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25. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Amoji–Nike, Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.524) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) – *First Reading*.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Ad-hoc Committee on the Need to Investigate the Circumstances Surrounding the Acquisition of OVH Energy by NNPC limited:

Hon. Hassan Abubakar Nalaraba:

"That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad–hoc* Committee on the Need to Investigate the Circumstances Surrounding the Acquisition of OVH Energy by NNPC Limited on the Need to Investigate the Irregularities and Alleged Corruption in the Nigeria Energy Security Provider, NNPC Retail Limited and the Acquisition of OVH Energy Marketing (HR. 171/07/2023) (*Referred:27/7/2023*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Need to Address Illegal Violations of Due Process of Federal Character Lopsided Recruitment by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps, Nigerian Immigration Service and Federal Fire Service:

Hon. Ali J. C:

The House:

Notes the allegation of nepotism and favouritism at the expense of due process and the implementation of the federal character principle in the recent recruitment exercise into the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Nigerian Immigration Service and Federal Fire Service;

Also notes that while Section 14(3) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) mandates government agencies to apply the principle of federal character in the conduct of their affairs;

Alarm that the recent recruitment exercise by the three paramilitary outfits is a clear violation of the federal character principle as non-indigenes of some States are alleged to employed personnel in States other than the States of their origin, thereby shortchanging the original indigenes of the states;

Worried that applicants from the 36 States and the Federal Capital Territory recruitment exercise staged a protest in Abuja alleging that they passed the Computer Based (CBT) and physical screening, but were not employed;

Also worried that the Civil Defence, Correctional, Fire and Immigration Services Board (CDIPB) sold their slots to those who never participated in the physical screening process;

further worried that the alleged breach of the Federal Character Principle by the Civil Defence, Correctional, Fire and Immigration Services Board (CDIPB) indicate the current trend in the recruitment process of most Ministries, Departments, and Agencies, thus, exposing the failure of the Federal Character Commission to carry out its constitutional mandate of promoting unity as well as just and fair representation of States in the affairs of government;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Federal Character and Public Service Matters to investigate the allegations of violations of due process and federal character principle in the recruitment of persons into Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps, Nigeria Immigration Service and the Federal Fire Service and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

2. Need reactivate the Collapsed of 33/11KVA Electrical Line from Sokoto to Kware and Gwadabwa/Illela Federal Constituency, Sokoto State: Hon, Bello Isah Ambarura:

The House:

Notes that for the past nine and a half years, the Sokoto East Federal Constituency consisting of eight Local Government Areas have been in complete darkness;

Aware of the presence of higher education facilities, which includes Africa's top Animal Farms, Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital Kware, School of Health Technology, Gwadabawa, College of Agriculture Wurno, a Zonal Agricultural farm and Commercial Banks in Kware operating under challenging circumstances without electricity supply;

Also aware that despite sharing an International border with the Niger Republic and therefore requiring Socio-economic development but machinery equipment and facilities in the area are dilapidated and comatose owing to a lack of power supply;

Cognizant of the need to reactivate the 33/11KVA electric line to rectify the situation of Kware and Gwadabawa/Illela Federal Constituency, Sokoto State

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power through the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) to make provision for the reactivation of the collapsed and dilapidated 33/11KVA electrical line from Sokoto-Kware-Gwadabawa and Illela, Sokoto State in the 2024 budget estimates; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Power and Appropriations to ensure compliance.

3. Need to Re-award the Contract for the Completion of Panyam- Bokkos –Wamba Road: Hon. Ishaya David Lalu Hon. Jaafaru Gambo Leko:

The House:

Notes the deplorable State of the Panyam-Bokkos-Wamba road, which has remained in a state of disrepair for more than 10 years, causing untold hardship to the people of the area;

Also notes that contract for the construction of the road was awarded, but the project has been abandoned as the contractor failed to adhere to some terms and conditions of the contract;

Cognizant of the need to re-award the contract for completion of the road project to a competent contractor who will complete the job within the stipulated deadline and up to the required standards;

Also cognizant that the road, if completed, will ease the movement of goods from the area to other parts of the country as it is the shortest route connecting the North-central and the North-east geopolitical zones;

Resolves to:

(i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to, immediately re-award the contract for the completion of the Panyam-Bokkos-Wamba road to a competent contractor, and ensure that the project is completed within the stipulated contract duration and to the required standards;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works to make adequate budgetary provisions for the Panyam-Bokkos-Wamba road project in the 2024 Budget estimates;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance.
- 4. Need to Prioritize and implement the Provisions of the Mental Health Law 2021 to tackle suicide and suicidality in Nigeria:

Hon. Uchenna Clement Nwachukwu. E:

The House:

Notes that the responsibility of the government is to protect and safeguard the lives of Nigerians as outlined by 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 the government;

Also notes that on 12 July 2023, a teenager took her life after being raped in Oyo State, one out of many cases of suicide underreported and mostly unreported in Nigeria due to social stigmatization;

Recalls that ThisDay Newspapers reported an alarming rise in suicide deaths between 2022 and March 2023, It emphasizes that suicide is seen as a taboo in most parts of the country and hidden by families due to cultural factors;

Concerned that fresh cases of suicide as published in the print media have a greater proportion of youth as victims, in January 2023, Joseph Olona, a 300-level student at FUTA, and 50-year-old Ojo Ogundeji both committed suicide on January 14 and 23, respectively;

Worried that the risk factors for suicide such as mental health conditions, substance use, access to lethal means, prolonged stress, unemployment, financial crisis, and child abuse and neglect pose huge threats to Nigerians;

Disturbed that there has not been adequate sensitization of the provisions of the Act and guidelines on how people struggling with mental health problems can receive help;

Cognizant that the awareness campaigns should reduce stigma and ensure the acceptability of the regulations to protect the dignity of people struggling with mental health;

Resolve to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to collaborate with relevant Health Institutions to ensure that research on mental health is put into practice to ensure evidence-based care to Nigerian citizens;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to evaluate the implementation of the content of the Mental Health Act and conduct a needs assessment of the full implementation of the Act.
- 5. Need to Address the worsening Insecurity in Dandume Local Government Area and its environs in Funtua/Dandume Federal Constituency of Katsina State:

 Hon. Abubakar Ahmad Muhammad:

The House:

Notes that the state of Insecurity in Dandume Local Government Area and its environs has assumed a worrisome dimension.

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

Aware of the reoccurring insecurity challenges in the area has led to loss of lives, kidnappings and the dispossession of properties owned by the locals has assumed an alarming stage;

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

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

Also worried that several villagers in the local government now live in fear due to displacement of their valuable properties worth hundreds of millions in Naira;

Cognizant of the need for immediate Government intervention to curb insecurity in the area and proffer lasting solution to the problem;

Resolves to:

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

6. Need to Increase Monthly Allowance of National Youth Corps Members To Reflect the Current Economic Reality of the Nation:

Hon. Uduak Odudoh:

The House:

Notes that National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) is the only Federal Government Scheme that offers young Nigerian graduates an insight to the Nation's strength of diversity by posting Corps members outside their States of origin to other parts of Nigeria;

Aware that Corps Members, through Community Development Service (CDS), have contributed immensely to the development of their host Communities and Nigeria at large;

Concerned that irrespective of the harsh economic situation in Nigeria, particularly arising from fuel subsidy removal among other government economic policies, Corps members are still expected to report regularly to their respective deployment throughout the period of their service year;

Worried that the meagre thirty three thousand (#33, 000.00) Naira monthly allowance currently being paid to Corp members is insufficient to sustain their basic needs as well as transportation to their places of deployment among other necessary expenditures;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to increase the monthly allowance of Corps members to a reasonable sum that can sustain the current cost of living in the country;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to increase funding allocation of the NYSC scheme in the 2024 budget estimates;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Youth Development to ensure compliance.

7. Call on the President to Revisit the Oransanye's Report: Hon. Alex Egbona:

The House:

Notes that in August 2021, the administration of then President Goodluck Jonathan inaugurated a Seven Member Presidential Committee to advise the government on the restructuring and rationalization of the Federal Government Agencies, Parastatals and the Commissions headed by the former Head of Service of the Federation, Mr Stephen Oronsaye;

Also notes that the terms of references were (a) to study and review all previous reports and records on the restructuring of Federal Parastatals and advice on whether they were still relevant, (b) to examine the enabling Acts of all Federal Agencies, Parastatals and Commissions and determine areas of overlap or duplication of functions and make appropriate recommendations to either restructure, merge or scrap some to eliminate such overlaps, duplications or redundancies, (c) advice on any other matter incidental to the foregoing which;

Aware that in April 2012, the Commission submitted an 800-page report which recommended the abolition and /or merger of 102 government agencies and Parastatals to reduce the cost of governance;

Also aware that the Commission recommended the reduction of statutory agencies from 263 to 161 with 38 agencies recommended for abolition while 52 were recommended for merger and 14 to revert to departments in existing ministries;

Informed that upon receipt of the report, the Federal Government appointed a Committee headed by then-Attorney General of the Federation, Mr. Mohammed Bello Adoke to study the report and prepare its view for adoption and implementation;

Also informed that in April 2014, the government White Paper took a more conservative approach and rejected about 90 per cent of the recommendations made by the Oronsaye Committee;

Worried that the Jonathan and Buhari administrations failed to carry out the implementation contained in the White Paper to address the concern raised in the Oronsaye Committee report;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the President to constitute a panel without delay to review the report to implement the recommendations in the interest and well-being of the Nigerian people;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Judiciary and Public Accounts to ensure compliance.

8. Need to Grant License to the Niger State Government as a Mineral buying Centre: Hon. Joshua Audu Gana:

The House:

Notes Section 95 of the Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act (the Act) provides for the establishment of Mineral Buying Centres (Buying Centre) to serve as standardization centres to enable artisanal and

small miners' cooperatives and operators to receive fair premiums for their labour as they concentrate on production;

Also notes that by section 96 of the Act and regulation 232 of the Nigerian Mineral and Mining Regulation, 2011, the Minister of Mines and Steel Development and the Mining Cadastre Officer are to determine the qualification for entities to register as Mineral Buying Centres;

Further notes that as provided by the Act and regulation, one of the criteria for registration as a buying Centre is that the entity seeking registration must register with the Corporate Affairs Commission;

Aware that the Federal Government in 2016 stated that it had started ceding buying Centres to state governments in a bid to reduce friction between the two tiers of government on mining activities;

Aware that Niger State is heavily endowed with natural resources in different locations as follows:

- (a) Gold: Minna, Kafin-Koro, Kontagora, Bida and New-Bussa Chachaga, Mariga, Paikoro, Bida & Borgu;
- (b) Clay: Enagi, Rafi, Badeggi, Tatiko, Agwara, Borgu, Suleja and Mokwa. Edati, Bida, Suleja and Mokwa:
- (c) Silica and Sand: Suleja, Bida and Mokwa Suleja, Bida and Mokwa;
- (d) Kynaites: South -West of Minna Minna;
- (e) Marble: Minna Hill and Kwakuti Minna and Paiko;
- (f) Copper, Iron, Felspar and Lead Spread All Over The State All LGA;
- (g) Kaolin Agaie, Bida, Lemu, Mokwa & Kutigi Agaie, Bida, Gbako, Mokwa & Kutigi;
- (h) Cassertrite New-Bussa Borgu;
- (i) Columbite New-Bussa Borgu;
- (j) Tantalite New-Bussa Borgu;
- (k) Limestone Lapai, Konkoso, Swashi and Mokwa Agaie, Borgu, Lapai, Mokwa;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Mining Cadastre Office under the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development to grant a licence to the Niger State Government as a Mineral Buying Centre due to the presence of minerals in the state;
 - (a) invite the Director General of the Mining Cadastre Office to brief the Committee on Commerce on the numbers of Licensed Buying Centre including a list of similar Licenses previously issued to State Governments;
 - (b) mandate the Committee on Soild Minerals Development oensure compliance.

9. Need to Investigate the Service and Unprecedented Environmental Damage within Oil Producing Communities:

Hon. Ahmadu Usman Jaha:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria is ranked as the 15th major oil producing nation, with an average production of almost 2 million barrels per day and is reputed to be a Gas bed;

Also notes that many oil wells in Bayelsa State are depleted and are no more commercially viable, which accounts for the sale of lots of old upstream assets by International Oil and Gas Companies to local players;

Aware that international global best practice requires that all depleted and commercially non-viable oil well platforms be decommissioned to prevent environmental hazards or interference with other maritime activities;

Also aware that Section 232 of the Petroleum Industry Act provides that at the end of their exploration activities, oil producing companies should ensure that the environment is returned to its original state by decommissioning and disposing non-viable platforms;

Further aware that Section 233 of the Petroleum Industry Act provides for establishment of a Fund for the mitigation of negative environmental impacts associated with decommissioning or abandonment of oil and gas fields and assets;

Concerned that local and foreign Oil and Gas Companies have persistently disregarded extant laws by abandoning non-viable platforms and facilities at their operational bases without following the standard practices, thereby posing great risks to the host communities, as the emission of poisonous gases from abandoned facilities are resulting to unexplainable ailments and terminal diseases amongst the people;

Also concerned that the abandoned facilities are impeding water transportation causing unimaginable dangers to farers;

Worried that the relevant regulatory bodies are not taking any serious steps to set things right, while members of the host communities are suffering life threatening hardship as a result of negligence from the parties involved;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to investigate the environmental damage in oil producing communities caused by non-compliance of extant laws by oil producing companies.

10. Need to Rehabilitate the Onistsha – Atani – Ossomalla – Ogwuikpele – Ndoni Road in Ogbaru Federal Constituency, Anambra State: Hon. Afam Victor Ogene:

The House:

Notes that the Onitsha-Atani-Ossomalla-Ogwuikpele-Ndoni Road is the only road that connects the 15 communities in Ogbaru Local Government Area/Federal Constituency of Anambra state to the rest of the State, and is the shortest route to Rivers State from Anambra;

Concerned that the road is in deplorable condition, making commuting a grueling experience, which is made worse by the yearly flood disaster in the area;

Also concerned that the people of Ogbaru Federal Constituency, who are predominantly farmers, find it extremely difficult to transport their produce to different markets via the dilapidated road, thus impacting their contribution to the nation's food security;

Worried that this important road has become tortuous and treacherous to road users, leading to loss of lives, farm produce, properties and man hours;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to include completion of the Onitsha-Atani-Ossomalla-Ogwuikpele–Ndoni Road Project in the 2024 budget estimates;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to, in the meantime, provide palliative measures on the road to ease transportation thereon;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure compliance.

11. Need to Protect and Secure the Aquatic and Terrestrial Habitat of Host Communities in the Niger Delta Region: Hon. Philip Agbese:

Notes that the Niger Delta region with an estimated population of about 31 million and a land mass of about 70,000 km is a major hydrocarbon reserve;

Also notes that the ecology of the region consists of mangrove swamp freshwater swamps and lowland rainforests which provides fishing and farming livelihood options for over 90% of the inhabitant;

Further notes that this incredibly well-endowed ecosystem contains one of the highest concentrations of biodiversity on the planet, in addition to supporting abundant flora and fauna, arable terrain that can sustain a wide variety of crops, lumber or agricultural trees, and more species of freshwater fish than any ecosystem in west Africa;

Aware that the Niger Delta Basin produces around 2 million barrels of oil per day and the entire system is predicted to contain 34.5 billion barrels of oil and 94 trillion feet of natural gas;

Also aware that over 57 Companies are involved in hydrocarbon exploration and production activities in the Niger Delta region and the attendant pollution from their activities has made the Niger Delta to be regarded as one of the worst among similar delta areas in the world;

Further aware that the cases of pollution are exacerbated by colossal breaches of the pipelines with very weak integrity causing spills and also increasing incidences of unwholesome activities at the about 1000 abandoned well heads littered across the Niger Delta etc;

Alarmed that the livelihood of the people who are fishermen and farmers is under threat of extinction because of the toxicity of the terrestrial and aquatic habitats, thus making farming and fishing activities impossible;

Also alarmed at the high rates of crime in the region as residents are dejected and impoverished by the exploration and production of the rich hydrocarbon reserves in the Niger Delta;

Cognizant of the need to ensure inclusivity of the host communities in the hydrocarbon exploration and production value chain to enable them to derive economic benefits, particularly in the provisions of the Petroleum Industry Acts;

Determined to monitor and ensure the remediation and restoration of identified contaminated locations/communities to arrest the increasing depletion of sources of livelihood of the people

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Niger Delta Development Commission to protect and secure the Aquatic and Terrestrial Habitat of Host Communities in the Niger Delta Region and ensure their inclusivity in the operation and management of the hydrocarbon value chain;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Niger Delta Development Commission and Host Communities to ensure compliance and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

12. Need to Investigate the Indiscriminate Issuance of "Certificate of No Objection" by the Bureau of Public Procurement and Non-non-Compliance with Mandatory Post-Procurement Audit: Hon. Peter Akpanke:

The House:

Notes that by the Provisions of the Sections 6(1)(c) and 16(1)(b) of the Public Procurement Act 2007, the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) is authorized to issue a certificate of no objection to contracts awarded by relevant procurement entity;

Also notes that the powers vested in the Bureau of Public Procurement are aimed at ensuring that the letters and spirit of the Public Procurement Act are complied with, the government gets value for money, contracts awarded are within relevant thresholds backed by budgetary allocation;

Further notes that the Bureau of Public Procurement has failed to comply with the mandatory post–procurement audit as required by Section 5(p) of the Public Procurement Act 2007;

Observes that the Bureau has consistently engaged in under-hand dealings in the grant of "certificate of no objection" thus abusing the power to make pecuniary gains and increasing incidences of abandoned and failed projects across the country;

Also observe that such gross abuses and violation of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 has been exasperated by the recent increase in arbitrary nomination to procuring entities of winners for tendering processes and where the procuring entity declines, the process is interjected and frustrated in bad faith and for flimsy reasons;

Worried that if urgent steps are not taken to investigate the allegations and address any proven infractions, the Bureau of Public Procurement is likely to transform itself from a regulator to a disruptor and eventually endanger the entire public procurement system

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Public Procurement to investigate the above allegations and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Public Procurement to consider the Biannual reports submitted in the last six years and make their findings known to the Public.

13. Need for Reconstruction of Lagos-Sango-Abeokuta Expressway: Hon, Ibrahim A. Isiaka

The House:

Notes that Lagos – Sango-Abeokuta Expressway is the only road that connects Ogun State and Ikeja parts of Nigeria;

Also notes that the deplorable condition of the road calls for the Federal Government's intervention as road users spend 5-7 hours in gridlock daily;

Further notes that the reconstruction of the road was awarded to Julius Berger Nigeria and Reynolds Construction Company Limited at the cost of N22,000,000,000.00 since 2018 and no tangible work has been done on the road for the past six years;

Aware that the road has not witnessed any rehabilitation as commuters and heavy-duty vehicular find it difficult from Abeokuta to Lagos to ply the road resulting in the loss goods daily basis;

Also aware that section 1 of the Federal Highways Act empowered the Minister, Federal Ministry of Works to carry out reconstruction and maintenance of Federal roads;

Concerned that with the deep potholes and gully erosion ravaging the road caused by torrential rainfalls, it has not only become a death trap for commuters and residents of adjoining communities but also a breeding ground for robbery and other criminal activities;

Resolves to:

(i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to resume work and complete the construction of the Sango–Ifo–Abeokuta Expressway; and

(ii) mandate the Committee on Works to investigate the cause of abandonment of work on the road and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- **14.** 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*
- 15. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Bende to Provide full-time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Sciences, Commerce, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management and to carry out Research in the Development and Adaptation of Techniques; and also make Provision for the Appointment of a Provost and the Officials of the College to carry out the Administration and the Discipline of Students of the College and for Related Matters, 2021 (HB. 125) (*Leader*) *Committee of the Whole: 25/7/2023*.
- A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Oaths Act, Cap. O1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Oaths Act, 2023 to take cognisance of Technological Advancements and make provisions for Digital and Electronic means of Administering Oaths and Affirmations in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.122) (*Leader*) *Committee of the Whole:25/7/2023*.