



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER
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**ORDER OF THE DAY
BILLS**

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ikole-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.1037) (*Hon. Akintunde Rotimi*) – *Second Reading*.
 2. A Bill for an Act to provide for Establishment of Federal Vocational and Skills Acquisition College, Yankaba, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 592) (*Hon. Hassan Shehu Hussain*) – *Second Reading*.
 3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Code Act, Cap. C38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide stiffer penalties to selected Sections of the Act and for Related Matters (HB.151) (*Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

4. **Need to Construct Bye-Pass Road in Jega, Aleiro/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency of Kebbi State:**
Hon. Mansur Musa:

The House:

Notes that in the 1970s a federal government Trunk ‘A’ road, connecting Oyo, Niger, Kebbi, and Sokoto States, was constructed in Jega town, linking Nigeria to the Republic of Niger;

Also notes that the town's commercial center in Kebbi State is known for heavy traffic and congested roads, particularly on Friday's market days, which attract heavy trucks and vehicles;

Concerned that the deplorable state of the road has been causing numerous accidents, injuries, and deaths for a long time, with reports of accidents and deaths occurring on a daily basis;

Worried that a lot of primary, secondary, and tertiary institutions located along the road, where students and pupils cross before entering schools, have been injured or killed by moving vehicles along the length of the road;

Observes that to minimize the high rates of accident, local authorities and security agencies deployed personnel to provide security to students and reduce accidents, but the increasing number of students and the insufficient number of security personnel leave room for improvement.

Worried that the dangerous and deplorable state of the road has caused untold fear among parents, leading to school dropouts and absenteeism. The noise from heavy trucks and vehicles also distracts the learning process in schools along the road;

Also worried that the road in Sanagi village, Jega Local Government Area, is a major obstacle for knowledge acquisition and commercial activities;

Cognizant of the need to construct a by-pass road to Kebbi State University of Science and Technology Aleiro to facilitate and ensure smooth learning environment and thriving commercial activities within and outside the area;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to come up with a workable modality to ensure the timely and speedy construction of Sanagi Village Bye-Pass; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

5. Need to Complete the Abandoned Shoreline Protection Project in Ode-Ugborodo Community, Warri South – West Local Government Area of Delta State:

Hon. Thomas Ereyitomi:

The House:

Notes that the Ode-Ugborodo Community, the ancestral home of the Ugborodo people of the Warri South-West Local Government Area of Delta State, hosts the NNPC tank farm, Chevron tank farm, Chevron's Escravos Gas to Liquid Plant (EGTL), Escravos Gas Plant, Shell Otumara, and Shara flow station operations, among others, has over the years been plagued by ocean surge and coastal erosion;

Aware that the Federal Government, through the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), awarded contracts for the Ode-Ugborodo shoreline protection project to contractors who have since demobilized with less than 10 percent completion due to inadequate funding by the NDDC;

Concerned that Multinational Oil Companies' oil exploration activities in Ode-Ugborodo area contributes to worsening surges and erosion, in addition to climate change and other natural factors.

Worried that the tidal current of the Atlantic Ocean is remarkably higher during the rainy seasons as it has overflowed its banks, washing away houses, jetties, farmlands, and fishing camps, ultimately threatening the very existence of Ode-Ugborodo Community;

Also worried that apart from the resultant socio-economic paralysis of farming and fishing activities, which is their main source of livelihood, it also poses serious social, security, and health challenges to the people;

Cognizant that if urgent steps are not taken to address the menace of ocean surge and coastal erosion, the oil-rich Ode-Ugborodo Community is at a risk of total submersion as the waves and surges from the Atlantic Ocean become more turbulent;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to make provisions for completion of the Ode-Ugborodo shoreline protection project; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to ensure compliance.

**6. Need to Investigate Suspicious Practices of Federal Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies (MDAs), Parastatals and Institutions in the Execution of Capital Projects contained in the Appropriation Act:
Hon. Kelechi Nwogu:**

The House:

Notes that Section 81(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) provides that "*the President shall cause to be prepared and laid before each House of the National Assembly at any time in each financial year estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Federation for the next following financial year*";

Also notes that Section 81(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) provides that "*the heads of expenditures contained in the estimates (other than expenditure charged upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation by this Constitution) shall be included in a bill, to be known as the Appropriation Bill, providing for the issue from the Consolidated Revenue of the sums necessary to meet that expenditure and the appropriation of those sums for the purposes specified therein*";

Aware that heads of all Federal Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Parastatals, and Institutions are summoned to the National Assembly for examination and validation of their budgetary proposals before passage and Presidential Assent;

Also aware that no adjustment to the estimates contained in the Appropriation Act shall be made without recourse to the National Assembly, according to the law;

Observes that a majority of government Ministries/Departments/Agencies (MDAs), parastatals, and institutions allegedly award contracts that are below the amount provided for the execution of the Capital components of the Appropriation Act;

Disturbed that the National Assembly has not been provided with information on withheld funds from Federal Government agencies causing project procurement reductions to negatively impact on project completion and contractor abandonment or requests for variation of the initial cost;

Alarmed that the National Assembly's powers, as provided in Sections 88 and 89 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), are being undermined by the actions of the Federal Government's Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Parastatals and Institutions;

Resolves to

Mandate the Committee on Inter- Governmental Affairs to investigate the procurement of capital projects by all Federal Governments, Ministries/Departments/Agencies (MDAs), Parastatal and Institutions with a view to recovering the withheld sums from the execution and report back within six (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**7. Need to Investigate the National Identity Cards released from 2012 to date:
Hon. Muhammed Dan Abba Shehu:**

The House:

Notes that the National Identity Card Management Commission (NIMC) as established by law is charged with the responsibility of collecting, managing, and controlling citizen data for effective economic planning and developmental growth, but the reverse is the case in Nigeria;

Also notes that in 2015, the National Identity Management Commission and the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) agreed to immediately implement the Presidential directive on harmonization and integration of Biometric Data capture by government parastatals. The directive aimed to improve biometric data collection and storage across government agencies, collaborating with NIMC and INEC for efficient voter registration and enhanced identity management;

Also notes that in readiness for 2015 general elections, the government made deliberate efforts to capture eligible voters through the National Identity Card, collaborating with INEC to achieve its core mandate for better electoral results and official usage, this strategy was not achieved, causing high expectations among citizens and the government;

Aware that Nigerians have shown resilience in assisting the government in obtaining accurate database information through the National Identity Card Management Commission, despite the government's huge resources for speeding up the process and enhancing electoral transparency and accountability in 2015 and subsequent elections;

Worried that the Commission's headquarters and its states counterparts have been found to be ineffective in delivering the national assignment to the people, particularly in releasing the National identity cards, due to government neglect of operational activities and directives for the benefit of all Nigerians.

Concerned that despite the availability of resources for rapid production and electoral transparency, Nigerians continue to encounter obstacles to update the National Identity Card Management Commission's database information due to lack of attention from the government and ineffective service delivery;

Worried that the Commission received annual budgetary allocations in 2017, 2018 and 2019 to fulfil its mandate, but efforts to produce and release national identity cards have been unsuccessful requiring urgent intervention and attention of the Federal government;

Cognizant that government intervention in restructuring the Commission is necessary for effective service delivery, revitalizing the Commission's operations and re-affirming the goal to provide accurate data and identification documents to the citizens thus restoring the confidence of the Nigerian populace;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Population and Anti-Corruption to invite the Hon. Minister of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy and the Director-General of National Identity Card Management Commission to ascertain the delay on the release of National Identity Cards from 2012 to date and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

8. Need to Award Contract for the construction of Akwanga–Jos–Bauchi–Gombe Road:

Hon. Ishaya David Lalu

Hon. Bello Usman Kumo

Hon Isa Ali J. C

Hon. Jaafaru Gambo Leko

Hon Jeremiah Umaru

Hon Kabiru Yusuf Alhaji

Abdullahi El-Rasheed

Hon Inuwa Garba

Hon. Obed Paul Shehu:

The House:

Notes that the Akwanga–Jos–Bauchi–Gombe road, linking the North–East to North–Central region of Nigeria and has remained in a deplorable state over time, causing serious hardship to motorists and commuters that depend on the route for transportation;

Concerned that the Federal government awarded contract for road construction worth 348.59 billion Naira in 2018 for dual carriage, with completion expected in 48 months, however the duration has elapsed;

Observes that the Akwanga–Jos–Bauchi–Gombe road, characterized by high vehicular movements and poor conditions, has deteriorated, leading to daily accidents and increased fatalities, causing inconveniences for commuters;

Recognizes that the completion of the Akwanga–Jos–Bauchi–Gombe road is crucial for facilitating movement of goods and commuter convenience, hence the need to award the contract in 2025;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to immediately award contract for the construction of the Akwanga–Jos–Bauchi–Gombe road and make adequate budgetary provisions for the completion of the road project; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Appropriations and Legislative Compliance to compliance

**9. Need to Check the Abuse of the Use of Siren on Nigeria’s Roads:
Hon. Jesse Okey– Joe Onuakalusi:**

The House:

Notes that the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) is mandated by the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, 2007 to regulate the use of sirens, flashes, and beacon lights on vehicles belonging to the Armed Forces, Nigerian Police, and other paramilitary agencies;

Also notes that Section 5 of the same Act, Regulation 154 of the National Road Traffic Regulations 2012, specifies those entitled to the use of sirens, viz., the president, the vice president, the Senate president, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Justice of the Federation, the Deputy Senate President, the Deputy Speaker, the State Governors, and the Deputy Governors;

Aware that in the case of emergencies, the Military, Nigerian Police, Paramilitary Agencies, Fire Services and Ambulances are allowed to drive on public roads using sirens;

Concerned that the abuse of the siren often disrupts the free flow of traffic with devastating effects on the economy due to the loss of man hours at gridlocks, while the affected communities often suffer disruption to their businesses and exposure to attacks by hoodlums during long hours of gridlocks, as well as the noise pollution occasioned by the indiscriminate use of the siren;

Worried about the disregard for road traffic rules and regulations and negative impact on the image of the country to prospective investors as Nigeria is portrayed as a lawless country;

Observes that criminals always take undue advantage to unleash fear and terror on society, enhanced by this indiscriminate use of the siren;

Also observes that the abuse has negatively impacted appropriate security assessment as it is difficult to distinguish between the officials entitled to sirens and imposters;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Road Safety Commission and Nigerian Police to enforce the law on the use of sirens on Nigerian roads and clamp down on all those who are not entitled to use sirens for necessary sanctions to serve as deterrents; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Federal Road Safety Commission and Police Affairs to ensure compliance.