



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 3 October, 2023

-
1. Prayers
 2. National Pledge
 3. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
 4. Oaths
 5. Messages from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (if any)
 6. Messages by the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (if any)
 7. Messages from Other Parliament(s) (if any)
 8. Other Announcements (if any)
 9. Petitions (if any)
 10. Matters of Urgent Public Importance
 11. Personal Explanation
-

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Institute of Chartered Corporate and Business Affairs Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.480) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere*) – *First Reading*.
2. Standards Organisation of Nigeria Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB.481) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere*) – *First Reading*.
3. Nigerian Peace Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.482) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere*) – *First Reading*.
4. National Housing Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.483) (*Hon. Martins Esin*) – *First Reading*.
5. National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.484) (*Hon. Martins Esin*) – *First Reading*.
6. Federal Medical Centre, Koko Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.485) (*Hon. Thomas Ereyitomi*) – *First Reading*.
7. Federal College of Agriculture, Misau, Bauchi State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.486) (*Hon. Aliyu Bappa Misau*) – *First Reading*.

8. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.487) (*Hon. Morufu Adewale Adebayo*) – *First Reading*.
 9. National Football Academy, Kpor, Rivers State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.488) (*Hon. Dumnamene R. Dekor*) – *First Reading*.
 10. Federal Medical Centre, Ugwuaji Awkunanaw, Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.489) (*Hon. Chimaobi Sam Atu*) – *First Reading*.
 11. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.490) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) – *First Reading*.
 12. Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skill Acquisition Ikem Nkwo, Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.491) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) – *First Reading*.
 13. Nigerian Communications Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.492) (*Hon. Miriam Onuoha*) – *First Reading*.
 14. Federal Capital Territory Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.493) (*Hon. Miriam Onuoha*) – *First Reading*.
 15. Federal College of Education Mutum Biyu, Taraba State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.494) (*Hon. Jaafaru Yakubu*) – *First Reading*.
 16. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.495) (*Hon. Ibrahim Hamisu*) – *First Reading*.
 17. Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skill Acquisition, Ode-Itsekiri, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.496) (*Hon. Thomas Ereyitomi*) – *First Reading*.
 18. Federal Institute of Technology and Entrepreneurship, Bungudu (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.497) (*Hon. Abdulmalik Zubairu*) – *First Reading*.
 19. Petroleum Industry Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.498) (*Hon. Sekav Dzua Iyortyom*) – *First Reading*.
 20. Federal Medical Centre, Port Harcourt (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.499) (*Hon. Blessing Chigeru Amadi*) – *First Reading*.
-

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. ***Ad-hoc Committee on the Need to Investigate the Arbitrary Increase of Petrol Pump Price from ₦537 to ₦617:***
Hon. Babajimi Benson:
“That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Need to Investigate the Arbitrary Increase of Petrol Pump Price from ₦537 to ₦617” (Referred 19/7/23);
2. ***Ad-hoc Committee on Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB):***
Hon. Akume Regina:
”That the House do receive the Repot of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) on the Extension of the Validity period of UTME Result for at least three (3) years and conduct of the Examination twice Annually” (*HR.68/07/2023*) (*Referred:7/2023*)

3. *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).

4. *Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the cause of Delay in Completing the Construction of the Abuja – Kaduna – Kano Highway:*

Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki:

“That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the cause of Delay in Completing the Construction of the Abuja–Kaduna–Kano Highway” (HR./31/07/2023) (Referred: 6/7/2023).

ORDERS OF THE DAY BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to Provide a Policy Framework for the Development of Bio-Fuels Energy Industry in Nigeria, Establish Bio-Fuels Energy Regulatory Commission, Establish Bio – Fuels Research Agency; and Bio–Fuels Research Agency and for Related Matters (HB. 08) (Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu and six Others) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

2. **Call on the Inspector General of Police (IGF) to Intensify Efforts to Secure the Immediate and Safe Release of the Seven Abducted Corps Members in Zamfara State**

Hon. Unyime Idenm

Hon. Emmanuel Ukpongudo Hon. Okpolum Etteh

Hon. Paul Ekpo

Hon. Ime Bassey Okon

Hon. Clement Jimbo

Hon. Martins Esin

Hon. Patrick Umoh

Hon. Mark Esset

Hon. Uduak Odudoh:

The House:

Notes that the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) is a vital national programme aimed at fostering unity and promoting national development by deploying graduates to various States for a mandatory one year of service;

Also notes that on 17 August 2023, eight corps members from Akwa Ibom State were abducted by gunmen in Zamfara State, on their way to the place of primary assignment (PPA) with a current demand of two hundred million Naira;

Aware that in May 2023, seven corps members were kidnapped in Rivers State on their way from the orientation camp in Ondo State and released after paying ransom;

Alarmed at the incident accounts for the many other corps members who have had to go through the traumatic experience of abduction in the course of their service to the nation;

Worried that continuous re-occurrence targeted at innocent corps members has raised significant security concerns, threatened the lives of young citizens, eroded public trust and confidence in the government’s ability to protect its citizens, and posed the potential to mar the core objective of the National Youth Service Corps;

Cognizant of the urgent need for drastic measures to secure the immediate release of the remaining seven abducted corps members following the release of one of them, as confirmed by the Director General of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) on 20 September 2023 and restore confidence in the nation's national security system;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector General of Police (IGP) and other security agencies to intensify efforts and deploy personnel and intelligence capabilities to secure the immediate and safe release of the seven abducted corps members still in captivity; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to ensure compliance and report back within one (1) week for further legislative action.

**3. Need to Avert the Rising Tension of Sea incursion Ravaging Ayetoro Community in Ilaje Local Government Area of Ondo State:
Hon. Donald Kimikanoh Ojogo:**

The House:

Notes that the oil-producing Ayetoro Community is not just a major revenue source of the nation, but a phenomenal historical and cultural settlement along the coastal stretch of Ilaje Local Government Area of Ondo State;

Also notes that Ayetoro Community and its environs account for 5.4 per cent of the 60,000 Barrel Per Day (BPD) of Ondo State's crude oil production output amounting to about 3.7 per cent of Nigeria's total oil production ranking Ondo State 5th among Nigeria's oil-producing states as captured by the NDDC law;

Disturbed that devastating sea incursions and ocean surges have been the albatross of the Ayetoro community for over two decades destroying properties and displacement of indigenes, thus disrupting the oil-exploration activities owing to varied reactions by indigenes of the area;

Worried that the surge has become an annual occurrence and an alarming rate that successive administrations in Ondo State appear and overwhelmed, thus helpless;

Also disturbed that the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) in 2004 attempted to stem the slide by awarding the contract for the construction of a shoreline protective wall designed with a tube technology in Ayetoro to Gallet Nigeria Limited at an original contract sum of N6.4 billion, of which 25 per cent was reportedly paid, but the contract was revoked in 2009 for alleged lack of capacity and re-awarded to Dredging Atlantic Limited at an undisclosed cost and sixteen years after the contract was first awarded, there is nothing to show any intervention by the government;

Concerned that owing to this pitiable level of no action by the mobilised contractor(s), a particular surge that happened towards the end of the year 2020 reportedly caused the displacement of nearly 2,000 people, 13 deaths and the destruction of over 200 homes;

Also concerned that the situation has generated tension in the oil-producing communities as restive youths have reportedly commenced mobilising themselves to disrupt the lawful activities of oil-producing companies, thereby creating a state of unease and seeming insecurity;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide temporary relief materials to cushion the immediate impact of the ravaging sea incursion on the latest victims;

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Niger Delta Development Commission and Ecological Fund to investigate the failure of the performance of the N6.5 billion shoreline protection contract awarded by the Niger Delta Development Commission in 2006 to find an alternative solution where necessary, to stem the dangerous side and report back to the House in four (4) weeks;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

4. Need to Intervene in the Flooding and Resultant Gully Erosion in Amekpu, Elu, Nkporo, Ihechiowa, Abam, Aru and Ututu Communities of Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal Constituency, Abia State:

Hon. Ibe Okwara Osonwa:

The House:

Notes that various communities in Abia State's Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal Constituency, including Amekpu, Elu, Nkporo, Ihechiowa, Abam, Arochukwu, and Ututu, are experiencing an increase in floods and gully erosion, The topsoil, which is rich in nutrients essential for agriculture, has been washed away by erosion with farmers' livelihood harmed by the loss of fertile land, thus leading a decline in agricultural productivity;

Concerned that flooding and erosion have caused the foundations of buildings, roads, bridges, and other infrastructure to collapse and deteriorate, posing a hazard to the safety of the population and impeding transportation and economic activity in the area;

Also concerned that community of Ebem Ohafia, has lost homes, and clans have been displaced, including the traditional monarch palace, which has withstood erosion damage since it was built in 1921;

Worried that the relentless impact of these natural disasters has resulted in significant hardships for Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal Constituency, threatening the lives and overall well-being of the Community;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide immediate relief materials to ameliorate the sufferings of the people;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence rehabilitation to prevent further loss of lives and properties;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Government to increase Ecological Funding to address the menace of erosion in Arochukwu/Ohafia Federal Constituency of Abia State, which has become a threat to the lives and properties of the affected Communities;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Environment, Ecological Funds, Niger Delta Ministry, Niger Delta Development Commission and Emergency Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance.

5. Need to Rehabilitate the Kirikiri Federal Road in Ajeromi – Ifelodun Federal Constituency of Lagos State:

Hon. Kalejaiye Adebayo Paul:

The House:

Notes that the 6.4km road between the entry to Boundary Roundabout in Ajeromi-Ifelodun Federal Constituency and exit at the Kirikiri Roundabout of Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency is a federal road that has been constructed in the last 30 years and has remained unattended to since then;

Also notes that the road is in deplorable condition and has only witnessed minor repairs as carried out by FERMA about five years ago;

Further notes that the maintenance carried out by Federal Road Maintenance Agencies collapsed a few months;

Aware that the road is a major link to Lagos Island, Mile 2 express road, and Kirikiri Prison yard;

Cognizant of the need to rehabilitate the Boundary Market, Orodu Junction 30SquareMeter, Boundary Bridge Ayeke Bus Stop T Junction 15SquareMeter, Amore Junction before Tolu Medical 4.5 SquareMeter, Bale Road Hausa Line Junction 10 SquareMeter, Bale Road Green Land Bus Stop 25SquareMeter, Bale Road Gbadesere Junction 9 SquareMeter, Kirikiri Road Akere Health Center 24 SquareMeter, Kiri Kiri Road Odus Bus Stop 46 SquareMeter, Kirikiri Road 1st Benue Bus Stop 4 SquareMeter, Kiri Kiri Road Goddey Bus Stop 10 SquareMeter, Kiri Kiri Road People Bus Stop 40SquareMeter, Kiri Kiri Road Formula Two Bus Stop Failed Drainage of 80 Parameter in both wings, Kiri Kiri Road Berger Suya Bus Stop 1500 SquareMeter, Kiri Kiri Road Berger Bridge immediately after descending 600SquareMeter;

Worried that the commercial and social life of the people has been seriously affected due to continuous neglect of the road;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to carry out comprehensive rehabilitation of the road;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to undergo proper rehabilitation of the entire drainage and ensure it is motorable all year round; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure implementation.

6. Need to Re-construct Abandoned Portions of the East – West Road Connecting Major Communities in Bayelsa State:

Hon. Oforji Oboku:

The House:

Notes the avoidable disaster which befell the indigenes and residents of Bayelsa State and other parts of the country, especially the coastal regions during last year's flood;

Also notes the devastation and total neglect of critical portions of the EastWest Road, specifically at Iheke in Ahoada East LGA of Rivers State, Aven in Patani LGA and Umeh in Isoko South LGA, both of Delta State, which connects Bayelsa State to Rivers and Delta States specifically and the country in general;

Concerned that these portions of roads collapsed during last year's ravaging flood which destroyed lives, properties and critical infrastructures, especially around the coastal areas of the country;

Worried that portions of the roads, some of which were temporarily rehabilitated by the Federal Government and the Bayelsa State Government are getting worse by the day, crippling economic activities in the areas, as the people can no longer go to major markets, farms or engage in other economic activities to boost their sources of income and livelihood, thereby leading to the loss of millions of Naira daily;

Also worried that the current state of the roads will not have the capacity to withstand the impact of the impending flood as predicted by the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) in its 2023 Seasonal Climate Prediction (SCP);

Cognizant that if nothing is not done to urgently address this menace, the indigenes and residents of Bayelsa State who already feel a deep sense of dejection would be cut off from the rest of the country through the East–west Road;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Niger Delta Ministry to, immediately commence concrete rehabilitation work on the affected sites and also construct bridges to aid in the control of erosion;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Niger Delta Ministry and Environment to visit the various sites to, assess the state of the roads and make further recommendations within three weeks of being so constituted.

**7. Unlawful Road Blockage, Extortion and Harassment by Security Personnel on Lagos Agbara Badagry–Seme Highway:
Hon. Whingan Sesi Oluwaseun:**

The House:

Notes the Report of the Punch Newspapers of November 2022 that there are over 100 roadblocks on the Lagos Agbara-Badagry-Seme Expressway, spanning approximately 46.2 kilometers;

Also notes that the roadblocks and checkpoints were originally intended to curb smuggling activities and provide security along the expressway and around the Seme Border;

Worried that security agents have been subjecting unsuspecting members of the public to traumatic experiences in their attempts to extort their hard-earned money;

Aware of orders by the leaders of the various law enforcement agencies in Badagry to remove all Illegal checkpoints mounted on the road but unfortunately, the orders have not been effectively implemented;

Concerned that the military's harassment and extortion along the Lagos Agbara-Badagry-Seme route will discourage tourists from visiting the area, which is a well-known tourist destination;

Also aware of instances where law enforcement agencies assaulting, harassing and in some cases, brutally killing residents of Badagry which may degenerate in conflict between uniformed men and residents, if these legalities continue;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Nigeria Customs Service to beef up security on the Lagos Agbara Badagry–Seme Highway and ensure implementation of laws, circulars, and guidelines for mounting checkpoints to ensure the removal of Illegal roadblocks and prevent the unlawful mounting of new checkpoints;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Customs and Excise, and Armed Force to identify the root causes of Illegal checkpoints in border communities and proffer solution to the illegal activities of the security agencies;
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative implementation;

**8. Examining the Administration of Nigeria's Pension Fund Assets:
Hon. Aliyu Bappa Misau:**

The House:

Notes that Retirement Saving Accounts (RSAs) are the lifeline that pensioners rely upon to cater to their needs upon retirement;

Concerned that most pensioners are unable to access their retirement funds despite complying with the requirements of the contributory pension scheme, and neither the National Pension Commission (PenCom) nor the Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) have been able to reassure them of prompt payment of their entitlements;

Aware that the pension fund assets which PenCom regulates, being the proceeds of the contributory pension scheme and returns on investment, stood at more than 15,500,000,000,000.00 (Fifteen Trillion, Five Hundred Billion Naira) as at the close of the first quarter of 2023, hence there is no justification for retirees not to have access to their RSA;

Worried that critical stakeholders have expressed concern that 65% of the pension funds (N100 Trillion Naira) loaned to the Federal Government is an investment which exposes the contributors to unnecessary volatility as the Federal Government may fail to pay back the loan in due time;

Also worried that being unable to access their pension has caused untold hardship to the retirees as they are unable to afford even basic necessities;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Pension Commission (PenCom) to ensure the immediate release of funds for the payment of pension funds to all retirees;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Pensions to:
 - (a) investigate the status of the pension fund assets of over N15,500,000,000,000.00 (Fifteen Trillion, Five Hundred Billion Naira) with a view to ensuring that the N100 trillion Naira loaned to the Federal Government from pension funds is duly recovered and modalities are put in place to hinder a collapse of the pension scheme; and
 - (b) scrutinize the failure of Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) in fulfilling its obligations to retirees as regards access to their retirement savings.

**9. Need to Restore Electricity Supply to Affected Communities in Ogun Waterside Local Government Area of Ogun State:
Hon. Joseph Folorunsho. Adegbesan:**

The House:

Notes that one of the major agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration is to generate, transmit, and distribute sufficient, affordable electricity to the people of Nigeria in order to enlighten their lives, homes and their very dream;

Also notes that President Bola Ahmed Tinubu signed the Electricity, Act into law the 9 as part of the fulfilment of his campaign promises to improve electricity access to the rural, unserved underserved, per-urban and urban areas;

Aware that electricity is one of the fundamental dividends of democracy and the aim of sustainable development goals is to thrive economy of a nation for the betterment of her citizens;

Also aware that Nigerians and Industries have been suffering with the epileptic electricity supply and total power outage;

Concerned that among such Nigerians with power outages are the people of some communities in the Ogun Waterside local government area of Ogun state (Ibiade, Iwopm, Ayila, Abigi, Efire, Ilusin, Ayede, Olojumeta, Lomiro, Imakun Orni, Ode Orni, Oni, Iukogbe, Igele, Irokun and others);

Worried that the communities have been in total blackout for almost two (2) decades and nothing has been done as intervention by the government for the people of these communities;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the matter and direct the National Rural Electrification Agency (NREA) to restore the communities to the National grid, ensure strict compliance and report back within four (4) weeks.

10. Reconstruction of the Calabar Oba–Ekan International Road leading to the Republic of Cameroon:

Hon. Emil Inyang

Hon. Victor Bisong Abang

Hon. Alex Egbona

Hon. Basse Akiba

Hon. Joseph Bassey

Hon. Mike Etaba

Hon. Godwin Offiono

Hon. Peter Akpanke:

The House:

Notes that Section 14 (20(b) Chapter II of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of the Government;

Also notes that on 10 October 2002, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruled that the proprietorship of the Bakassi peninsula belongs to Cameroon, due to an agreement between the governments of Nigeria and Cameroon during the civil war, the economic impact of that ruling is still being felt today;

Acknowledged that Cross River State is an Agrarian State, producing cocoa, banana, plantain, palm produce, yam, cassava, rice, coco-yam, maize, rubber, and groundnut among other cash crops;

Aware that having a military base along the Calabar-Oban Ekan international road leading to the Republic of Cameroon with no good road, collapsed bridge, or wooden coverts to retreat in case of emergency is an embarrassment to the Nigeria government;

Recognise the economic implication of agricultural produces that always go to waste, the Lafarg cement factory located in the same area and other business that are losing money due to the terrible nature of the road has cost Cross River and the Federal Government of Nigeria a huge economic lost;

Also recognise the importance of migration and its consequences, especially for the promotion of regional integration and economic cooperation in Africa;

Determined to overcome the challenges of security of life and properties, the security of the military personnel, the threat to national security, issues regarding irregular migration, human trafficking, migrant smuggling, and related issues;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Ministry of Works to make provision for Reconstruction of the Calabar Oba–Ekan International Road in the 2024 budget estimates; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance.

**11. Call to Investigate the Abandonment of Rehabilitation Work on the Umuahia–Ikwuano–Ikot Ekpene Expressway:
Hon. Obi Aguocha:**

The House:

Notes that Umuahia -Ikwuano-Ikot Ekpene road is a major highway linking the South-East to the South-South states of Akwa Ibom, Cross River, and down to Cameroon;

Also notes that the Umuahia-Ikwuano-Ikot Ekpene road axis poor road network has halted Socio-economic activities in the Southeast geo-political zone;

Aware of the economic significance of the roads to the abutting states of the Southeast, South-South, Western and Northern States of the Federation for the movement of essential goods and services;

Also aware that the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing in 2019 awarded the contract for the rehabilitation of Umuahia-Ikwuano-Ikot Ekpene road to Messrs. Hartland Company Ltd, howbeit, no meaningful milestones have been achieved;

Worried that effort by patriotic stakeholders in Ikwuano LGA to ascertain the real cause of the delay has proved abortive as both the Federal Ministry of Works and the Nigerian national Petroleum Corporation Limited (NNPCL) (funding agency) have not been forthcoming;

Convinced that the rehabilitation of the Umuahia-Ikwuano-Ikot Ekpene Expressway will bring relief to millions of commuters and propel the economic development of the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Works to investigate and determine cause of abandonment of the Umuahia-Ikwuano-Ikot Ekpene Expressway and unattended to for almost the lifespan of the contract, provide a permanent and sustainable solution and report back within 2 weeks for further legislative action; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

**12. Call on the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) to cover Vulnerable Nigerians:
Hon. Bashiru Ayinla Dawodu.**

The House:

Notes that social economic development is not achievable without access to quality and affordable health care;

Also notes that the World Health Assembly in 2005 adopted Universal Health coverage as part of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) Agenda 2030;

Aware that after 23 years, only 5 Million Nigerians have enrolled in the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) while over 70% per cent of Nigerians pay out of pocket for health care;

Worried that over 83 Million vulnerable populations comprising pregnant women, children under five years, persons with special needs, and the elderly are most affected, thus Nigeria is unable to meet the targets of universal coverage, thus increasing the rate of out-of-pocket health expenditure;

Cognizant that the health care crisis cannot be resolved without Universal Health care coverage which cannot be achieved without meeting the target of the National Health Insurance;

Regrets that the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) Act of 2022 mandates Health Insurance for all citizens and legal residents which has failed;

Concerned that in 2022 NNPC spent ₦4 Trillion (\$9.7B) on fuel subsidy and N3.6 Trillion in 6 months of 2023;

Also concerned that it costs about 5 Billion to cover 5 Million persons annually at the rate of NI 5,000 per person;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to allocate part of the Fuel subsidy removal savings to the vulnerable Health fund;
- (ii) also urge the National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA) to ensure implementation and monitoring;
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Health Institutions and Finance to ensure compliance.

**13. Need for Promissory Notes Programs and Bond Issuance for Settlement of Judgement Debt:
Hon. Lanre Okunlola:**

The House:

Notes that Ministries, Departments and Agencies have faced legal claims, leading to judgements which imposed multi-billion dollar liabilities on the nation worldwide;

Concerned that the judgement debts, if not properly managed will have detrimental effects on the nation's fiscal health, impede its ability to execute critical projects and programs for the growth of the economy and welfare of the people, thus using a promissory notes and bond issuance is a viable solution;

Aware that Promissory notes allow the government to settle debts in instalments over a specified period, providing flexibility in managing financial obligations;

Also aware that the issuance of bonds enables the government to raise capital from investors, which can then be allocated to settle these judgment debts, thereby preventing the depletion of immediate government resources;

Cognizant that by leveraging promissory notes and bond issuance, the nation's financial stability can be secured, foster confidence in fiscal management and allocate resources more effectively to projects that uplift the lives of citizens;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the relevant government agencies to collaborate with financial experts, legal professionals and stakeholders to develop comprehensive promissory notes and bond issuance strategies for the settlement of judgment debt;
- (ii) advocates for oversight and audit mechanisms to ensure the proper utilization of funds raised through promissory notes and bond issuance exclusively for the purpose of debt settlement;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management ensure implementation and report back for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

14. A Bill for an Act to Establish a National Centre for the Coordination and Control of the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons in Nigeria; and for Related Matters. (HB. 207) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 25/7/2023.*
15. A Bill for an Act to Amend Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Rano Kano State and for Related Matters (HB.91) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 18/7/2023*