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31. Bankruptcy and Insolvency Bill, 2023 (HB. HB.611) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
32. Real Estate Regulatory Council of Nigeria Bill, 2023(HB. 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. HB.614) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
35. Legislative House (Power and Privileges) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 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. HB.618) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
39. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Act (Alteration) Bill, 2023(HB. HB.619) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
40. National Broadcasting Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB. HB.620) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
41. National Planning Process Bill, 2023(HB. HB.621) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
42. National Planning Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB. HB.622) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
43. Public Accounts Implementation Tribunal Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023(HB. HB.623) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
44. National Tax Crimes and Oversight Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023(HB. HB.624) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.
45. Commodity Exchange Bill, 2023(HB. HB.625) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu*) – *First Reading*.

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:

Hon. O.K. Chinda

Hon. Abdussamad Dasukki

Hon. Laori Kwamoti Bittrus

Hon. Aliyu Madaki

Hon. Unyime Idem

Hon. Nkwonta Chris

Hon. Abbas Adogun

Hon. Kabiru Ahmadu

Hon. Ibe O. Osonwa

Hon. Ginger Onwusibe

Hon. Kelechi Nwogu

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 is 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 Nigerian 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 on air, travelers will 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 and signed a remarkable Trade Agreement for the continent and the fact that Nigerians are industrious entrepreneurs and have spent years doing business in Addis Ababa and air travelers supporting 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 Nigerian 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, 60% of them are girls; as a result of these girls are left 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 MDAs 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. 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 is also responsible for administration 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;

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, 2023, followed by Governorship and House of Assembly Elections on March 11, 2023, and April 15, 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 despite facing threats, the youth corps members remained committed to ensuring the 2023 elections were conducted in accordance with their assigned roles.

Also cognizant of the 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;
- (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 know 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 project.

**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; and

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 in 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 the rehabilitation of the Jibiro-Sarou-Belel road by ensuring that the contract is executed promptly when the construction work commences
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to investigate the cause of the 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. Rehabilitation of the Internally Displaced Persons from War-torn Communities of Ebonyi and Cross River 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 to 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 Okpitumo, 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 hardship to the people who are predominantly farmers as their livelihoods 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, Okpuitumo, and Oferekpe Enyigba in Izzi and Abakaliki Local Government Areas of Ebonyi State, and Ijibolo 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;
- (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.

**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, and 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;

- (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. Rehabilitation of Anyigba – Dekina – Shintaku Road in Kogi State:
Hon. Paul Gowon Haruna:**

The House:

Notes that the Anyigba-Dekina-Shintaku Road is a major route that links the Southern and northern part of the country, and plays a paramount role in the economic development of the surrounding Bassa/Dekina Communities and Nigeria at large;

Concerned that the road has been in a dilapidated state for years, causing great suffering to residents and motorists as there has been an increase in armed robbery, kidnappings and other attacks against commuters plying the route;

Also concerned that since the contract for rehabilitation of the road was awarded by the Federal Government to Tec Construction Company, not much progress has been made, and all efforts by the Kogi State government to collaborate with the Federal Government to ensure completion of the project seem to have failed;

Worried that appeals to the Federal Government by the people of Bassa/Dekina Local Government Area, whose major occupations are trading and farming, to intervene in the rehabilitation of the road have not yielded the desired results, and they have continued to suffer due to their inability to safely transport their products to other parts of the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently complete the rehabilitation of Anyigba-Dekina-Shintaku Road in Kogi State;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to investigate the abandonment of the road rehabilitation project with a view to ensuring that it is duly completed.

**13. 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 Kunti 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 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.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 14. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Agribusiness Management of Nigeria to Promote the Practice and Professionalism of Agribusiness in Nigeria. (HB.138) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 27/7/2023.*
- 15. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Digital Forensics of Nigeria to Regulate the Practice, including Qualification, Training, Skill-Set of Digital Forensics among its Members, and to Determine the Standards of Knowledge and Skills to be Attained by Persons Seeking to become Registered Members of the Profession and for Related Matters (HB.140) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 27/7/2023.*