
18. National Science, Technology, Innovation and Research Council (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.727) (*Hon. Dachung Musa Bagos*) – *First Reading*.
19. Agriculture Research Council Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.728) (*Hon. Kolawole Akinlayo*) – *First Reading*.
20. Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.729) (*Hon. Akarachi E.T Amadi*) – *First Reading*.
21. National Football Academy, Mbaitoli, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.730) (*Hon. Akarachi E.T Amadi*) – *First Reading*.
22. Debt Management Bureau Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.731) (*Hon. Miriam Onuoha*) – *First Reading*.

23. Central Bank of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.732) (*Hon. Miriam Onuoha*) – *First Reading*.
 24. National Space Research and Development Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.733) (*Hon. Miriam Onuoha*) – *First Reading*.
 25. Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB.734) (*Hon. Abdulmalik Zubairu*) – *First Reading*.
 26. Armed Forces Comfort Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.735) (*Hon. Amos Gwamna Magaji*) – *First Reading*.
 27. National Vocational Training Centres (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.736) (*Hon. Joseph Folorunsho Adegbesan*) – *First Reading*.
 28. National Institute of Rubber Research and Technology (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.737) (*Hon. Joseph Folorunsho Adegbesan*) – *First Reading*.
 29. Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.738) (*Hon. Auwalu Abdu Gwalabe*) – *First Reading*.
 30. Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy, Kano Municipal, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.739) (*Hon. Sagir Koki*) – *First Reading*.
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Disposal of Public Property by Some Agencies Between 2010 – 2022:***
Hon. Julius O. Ihonvbere:
“That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-Hoc* Committee to Investigate the Disposal of Public Property by some Agencies between 2010 – 2022 to Unravel the Extent of Illegal Auctioning of Public Property, Non-Remittance of Revenue Realized into the Consolidated Revenue Fund” (*Referred: 6/7/2023*).
2. ***Ad-hoc Committee with Critical Stakeholders and the Nigerian Association of Resident Doctors:***
Hon. Julius O. Ihonvbere:
“That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee with Critical Stakeholders and the Nigerian Association of Resident Doctors to resolve the Ongoing Strike embarked upon by Resident Doctors”.
3. ***Ad -hoc Committee on Legislative Agenda:***
Hon. Julius Ihonvbere:
“That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Legislative Agenda of the House of Representatives” (*Referred: 15/6/2023*).
4. ***Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:***
Hon. Igariwey Enawo:
“That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Review of Standing Orders of the House Representatives” (*Referred: 15/6/2023*).

5. ***Ad-hoc Committee on International Boundary Dispute with Cameroon***

Hon. Beni Lar:

“That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc Committee* on International Boundary Dispute with Cameroon between Nigeria and Cameroon on the Need to Locate Pillar 113A in the Demarcation and/or Ceding of Danare and Biajua Communities of Boki Local Government Area of Cross River State and Sina–Kamale Area of Michika Local Government Area of Adamawa State” (*Referred: 5/7/2023*).

6. ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate Alleged Fictitious Contract Awards, Gross Mismanagement of Billions of Naira and Lopsided Placement of Directors by the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA):***

Hon. Kelechi Nwogu:

“That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc Committee* to Investigate alleged fictitious Contract Awards, Gross Mismanagement of Billions of Naira and Lopsided Placement of Directors by the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA)”: (*HR.57/07/2023*) (*Referred:12/7/2023*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Medical Research Council and for Related Matters 2023 (HB.470) – *Third Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, Cap. 17 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Establish Federal Polytechnic, Rano, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 92) – *Third Reading*.
3. A Bill For an Act to Make Provisions for the Retirement Age for Staff of National Assembly Service and for Related Matters (HB. 529) (*Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki*) – *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre Ako-Nike, Enugu State and for Related Matters (HB. 490) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) – *Second Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Establish Non-Oil Solid Minerals Resources Producing Communities Development Commission and for Related Matters (HB. 12) (*Hon. Philip Agbese*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

6. **Urgent need to Proffer a Lasting Solution to the Devastating Gully Erosion/Total Road Collapse in Isiekenesi, Urualla, Obodukwu, Umueshi, Amanator, Arondizuogu, Akokwa, other Villages and Communities in Ideato North/South Federal Constituency of Imo State:**
Hon. Ikeagwuonu Onyinye Ugochinyere:

The House:

Notes that Section 14(2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the security, safety, and welfare of the people of Nigeria shall be the primary purpose of government;

Also notes that the National Assembly is saddled with the task of making laws for the Peace, Order, and good governance of the Federation or any part thereof as enshrined in Section 4(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Observes that the erosion and road collapse in Communities in Imo State, particularly in Dimagu, Okohia, Umuaghobe, Isiekenesi, Urualla, Obodukwu, Umueshi, Amanator, Arondizuogu, and Akokwa, have impacted on socio-economic lives and left residents internally displaced;

Also observes that the Dimagu erosion after St. Barnabas Church and Umuojisi is a death trap for motorists, while the erosion sites in Okohia (Umufeke) and Umuaghobe (Uhuala) are encroaching into residential houses within the area, such as Isiekenesi, Urualla, Obodukwu, Umueshi, Amanator, Arondizuogu, and Akokwa;

Worried that the collapse of the alternative road bypass for motorists and pedestrians increases the force of the erosion directly towards the popular Umuchima markets of Urualla, Obodukwu, Umueshi, Amanator, Arondizuogu, and Akokwa leading to uncontrollable flooding of the market;

Worried that Ideato has become an erosion disaster zone, which has claimed about eight lives and destroyed over eight homes, the disaster has eaten deep into Akokwa, Arondizuogu Urualla, Obodukwu, Umueshi, Amanator and destroyed the bridge through which farmers access their farmlands;

Cognizant that the erosion of roads in Ideato, particularly Ntueke Umueshi and Arondizuogu, is causing severe economic threats to the agricultural sector of the area and the entire country, hence the need for urgent government intervention.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to consider the Ideato North/South Federal Constituency as an erosion disaster-threatened area, and to assist in reconstructing infrastructure and involving it in rural road development projects;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, Federal Ministry of Environment, and Ecological Fund Office to intervene and ensure the repair and reconstruction of damaged infrastructures in Ideato North/South Federal Constituency;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, the National Emergency Management Agency, the National Commission for Refugees, Migrants, and IDPs, and the Ecological Fund Office to resettle those displaced from their houses, offices, and business premises;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Works, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Environment and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) further legislative action.

7. Need to End the Eight-Year Total Blackout in Ikara and Kubau Local Government Areas of Kaduna State:

Hon. Aliyu Mustapha Abdullahi:

The House:

Notes that in 2015, a heavy rainstorm destroyed critical national electricity infrastructure in Ikara and Kubau local government areas of Kaduna State, leading to unattended damaged infrastructures and theft of installations;

Concerned that 21 wards and over 200 towns and villages in Ikara and Kubau local government areas have continued to face power outages since 2015, relying on petrol generators and dirty biomass fuels, causing health and environmental issues;

Also concerned that businesses and hospitals in affected communities have been severely damaged, leading to increased unemployment and a worsening security situation for small and medium-scale entrepreneurs.

Cognizant that early this year, Arla Foods, a Danish multinational, invested over 10 million euros and inaugurated its state-of-the-art dairy farm in one of the affected villages named Damau of Kubau Local Government Area in Kaduna State and targets 4 million kilograms of milk production annually, boosting Nigeria's local dairy development;

Worried that due to the absence of electricity supply, the enabling environment for businesses to thrive, Arla Dairy Farms may face challenges scaling operations and creating the intended 50,000 jobs, while other potential investors may be dissuaded;

Convinced that once the power supply is restored, it will be a win-win situation for the government and communities as significant revenues will be generated, economic activities will pick up, and there will be an improved quality of life;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power and the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) to inspect, repair, upgrade, and restore power supply to Ikara and Kubau Local Government Areas;
- (ii) also urge the security outfits, such as the police and Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, to set up a robust security apparatus that will safeguard the critical electricity infrastructure put in place;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Power and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

**8. Strengthening the Public Complaints Commission (PCC):
Hon. Kolawole Davidson Akinlayo:**

The House:

Notes that the Public Complaints Commission (PCC) was established under the Public Complaints Commission Act, Cap. P 37, Laws of the Federation, 2004 to address public complaints about government and company administrative actions, ensure accountability and transparency, and curb arbitrary power use;

Also notes that the Commission investigates and entertains public servant maltreatment, with matters about the National Assembly, National Council of State, Ministers, Armed Forces, and Police Force exempted;

Concerned that the Public Complaint Commission (PCC), with thirty-six States and Headquarters in Abuja, is facing financial challenges to effectively fulfil its mandate, according to its Chief Commissioner, Hon. Abimbola Ayo Yusuf in an interview with TVC Television on July 23, 2021;

Aware that the Federal Government, in its meeting with the Commission on December 23, 2022, made commitments to assist in providing tools and infrastructure, noting the importance of the Commission in ensuring accountability and addressing public grievances.

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to prioritize the provision of adequate funding for the Public Complaints Commission to enable it to effectively carry out its mandate by law.

9. Conduct of the National Population/Housing Census:

Hon. Domic Okafor:

The House:

Notes that for effective national planning, the formation of valid economic policies, and the administration of a viable national economy that gives focus, direction, and stability to the government, there is an urgent need for a national population and housing census, which is long overdue.

Also notes that Section 6 of the National Population Commission Act, Cap. N 67 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 provides for a national census periodically, and the last population census conducted in Nigeria was held in 2006, that is, seventeen (17) years ago and still counting.

Further notes Section 5(a) of the National Planning Commission Act, Cap. N66, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 mandates the Commission to “ask for and obtain from any government agency or other private institution information relevant to the functions of the Commission”;

Worried that the data collected in the 2006 Population Census is far from reality in 2023 and cannot validly form a solid base for the formation of national economic policies that will aid the federal government in administering viable national planning;

Disturbed that the administration of President Muhammadu Buhari postponed a national population/housing census scheduled for May 3-7, 2023, citing the incoming government's need to conduct the census when constituted;

Aware that the National Population Commission indicated its preparedness, willingness, and readiness to conduct a population and housing census when its leadership, led by its Chairman, Alhaji Nasir Isa Kwarra, visited the President, His Excellency, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, on Thursday, July 6, 2023;

Amazed that the sum of Two Hundred Billion (#200,000,000,000'00) Naira was disbursed by the Federal Government for the exercise, out of which One Hundred Billion (#1,000,000,000,000.00) Naira was reportedly spent before the postponement, with additional billions to be spent if the exercise does not hold as soon as possible.

Worried that the first-ever digital population and housing census was postponed due to the government's transition programme and the post-election mood in the country, which has both been successfully achieved and settled;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, to proclaim a date for the Population and Housing Census exercise;
- (ii) also urge the National Population Commission not to relent in its preparation for the 2023 Population and Housing Census, which should be proclaimed soon by the President; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Population to liaise with the National Population Commission to ensure a successful population and housing census when proclaimed.

10. Introduction of Policies and Programmes to stem the tide of Unsustainable Brain Drain from Nigeria:

Hon. Ojuawo Rufus Adeniyi:

The House

Notes the current spate of Nigerian professionals and graduates emigrating from Nigeria in droves in search of greener pastures.

Also notes the inalienable right of every Nigerian citizen to choose where to live, work, or earn a living as guaranteed by Section 34, Subsection (1)(c) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Cognizant of the importance of retaining the best brains of highly trained personnel as an indispensable substratum for the growth and development of the Nigerian economy;

Also cognizant of the direct relationship between human resource deficit and infrastructural developmental deficit and the need to expand rather than decrease the human resource availability ratio;

Concerned that the continuous emigration of well-trained, experienced, and resourceful personnel in Nigeria is negatively affecting the nation's drive towards self-sustainability and emancipation from poverty, disease, and endemic crime;

Disturbed at the quantum of resources expended towards educating, training, and developing graduate professionals who, after acquiring the relevant training and cognate experience, emigrate without contributing to the development and growth of the Nigerian economy;

Also disturbed that Nigeria and its citizens bear the burden of professional and graduate education while other countries and nationals receive the benefits and contributions of the immigrants;

Worried that if urgent steps are not taken to stem the current spate of emigration from Nigeria, the country may find itself in the vicious circle of continually educating, training, and developing manpower, whose resourcefulness will be lost to other countries;

Also worried that if the current tide of emigration were to remain unchecked, the requisite trained and developed manpower resources would not be available for Nigeria's growth and development, thereby compromising our dear country's future;

Aware that Nigeria's human resources, even without the consequences of brain drain, are grossly inadequate to cater for the needs of both the private and public sectors, and as such, rather than deplete this resource, it is, as a matter of urgency, imperative that the availability or deficit gap be reduced to its barest minimum;

Also aware that the introduction of sustainable policies and programmes that will motivate Nigerian professionals and graduates to remain in and/or return to Nigeria has become an urgent necessity and the surest path out of this vicious circle of train, developing and loose;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to engage relevant stakeholders to formulate appropriate policies and programmes to motivate Nigerian graduates to remain and work in Nigeria after acquiring training and development, and encourage those in the diaspora to return home;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to formulate necessary policies and programmes that will demotivate Nigerian professionals and graduates from emigrating; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on National Planning Economic Development to ensure compliance.

11. Need to Investigate the Activities of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC), Staff Welfare, Management, Contract awards, Status of Properties and Quality of Train Plying Abuja – Kaduna and Other Parts of the Country From 2012 to 2023:

Hon. Umar Shehu Ajilo

Hon. Sadiq Ango Abdullahi

Hon. Adepoju Anthony Adeanjo

Hon. Zakaria Dauda Yamfa:

Hon. Sa'a Wada Taura

Hon. Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi

Hon. Kabiru Amodu Mai Palace

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Railway Corporation is grappling with staff welfare deficit challenges.;

Also notes with disdain the infraction of awarding railway contracts without due process since 2013 and the undue favour granted to foreign companies at the expense of local contractors;

Aware that the Nigerian Railway Corporation's staff welfare is being improved through government plans and the implementation of presidential approval for an upward review of special allowances for Nigerian Railway Corporation Staff;

Also aware that the Kaduna-Abuja and other routes are facing issues with inadequate equipment, resulting in poor maintenance of trains and rolling stocks;

Worried that the railway staff welfare deficit is causing untold hardship and loss of job interest, thus, leading to dissatisfaction with service and disaffection towards passengers;

Also worried that the Nigerian Railway has neglected the long-term efforts of the Federal Government to ease the transportation of goods and services like cement from the south to the north by train;

Cognizant of the urgent need to investigate the staff welfare, contract infractions, railway quality, and property status to address acute challenges in the railway sector and prevent unscrupulous individuals from draining the railway sector;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Transport to ascertain the status of properties and the quality of Nigerian trains plying through the Kaduna-Abuja route and other parts of the country to meet international best standard practices; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Land Transport to conduct a thorough investigation of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) to Address the staff welfare deficit and ascertain if the Nigerian Railway Corporation complies with Section 173(1) of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999(as amended) on pensions rights of the retired Staff of the Nigerian Railway Corporation.

12. Revitalization of Oji – River Federal Pilot Tannery:

Hon. Chijoke Stanislaus Okereke:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Pilot Tannery at Oji-River in Enugu State, which was established in 1967 under the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD) for processing of hides and skin for leather products, has been abandoned for over a decade with a backlog of unpaid gratuities;

Also notes that recent reports have shown that the leather value chain is extensive, and leather products marketing is currently employing over 750,000 people, with about 500,000 workers in the finished leather goods sector, which has a potential to generate over USD 1 Billion by 2025;

Convinced that the revitalization of the Oji-River Federal Pilot Tannery holds great promise for job creation, economic diversification, reduction of high unemployment rate among Nigerian youth, skills development, sustainable livelihoods and reduction of social vices;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology to conduct a comprehensive assessment and thorough evaluation of the abandoned Federal Pilot Tannery at Oji-River in Enugu State, and make funding provisions for its revitalization and upgrade to international standards in the 2024 budget estimates;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Science and Technology to liaise with relevant stakeholders to ensure the revitalization of the Oji-River Federal Pilot Tannery and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

**13. Revamping the Tyre Manufacturing Industry in Nigeria:
Hon. Henry Okojie:**

The House:

Notes that tyre-related issues are a major cause of vehicular accidents globally, and statistics from the National Bureau of Statistics of Nigeria and the Federal Road Safety Corps have revealed that burst tyres account for about 10% of the total reported road accidents in Nigeria and most of the burst tyres were discovered to be either substandard or expired;

Also notes that the roads in Nigeria are mostly in poor condition, thus driving with standard tyres is crucial for safety on the roads;

Concerned that Nigeria, a major producer of high-quality natural rubber in Africa, lacks a tyre manufacturing plant, thus exposing Nigerians to the risk of buying imported substandard tyres;

Worried about the proliferation of used tyres, which seem to be in high demand due to the high cost of new and better brands;

Cognizant that revamping the tyre manufacturing sector will prove to be a life-saving venture, provide employment for Nigerians and boost the country's economy;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment to develop workable guidelines to encourage local tyre manufacturing;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to encourage the establishment of more rubber plantations to boost the production capacity for rubber trees across the states; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Industry and Agricultural Production and Services to ensure compliance and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

**14. Need to Investigate the non-implementation of the International Cargo Tracking Notes (ICTN) by the Nigeria Shipping Council:
Hon. Ahmad Sani Mohammed:**

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian ports handle nearly 60% of Gulf of Guinea cargo, making them the primary destination in West and Central Africa;

Also notes that the cases of undocumented cargo in seaports pose security and efficiency challenges, perpetuating fraud and insecurity arising from the concealment of cargo manifests, leading to a lack of reliable data that leads to revenue loss for the nation;

Aware that the Union of African Shippers Councils (UASC) introduced the International Cargo Tracking Notes (ICTN) in 1998 as a measure to enhance the safety and security of supply chain facilities, track the origin and destination of cargo, and provide reliable data on imports and exports;

Also aware that the International Cargo Tracking Notes (ICTN) technology centralizes tamper-proof information, improves monitoring, and prevents illegal activities like smuggling and counterfeiting, aligning with World Trade Organization (WTO) and World Customs Organization (WCO) recommendations on trade facilitation and security;

Concerned that the measure has not been fully implemented in Nigeria due to alleged irregularities despite the presence of the Nigeria Shippers Council as the implementing authority, aiming for transparency and efficiency;

Worried, that non-implementation has led to increased cargo-related security challenges, such as smuggling and illicit trade, resulting in significant financial losses costing the country billions of Naira due to the lack of accurate data and revenue leakage;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Shipping Services and Related Matters to investigate the circumstances surrounding the non-implementation of the International Cargo Tracking Notes (ICTN), identify any obstacles or challenges faced by the Nigeria Shippers Council in carrying out its role effectively, and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

15. Rehabilitation of Internally Displaced Persons from War-torn Community between Ebonyi and Cross Rivers States:

Hon. Uguru Emmanuel:

The House:

Notes that Abakaliki and Izzi Local Government Areas of Ebonyi State share boundaries with Obubra and Yala Local Government Areas of Cross River State;

Concerned that Ebonyi State and Cross River State disagreed on the boundaries within the axis of Abakaliki/Obubra and Izzi/Yala Local Government areas, which has resulted in a long-standing boundary dispute between the two States;

Also concerned that since 2005 to date, the disputes, which have degenerated into violent communal conflicts, have continued in full strength and intensity, resulting in the death of thousands of people, destruction of properties worth billions of Naira as well as displacement of the people from their homes, forcing them to take refuge in camps at Onunwakpu Igbeagu and Nwida in Ebonyi State and Ntrigom Adadama in Cross River State;

Aware that the affected communities include Nduezoke, Azungele, Idogolo, Okpagala, Ndubia Mfuma, Ndunwanpfu, Nkaleke, Azuofia Idda, Azuofia Okpitemo, Nduegu Amachi, Oferekpe Enyigba in Izzi and Abakaliki Local Government Areas, Amegu and Enyibichiri in Ikwo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, and Ijibollo, Eja, Ogba, Ntrigom and Adadama in Yala, Obubra and Abi Local Government Areas of Cross River State;

Worried that the conflicts have caused untold hardships to the people who are predominantly farmers as their means of livelihood were destroyed during attacks on their communities, leaving them without food, adequate shelter and proper healthcare, thus exposing them to unfavourable weather conditions, health risks and even further violent attacks;

Also worried that if palliative measures are not urgently taken to help the victims, the mortality rate among the aged and the children will continue to rise;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to provide relief materials, rehabilitate, reintegrate and safely reinstate the victims of violent communal conflicts in Igbeagu, Amachi, Edda, Okpitemo, and Oferekpe Enyigba in Izzi and Abakaliki Local Government Areas of Ebonyi State, and Ijibollo and other Communities of Obubra and Yala Local Government Areas of Cross River State;

- (ii) also urge the National Boundary Commission to speed up the process of proper delineation of the boundaries between Ebonyi State and Cross River State; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Special Duties to ensure compliance and report back within six (6) weeks for further Legislative action.

16. Need to Beef up Security Formation in Kastina Ala/Ukum/Logo Federal Constituency of Benue State:

Hon. Solomon Wombo:

The House:

Notes that Section 14(2)(b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the security, safety, and welfare of the people of Nigeria shall be the primary purpose of government;

Informed that on July 8, 2023, at Akpuuna1, in Mbazun Ward, Mbaterem Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State, twenty-four people were killed by armed men suspected to be bandits;

Also informed that the killing and kidnapping of persons at Chito village in Azendeshi Ward Torov of Ukum Local Government Area have continued unabated, fourteen people have been confirmed killed since the unprovoked attacks started, the most recent was the kidnapping of Mr. Matthew Aboh (Commissioner of Information, Culture, and Creativity, Benue State), barely a week after he was sworn in. He just regained his freedom after nine days;

Disturbed that the insecurity situation in Benue State, especially in Katsina-Ala/Ukum/Logo Federal Constituency, has assumed frightening dimensions as people can no longer go about their daily activities without fear of being killed, raped, or kidnapped, especially in Kyado, Zaki Biam, Ugba, Yooyo, and others;

Worried that due to these acts of killing, raping, and kidnapping, farming, which is the mainstay of the residents of the affected communities, has been disrupted, families have been displaced, the socio-economic life of the said communities is grounded, and the population of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the constituency has increased exponentially;

Cognizant of the fact that beefing up security in the Katsina-Ala/Ukum/Logo Federal Constituency of Benue State will go a long way in forestalling and eradicating criminal activities in the area;

Convinced that setting up of a Police Mobile Force and/or a military base within Katsina-Ala/Ukum/Logo Federal Constituency of Benue State shall go a long way in deterring perpetrators of crimes and criminality from the Federal Constituency and Benue State in general;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to revive and complete the abandoned Mobile Police Force Unit at Mbazar in Tombo Ward of Logo Local Government Area of Katsina-Ala/Ukum/Logo Federal Constituency of Benue State and operationalize it;
- (ii) also urge the Chief of Defence Staff to establish Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) in Katsina-Ala/Ukum/Logo Federal Constituency of Benue State;
- (iii) further urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to provide relief materials to the residents displaced; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police, Defence, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance.

**17. Need to Conclude Investigation on the Rising Value of Unclaimed Dividends, Unremitted withholding Tax and the effect on the Nation's Economy:
Hon. Solomon T. Bob:**

The House:

Notes that the value of unclaimed dividends and unremitted withholding tax has increased in recent years, hurting the nation's economy;

Also notes that the 9th Assembly in line with its mandate and constitutional responsibility, mandated its committee on Capital Market and Institutions to investigate the allegations;

Aware that an interim report of the Committee was laid and the findings and Recommendations of the Committee were adopted by the House;

Worried that the Interim Committee Report/Finding disclosed a provisional figure of ₦413,515,546,752.47 (four hundred and thirty billion, five hundred and fifty million, five hundred and forty-six thousand, seven hundred and fifty-two naira, and forty-seven kobo) as unclaimed dividends, unremitted withholding tax and penalty, and interest that was under reconciliation with the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Registrars when the interim report was considered;

Concerned that if the issue of unclaimed dividends is not finally put to rest, it will have significant adverse implications for the nation's economy, erode investors' confidence in the market, and create a volatile environment in the regulation of the capital market;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Capital Markets and Institutions to carry out an investigation on the matter and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

COMMITTEE MEETING

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Petitions (Hearing)	<i>(Investigative</i> Tuesday, 24 October, 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex