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## PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Industrial Training Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.883) (*Hon. Ime Okon*) – *First Reading*.
2. Companies and Allied Matters Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.884) (*Hon. Ime Okon*) - *First Reading*.
3. Animal Diseases Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.885) (*Hon. Mohammed Bello El-Rufai*) - *First Reading*.
4. National Football Academy, Sunday – Sunday Field, Abakpa Nike, Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.886) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) – *First Reading*.
5. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.887) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) – *First Reading*.
6. Critical Infrastructure Protection Bill, 2023 (HB.888) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) – *First Reading*
7. Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.889) (*Hon. Adamu Hashimu*) – *First Reading*.
8. Federal University of Agriculture, Ningi Bauchi State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.890) (*Hon. Adamu Hashimu*) – *First Reading*.

9. Health Education Practitioners Board (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.891) (*Hon. Muktar Shagaya*) – *First Reading*.
10. Federal Cancer Research and Treatment Centre, Calabar, Cross River State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.892) (*Hon. Muktar Shagaya*) – *First Reading*.
11. Federal Cancer Research and Treatment Centre, Abeokuta, Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.893) (*Hon. Muktar Shagaya*) – *First Reading*.
12. Nigerian Para-military Academy, Akoko, Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.894) (*Hon. Philip Agbese*) – *First Reading*.
13. Nigerian Civil Defence University, Akoko, Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.895) (*Hon. Philip Agbese*) – *First Reading*.
14. Nigerian Institute of Chartered Foresters (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.896) (*Hon. Alli Adeyemi Taofeek*) – *First Reading*.
15. National Senior Citizens Centre Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.897) (*Hon. Kafilat Ogbara*) – *First Reading*.
16. Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.898) (*Hon. Kafilat Ogbara*) – *First Reading*.
17. Chartered Institute of Mortgage Bankers and Brokers of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.899) (*Hon. Hassan Shehu Hussain*) – *First Reading*.
18. National Road Traffic Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.900) (*Hon. Enitan Dolapo Badru*) – *First Reading*.
19. Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.901) (*Hon. Enitan Dolapo Badru*) – *First Reading*.
20. River – Basins Development Authorities Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB.902) (*Hon. Eze Nwachukwu*) – *First Reading*.
21. Federal University of Technology, Asaba, Delta State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.903) (*Hon. Ngozi Okolie*) – *First Reading*.
22. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.904) (*Hon. Unyime Idem*) – *First Reading*.
23. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.905) (*Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi*) – *First Reading*.
24. Federal College of Health Sciences and Technology, Gummi, Zamfara State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.906) (*Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi*) – *First Reading*.
25. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 Act (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB.907) (*Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi*) – *First Reading*.

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## PRESENTATION OF REPORT

### **Ad-hoc Committee on Failed Mass Transit Schemes:**

#### **Hon. Afam Victor Ogene:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the failures in Nigeria's Mass Transit Schemes” (HR. 116/04/2023) (*Referred: 19/7/2023*).

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

## BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish Institute of Economists of Nigerian Empowered with Responsibility to Determine and Regulate the Standards of Knowledge, skills and Qualification of Persons seeking to become Professional Economists in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 224) – *Third Reading*.
  2. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Medical and Health Sciences, Item Bende to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB. 25) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu and Six Others*) – *Second Reading*.
  3. A Bill For an Act to Establish Public Accounts Tribunal which shall be Responsible for the Recovery of Public Funds or Properties Found by the Public Accounts Committees of the National Assembly to have been Misappropriated or Due to the Government of the Federation and for Related Matters (HB. 66) (*Hon. Oluwole Oke*) – *Second Reading*.
  4. A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Marine Corps to Promote Maritime Security and for Related Matters (HB. 225) (*Hon. Alex Egbona*) – *Second Reading*.
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## MOTIONS

5. **Incessant Boat Mishaps in Agwara/Borgu Federal Constituency of Niger State:  
Hon. Jafaru Mohammed:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that on 5 August, and 2 October 2023 respectively boat mishaps occurred in Rofia and Kasabo along the coast of River Niger in Agwara Local Government Area of Niger State resulting in the deaths of 38 people and leaving others missing;

*Also notes* that exactly a year after a similar tragedy in the Malale community where a commercial helmsman's boat capsized and left many dead in the water;

*Informed* that most Women and children drowned while travelling on the wooden boat in River Niger, Agwara Local Government Area of Niger State, where locally made vessels are used for transport;

*Also informed* that most incidents are attributed to overloading amid the absence of good and accessible roads in the affected areas, condition of the vessels and poor regulation of waterways largely contribute to the gravity of the menace;

*Worried* that there are no provisions for emergency exits in the vessels and that the boat owners do not know the rules and regulations guiding their operations;

*Cognizant* that if steps are taken to proffer lasting solutions to the incessant occurrence of boat accidents on these waterways, residents in Agwara/Borgu Federal Constituency of Niger State would continue to die prematurely;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) and the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) to ensure the use of safety jackets, constant checks on the condition of boats and other vessels, and the use of Marshals at the riverine areas to prevent overloading;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to come to The Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management and the National Emergency Management Agency to assist families affected by the recent accidents; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Inland Waterways and Maritime Safety, Education and Administration to ensure compliance

**6. Dredging of Water Channels to Connect Magaga, Sabon Gidan Amale Water and Fada Dam in Gwarzo/Kabo Constituency of Kano State:  
Hon. Abdullahi Mu'azu Gwarzo:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that Magaga, Sabon Gidan Amale Water, and Fada Dam in Kabo/Gwarzo Federal Constituency, Kano State, provide water for over 7 million people, supporting their domestic needs for water supply for use, irrigation, and flood control in the areas;

*Also notes* that the dams are vital for supporting agricultural activities, food production, and irrigation projects, mitigating flood impacts, and promoting economic growth in the region, while also safeguarding local communities and their properties;

*Concerned* that failing to construct water channels connecting Magaga, Sabon Gidan Amale Water, and Fada Dams could negatively impact youth in the constituency, whose belief is that the project will create more job opportunities;

*Recognizes* the commitment of the Federal Government of Nigeria to empower youth through the ongoing agricultural reforms;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Ministry of Water Resources to promptly initiate the construction and dredging of water Channels to connect Magaga, Sabon Gida Dan Amale Water, and Fada Dam of Kabo/ Gwarzo Federal Constituency of Kano State;
- (ii) also urge the Ministry of Water Resources to include the construction and dredging of water channel to connect Magaga, Sabon Gidan Amale Water, and Fada Dam Federal Constituency of Kano State in the 2024 Budget estimates;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Water Resources to ensure complaints

**7. Dualization of Ijebu–Ode – Ibuefun – Itokin –Agbowa – Ikorodu Federal Road:  
Hon. Olufemi Adeleke Ogunbanwo:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Ijebu-Ode-Ibefun-Itokin-Agbowa-Ikorodu Federal Road, connecting Ogun and Lagos states, serves various communities and cities namely Ijede, Imota, Epe, Agbowa, Itokin, Idowa, Ibefun; and is an alternative route for commuters from South East and South-South Geo-Political Zones, connected to the Sagamu - Ore - Benin Expressway;

*Also notes* that major industries and tourist attractions like the Imota rice mill, Julius Berger's burial site, and Ejinrin market are located along the road;

*Observes* that the strategic road offers a viable alternative to the Lekki-Eti-Osa-Epe Expressway, likely to increase vehicular movement due to industrial activities in the Lekki Free Trade Zone. Furthermore, the proposed 4th Mainland Bridge in Lagos incorporates this road as a crucial feeder road, underscoring its significant role in the region's transportation infrastructure;

*Concerned* that the road built in 1975 has deteriorated due to a lack of maintenance by the Federal government, causing inconvenience and safety hazards for commuters and businesses;

*Worried* that the deplorable conditions of the road have caused fatalities, property waste, and millions of Naira in damages, disrupting economic and social activities;

*Disturbed* that Ogun and Lagos State governments have appealed to the Federal Government for road ownership, upgrading, and expansion, but after assurances by the former Minister of Works on approval of funds by the Federal Executive Council for rehabilitation in April 2021, work is yet to commence;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to rehabilitate, upgrade, and dualize the Ijebu-Ode-Ibefun-Itokin-Agbowa-Ikorodu Federal Road and include the financial cost of the project in the 2024 budget estimates;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to immediately commence the rehabilitation pending the upgrading and dualization of the road; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees of Works, Appropriations and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure compliance.

**8. Need for the Rehabilitation and Dualisation of Magazine Junction GRA Onitsha-33-Otuocho-Omasi-Adani (Anambra State Border) - Adani (Enugu State)-Otukpa Benue State.  
Hon. Emeka Idu G.O.                      Hon. Peter Aniekwe                      Hon. Maureen Gwacham**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Magazine Junction GRA Onitsha–33–Otuocho–Omasi–Adani (Anambra State Border)-Adani (Enugu State Border) Otukpa Benue State is about 100km and a major Federal road in Nigeria, crucial for social and economic development in Anambra State, Enugu/Benue, and Kogi State;

*Also notes* that the road is segmented into two sections, the first section is dualised from GRA Onitsha to Aguleri/Otuocho Junction while the second section is a single carriageway from Otuocho/Aguleri junction to Adani, Enugu and Benue state;

*Further notes* the road transverses a lot of Agrarian Communities constituting the food basket of Anambra State and its neighbouring States which requires the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to develop a master plan for the Omor – Adani Staple Crop Processing Zone and access to the Anambra State Oil and Gas Zone which has abundant crude oil resources;

*Aware* that former President Shehu Shagari awarded and executed a road contract in the early 1980s which led to the proliferation of various housing estates and educational institutions in Onitsha, Oyi, and Anambra East;

*Also aware* that the road is the nearest route to the Anambra State International Airport from the Onitsha end of Anambra State and its dualization will significantly transform the ever-busy Enugu – Onitsha expressway;

*Concerned* that the Magazine GRA Onitsha – 33 - Otuocho - Omasi – Adani - Otukpa UR being a Federal road has been left to dilapidate for years with heavy vehicular traffic, criminal activities thus constituting death traps to Nigerians plying the road, this calls for urgent rehabilitation and dualisation;

*Cognizant* that the rehabilitation and dualization of the road will serve as a catalyst for economic growth, reduce negative environmental impact and improve the overall standard of living of the host states and its environment;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to provide palliative works on the dilapidated parts of the road;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works to include the reconstruction and dualisation of the Magazine GRA Onitsha – 33 - Otuocho - Omasi – Adani \_ Otukpa Road in their 2024 budget estimate; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on FERMA and Works to ensure compliance.

**9. Need to Resume the Abandoned Danbatta Power Substation in Kano State:  
Hon. Ibrahim Hamisu:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Danbatta Power Substation was awarded in 2009 to enhance energy supply to the Danbatta industrial area and its environs and also to boost economic activities in the state.

*Also notes* that the substation project would address epileptic power supply and enhance distribution in the Kano metropolis;

*Aware* that Elektron Nigeria Limited, the contractor responsible for the project, has abandoned the work since 2015 due to a lack of federal government funding.

*Observes* that the lack of funding for this project by the Transmission Company of Nigeria has been a source of concern to the community and the contractor handling the project;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power through the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), to ensure the provision of funds for the completion of Danbatta Power Substation in the 2024 budget estimates; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Power and Appropriations to ensure compliance.

**10. Need to Address the challenges of the Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria and its Sub-Stations including the Rubber Research Institute Sub-Station, Akwete:  
Hon. Chris Nkwonta:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Rubber Research Institute of Nigeria (RRIN) Substation, Akwete was established in 1960 under the control of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, following the promulgation of Decree No. 25 of 1971, it extends the Institute's mandate to rubber farmers in Abia, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Enugu, Bayelsa, Cross River, Ebonyi, Rivers and Imo States respectively, the institute has significantly contributed to the development of rubber as a major cash crop and a source of foreign exchange for Nigeria;

*Aware* that the Rubber Research Institute is an investment with economic potential, including export production, job creation, research, high-yield rubber varieties, processing technologies, rubber-based agroforestry, capacity building, market research, and policy recommendations;

*Also notes* that the Rubber Research Institute and its substations have become a hub for illicit activities due to inadequate boundary protection, human resource shortages, insufficient technology, and insufficient electricity supply;

*Also aware* that according to the Report by the National Bureau of Statistics, Nigeria's natural rubber production decreased from 155,000 metric tons in 2010 to 88,000 metric tons in 2020, with export value dropping from \$217 million to \$67 million coupled with Competition from other countries and global price fluctuations impact competitiveness in the international market;

*Concerned* that this situation is not only detrimental to the Rubber Research Institute but also to millions of Nigerians relying on rubber for income and employment, it undermines diversification of the economy and the attainment of food security and self-reliance;

*Resolve to:*

- (i) urge the Federal government to formulate and implement a national policy on rubber development that will provide a conducive environment for research production processing and marketing of natural rubber in Nigeria;
- (ii) also urge the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to make provision in the 2024 budget estimates to address the problems of the Rubber Research Institute, support rubber smallholder farmers with improved planting materials, inputs, credit, extension services, infrastructure and market access;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security in collaboration with Customs to enforce compliance with Natural rubber quality standards before export;
- (iv) again urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to collaborate with other natural-producing countries in Africa and Asia to promote regional cooperation and trade in natural rubber
- (v) mandate the Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions to ensure compliance and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action;

**11. Need to Investigate the Career Stagnation caused by Discrimination between Higher National Diploma (HND) and Bachelor Degree holders in the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps:  
Hon. Ime Bassey Okon:**

*Notes* the persistent discrimination between Polytechnics and University certificate holders in civil service with regards to employment and promotion, with Higher National Diploma Holders (HND) limited to Salary Grade 14 and Degree Holders reaching Grade 17 before retirement from service, despite government policies to reverse the practice;

*Also notes* that in terms of academic discipline, the HND holders outperform B.Sc. holders in practical aspects, as 70% of learning in Polytechnics is practical, aiming to equip graduates with technical knowledge for self-reliance;

*Observe* that in developed nations, HND and Degree holders are employed at the same grade level, prioritizing competence, cognate experience, and graduate offerings, unlike Nigeria's emphasis on status and paper qualifications. Furthermore, the United Kingdom Polytechnics system has transitioned into Universities or Degree-awarding institutions, but the Nigerian education system still hinders the advancement and self-reliance of polytechnic education;

*Aware* that the National Assembly recently passed a bill to eliminate the discrimination and disparities between the two certificates, the legislation sought to resolve the dichotomy controversy and promote Nigeria's technological advancement by encouraging many qualified students to pursue polytechnics and technology-based studies;

*Also aware* that in 2006, President Obasanjo reversed a discriminatory policy limiting HND holders from rising above grade 14 in public service, directing the former Chief of Staff and Head of Service to prepare a position paper. Also under President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua, the Federal Executive Council removed the salary ceiling for HND holders. President Muhammadu Buhari criticized the disparity, leading to a circular in 2018 stating that HND holders will enjoy salary grade level 08 in Civil Service;

*Further observes* that the Civil Defence Fire, Immigration and Prisons Board approved the abolition of the bachelor's degree and HND distinction in Ministry of Interior services, with Lt .-Gen. Abdulrahman Dambazau directing the implementation and rank harmonization;

*Concerned* that despite policy directives and approvals, discrimination against HND holders persists in private and public agencies, particularly in paramilitary agencies, where the dichotomy was abolished in 2016 due to no sanctions for non-compliance;

*Worried* that the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps has experienced career stagnation among 2012 HND intakes, with B.Sc. colleagues being promoted multiple times to Superintendent of Corps, a situation that goes against Civil Service regulations and creates bad blood among the rank and file of the Corps;

*Alarmed* that junior officers with School Certificates in 2012 who later earned a part-time B.Sc. degree were promoted to senior ranks and Assistant Superintendent of Corps, leading to a decrease in morale and motivation among their HND counterparts. Also from 2012 to 2022, NSCDC recruits with HND failed to be promoted four times, while their B.Sc. counterparts were promoted twice. This discrimination led to HND intakes resolving not to sit for future promotions, as it has become futile;

*Disturbed* that the Discrimination against polytechnic graduates hinders technology-driven development, leading to poor living standards, negative balance sheets, and low per capita income;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Head of Service to comply with all existing circulars abrogating the dichotomy between HND and B.Sc. in the Civil Service;
- (ii) also urge the Commandant-General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) to promote all qualified personnel and pay the arrears of emoluments they might have lost as a result of the failure of the NSCDC to promote them as at when due; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Public Service Matters and Interior to investigate the failure to promote certain officers despite writing and passing their promotional examinations on four different occasions and invite the Commandant-General of the NSCDC to explain his failure to comply with the Board and Ministry's approval on the abolition of the HND and B.Sc. dichotomy like its counterpart under the Nigerian Civil Defence Corps, Fire, Immigration and Prisons Board.

**12. Call on the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to Complete Specialist Hospital, Ikom Local Government Area of Cross River:  
Hon. Victor Abang:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Federal Executive Council approved a 1.2 billion naira project for the construction of a Specialist hospital in Cross River in 2012, but nine years later, the deteriorating building remains uncommissioned;

*Also notes* that the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) in 2012/2013 awarded the contract for the construction of the Specialist hospital to Messers Emostrade Engineering Limited to the sum of #1, 214,847,450.28 (one billion, two hundred and fourteen million eight hundred and forty-seven thousand, four hundred and fifty naira, twenty-eight Kobo);

*Aware* that the hospital was designed to serve as a Specialist Hospital to cater for the health needs of the communities in Cross River State and the neighbouring States;



*Also aware* that a one-story building with a total floor area of 7052m<sup>2</sup> was to be constructed and completed approximately within 26 months in 2015, and the place is now in a terrible state, denying the people essential medical services;

*Concerned* that the contractor's failure to complete the project has caused hardship for members of the communities, leaving them vulnerable to private hospitals and clinic owners;

*Worried* that since the abandonment of work in 2015, the site has become farmland, with grass overtaking the proposed specialist hospital, thereby causing frustration among residents due to inaccessible quality healthcare services;

*Also worried* about the current high cost of construction materials in the market is another factor militating against the completion of the Specialist Hospital;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to carry out a holistic assessment of the project and ascertain the challenges militating against the completion of the projects;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Niger Delta Ministry and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation.

**13. Rehabilitation of Ilorin – offa – Osogbo – Ibadan – Abeokuta – Lagos Railway line:  
Hon. Muktar Tolani Shagaya:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Ilorin-Offa-Osogbo-Ibadan-Abeokuta-Lagos Railway Lines is one of the oldest railway lines in Nigeria, established in 1912 by the British Colonial Government;

*Also notes* that the railway line serves as a link to several states which include; Kwara, Osun, Oyo, Ogun and Lagos States;

*Aware* that Railway networks are globally recognized as safe and reliable transportation methods, facilitating the easy conveyance of goods, cargo, and raw materials;

*Also aware* that efficient rail transport connects remote areas with urban centres, facilitates trade, generates economic growth, and creates jobs for the population;

*Concerned* that despite the huge population and the economic activities in Ilorin and its environs, the Ilorin-Offa-Osogbo-Ibadan-Abeokuta-Lagos rail line is currently not functional.

*Also concerned* over the inadequate management and monitoring of Nigerian Railway cooperation's railway infrastructure, as well as the high number of road accidents of about 13,656 and 6,456 fatalities in 2022, as reported by the Federal Road Safety Corps;

*Believes* that rail is a cheaper and safer means of transportation and rehabilitating the Ilorin-Offa-Osogbo-Ibadan-Abeokuta-Lagos rail line will not only reduce the fatality but enhance the commercial activities in the areas;

*Cognizant* that rehabilitating the rail lines will alleviate the exorbitant cost of transportation of commuters in various states which will invariably reduce the effects of the fuel subsidy removal on travellers, traders, farmers and artisans;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Transportation to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Finance to make adequate budgetary provisions for the rehabilitation of the Ilorin-Offa-Osogbo-Ibadan-Abeokuta-Lagos Railway lines in the 2024 budget estimates;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Land Transport to invite the Nigerian Railway Corporation Management Board to address the deplorable state of railway infrastructure and inadequate management processes; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Land Transport and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

**14. Need to Create Awareness Programmes for Persons with Disability:  
Hon. Bashiru Dawodu:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the World Health Organization and World Bank report that Nigeria has an estimated 30 million persons with disabilities;

*Also notes* that countries that promote economic, political, social, and cultural aspirations without discrimination have fully implemented disability rights, including Nigeria, as contained in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability 2007, which Nigeria was a signatory;

*Aware* that the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act, 2018 was signed into law to ensure full participation and inclusion of people living with disabilities in all sectors of the economy;

*Worried* that the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation, tasked with promoting and educating the public about the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities, is ineffective;

*Also worried* that Twenty–three States of the federation are yet to domesticate the law in their States;

*Further worried* that discrimination stigmatization and non-inclusion continue both in the private and public sectors;

*Aware* that about 15% of the country's about 250 million population, persons living with disabilities constitute one of the marginalized groups within the Nigerian society contrary to section 36 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation and religious organizations to sensitize the public about the discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act, 2018;
- (ii) also urge States of the Federation of Nigeria to domesticate the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Law in their States; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee of Disabilities to ensure compliance.

## CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

**15. Ad–hoc Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management:  
Hon. Julius Ihonvere:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the Ad–hoc Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the request for Approval of Additional Financing of the National Social Safety Net Programme (Scale- Up) by the National Assembly” (*Referred: 13/7/2023*).  
and approve recommendations therein” (*Laid: 31/10/2023*)

- (i) that the National Voters card be included as a part of the means of identification to enable the poor and vulnerable, as well as the senior citizens that do not have a bank account, BVN or NIN to be captured and benefit from the programme;
  - (ii) that the House follow up with proper monitoring of the implementation of the programme to ensure transparency; and
  - (iii) that the House by its resolution approve Additional Financing of the National Social Safety Net Programme (Scale Up) in the sum of USD 800, 000, 000 (eight hundred million United States dollars).
- 16.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria Act, Cap. A26, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters (HB.712) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 26/10/2023.*
- 17.** A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to establish Federal Medical Centre, Ovwian, Delta State and for Related Matters (HB. 222) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 26/6/2023.*
- 18.** A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Business Administration of Nigeria charged with the Responsibility for Advancing the Study, Training and Determining the Standards of Knowledge and Skills to be Attained by Persons Seeking to become Registered Members of the Institute and for Related Matters (HB.140) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 25/7/2023.*
- 19.** A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Council for Psychologists charged with the responsibility of Advancing the Study, Training and Practice of Psychologist Profession and for Related Matters (HB.610) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 19/10/2023.*