



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER
Tuesday 13th February 2024**

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Ad-hoc Committee on Dispute Between the Super Falcons and the Nigeria Football Federation:**
Hon. Blessing Onuh Onyeche:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on Dispute between the Super Falcons and the Nigeria Football Federation” (HR.69/07/2023) (Referred:12/7/2023).
2. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the petition by Rev. Dr. Johnson O. Odii on behalf of Mgbom Na. Achara Development Union in Ohaozara Local Government Area:
Hon. Mike Etaba:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Rev. Dr. Johnson O. Odii on behalf of Mgbom Na. Achara Development Union in Ohaozara Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, a cry for government intervention to save their souls” (Laid: 26/7/2023).
3. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the petition by Bolaji Yunus, the CEO Bolaful Solution Ventures against Access Bank PLC:
Hon. Mike Etaba:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Bolaji Yunus, the CEO Bolaful Solution Ventures against Access Bank PLC, 14/15 Prince Alaba Abiodun

Oniru Road, Victoria Island Lagos, whose signage fell on him while on the process of work and the bank refused to treat him” (*Laid:24/10/2023*).

4. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the petition by Aruya O. Davidson against Legal Aid Council of Nigeria:

Hon. Mike Etaba:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Aruya O. Davidson against Legal Aid Council of Nigeria on Illegal Employment and Elevation of Mrs. Oghenekume” (*Laid:2/11/2023*).

5. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the petition by Raymond Asada against Management of Bank of Agriculture:

Hon. Mike Etaba:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Raymond Asada against Management of the Bank of Agriculture for unfair treatment in matter of Promotion by Management of Bank of Industry. (*Laid:14/10/2023*).

6. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the petition by A. E. Adole & Co against Julius Berger Nigeria Plc Ijora-Lagos:

Hon. Mike Etaba:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by A. E. Adole & Co against Julius Berger Nigeria Plc Ijora-Lagos A Case of Conspiracy to Vendetta, Criminal Defamation and Conduct likely to cause Breach of Peace (*Laid:3/10/2023*)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, Etc.) Act, 2015 and for Related Matters (SB.188) (*Leader*) (*Senate*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Alter the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) to change the Educational Qualification for Elections into Certain Political Offices and for Related Matters (*Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga*) – *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an act to Amend the Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act 2015 to Increase the Penalty for the Offence of Female Genital Mutilation under Act and for Related Matters (HB. 897) (*Hon. Kalifat A. Ogbara*) – *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for Establishment of Federal Institute of Fisheries Research, Tafawa Balewa, Bauchi State and for Related Matters (HB. 285) (*Hon. Jafaru Gambo Leko*) – *Second Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ikosu, Moba Local Government Area, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.782) (*Hon. Kolawole D. Akinlayo*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

6. Rescission on Consolidated Bills (HBs. 87 and 154):

Hon. Francis Waive:

The House:

Notes that on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, the two Bills seeking to amend the Niger Delta Development Commission Act were consolidated;

Aware that HB. 154 seeks to include Anambra State as one of the Oil Producing States, whereas HB. 87 seeks to amend the Niger Delta Development Commission Act to provide for anticipated and sustainable budget process, a matter different from that of HB. 154;

Cognizant that although the two Bills are amending the same Act, they are addressing different subject matters, hence the need to rescind the decision taken on December 20, 2023;

Resolves to:

Rescind its decision and allow the Bills to be read separately.

**7. Need to Investigate the Regulatory Implementation and Compliance of the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act, 2018:
Hon. Ibrahim Mohammed:**

The House:

Notes that the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act, 2018 was established to fully integrate persons with disabilities into society and establishes the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities, vests it with power to ensure their education, health care, social, economic, and civil rights;

Also notes that Part II, Sections (iii), (iv), and (v) of the Discrimination of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2018 provides that a person with disability has the right to access the physical environment and buildings on an equal basis with others, that a public building shall be constructed with the necessary accessibility aids, such as lifts (where necessary), ramps, and any other facility that shall make it accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. That roadside walks, pedestrian crossings, and all other special facilities as set out in the First Schedule of the Act made for public use shall be made accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, including those in wheelchairs and the visually impaired;

Further notes that Part II, Section (vi): provides for transitory period which was to commenced in 2018 and lapsed in 2023, provides that there shall be a transitory period of five years within which all public buildings and structures, whether movable, immovable, or automobiles, that were inaccessible to persons with disabilities shall be modified to be accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities, including those on wheelchairs;

Also aware that the National Assembly is saddled with the responsibility of making laws for the peace, order, good governance, and wellbeing of all citizens of the Federation or any part thereof as enshrines in Section 4(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1999, as amended);

Disturbed that since the bill was signed into Law by the former President Muhammadu Buhari there has been minimal adherence and compliance to the Act by Government's Ministries, Departments, and Agencies, Private Firms and bodies;

Worried that new building plans are not scrutinized by the relevant authorities to ensure they meet the stated accessibility standards, thus making persons with disabilities go about their daily activities with fear of being injured, neglected, and discriminated against;

Cognizant of the fact that integrating persons with disabilities, particularly in urban and modern buildings, will go a long way in forestalling and propagating the plan of the government to integrate all of its citizens without any form of discrimination;

Convinced that setting up a working committee to address these issues will go a long way in ensuring that the provisions of the Act are strictly adhered to in promoting equality among the citizenry;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Executive Secretary of the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities to revive compliance activities of the Commission, look into the affected gray areas and actively operationalize the working framework of the Act accordingly;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Health and the Federal Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Poverty Alleviation to provide and make available relief materials, equipment's to aid free mobility of persons with disabilities across the federation;

- (iii) further urge the Commission to encourage constant advocacy and outreach to enlighten legislators and other decision makers on issues affecting persons with disabilities; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Disabilities, Safety Standards, Specialty Health Care, Human Rights, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure legislative compliance.

8. Need for Drastic action against Health Facilities that Refuse Treatment of Accident or Gunshot Patients without Police Reports:
Hon. Odianosen Henry Okojie:

The House:

Notes that the provisions of Section 1 of the Compulsory Treatment and Care for Victims of Gunshot Act, 2017 provides that every hospital is to receive and treat victims of gunshot wounds with or without police clearance and/or payment of an initial deposit, but are duty bound to report to the nearest police station within hours of commencing treatment on the victim;

Also notes that Section 7 of the Act states that "any authority or person whose omission results in the unnecessary death of a gunshot victim shall be liable to imprisonment for 5 years or a fine in the sum of N500, 000.00 or both";

Aware that immediate medical attention is crucial for survival and quality of life for accident or gunshot victims, and hospitals and healthcare facilities have an ethical and legal obligation to preserve human life regardless of the circumstances;

Observes that despite the Act providing for the compulsory treatment and care for victims of gunshots by hospitals in the country, there are rising cases of medical personnel refusing to treat victims due to absence of doctors' reports;

Also aware that patients requiring emergency medical treatment due to accidents or gunshot injuries usually face denial or delayed access to healthcare services if they fail to present a police report;

Concerned that many victims of accidents or gunshots are unable to obtain a police report promptly, given the severity of their injuries, the absence of law enforcement at the scene, or other relevant factors beyond their control;

Worried that the refusal of hospitals to treat patients without a police report is a direct violation of the principles of medical ethics, professional conduct, and the universal right of individuals to access healthcare, and this discriminatory practice disproportionately impacts vulnerable populations, such as minorities and the poor, who are more likely to experience higher rates of accidents or gun-related incidents;

Aware that existing laws and regulations do not explicitly prohibit hospitals from refusing treatment to accident or gunshot victims without a police report, thereby perpetuating unjust practices;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health and its regulatory authorities to take immediate and decisive action to address the issue of hospitals and healthcare facilities refusing to treat accident or gunshot patients without a police report;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Health to enforce regulations prohibiting hospitals from denying or delaying emergency medical care to victims of accidents or gunshot wounds without a police report and impose appropriate sanctions and penalties;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Information, through the National Orientation Agency to organize an awareness campaign to educate the public, hospitals, and healthcare professionals about the necessity of immediate medical assistance for accident or gunshot victims;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative actions.

**9. Need to Control the Menace of Erosion in Mashi/Dutsi Federal Constituency:
Hon. Salisu Yusuf Majigiri:**

The House:

Notes the devastating erosion in Mashi/Dutsi Federal Constituency, Katsina State Affected farming activities and source of livelihoods of the people resulting in loss of developmental infrastructure and damaged communities;

Also notes that public infrastructure like the police station, Independent National electoral Commission (INEC) office, Mashi market, schools, and township roads experienced gully erosions annually and pose a grave danger as daily activities are hampered.

Recalls that the threat of gully erosion affected the major road from Kastina-Tsintsiya-Mashi-Garo-Doka-Shargalle-Kayawa-Daura-Kazaure-Dabatt-Kano city;

Cognizant of the need to build efficient drainage system in Mashi town and environ to address the gully erosion in the town;

Worried that if the erosion menace is not addressed, most villages and houses within the Mashi/Dutsi Federal Constituency may have their farmlands and houses destroyed by the erosion;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ecological Fund Office to immediately commence remediation work to arrest the erosion problem by building drainage in the affected areas in Mushi/Dutsi Federal Constituency;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministries of Finance, and Budget and National Planning to release funds for the control of erosion in the Mashi/Dutsi Federal Constituency; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

**10. Need to Deploy Armed Personnel carrier Vehicle to Mopol 64 Base, Obioha, Ideato South Local Government Area, Ideato North/South Federal Constituency, Imo State:
Hon. Ikeagwuonu O. Ugochinyere:**

The House:

Notes that Section 4(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) empowers the National Assembly to make laws for the order and good governance of the Federation or any part thereof;

Also notes that Section 14(2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the security and welfare of the people of Nigeria shall be the primary purpose of government;

Aware that MOPOL 64 Base located in Obiohia in Ideato South Local Government Area of Ideato North/South Federal Constituency serves as the Operational Base for the Mobile Police in the Federal Constituency and its environs;

Also aware that Ideato North and South Local Government Areas have witnessed increased attacks by armed bandits, unknown gunmen and kidnapers in recent times, thus endangering the lives and properties of the residents;

Saddened that the Mobile Police Base in Obiohia community in Ideato South Local Government Area lacks adequate Armoured Personnel Carrier vehicles to effectively respond to distress calls and dislodge the heavily armed criminal elements;

Concerned that the Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) vehicles deployed to the Mobile Police Force Base was taken to Owerri and are yet to be returned, thereby hindering the Police Command's efforts from tackling the security situation in Ideato North/South Federal Constituency;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to immediately deploy an Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) Vehicle to MOPOL 64 Base in Obiohia, Ideato South Local Government Area, in Ideato North/South Federal Constituency; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Call to Reconstruct the Rabah–Bakura Junction Road:

Hon. Ibrahim Almustapha Aliyu:

The House:

Notes that Rabah-Bakura Junction Road is an expressway of approximately 81 km and a crucial transportation route for people and agricultural produce across the country;

Worried that the road is in a dreadful state, making the movement of goods and people extremely tedious, particularly sections 3 and 4 of the roads which are nearly impassable during rainy season;

Aware that the survey, design and bill of engineering measurements for the reconstruction of the Road were conducted by the Ministry Long ago but the project was conspicuously missing in the 2024 budget proposal of the Ministry;

Cognizant that in October 2019, a motion was moved in the House of Representatives on the rehabilitation of Rabah-Bakura Junction Road, wherein the House resolved to mandate the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to ensure speedy rehabilitation of the road, however, the road has remained untended to;

Worried that the poor condition of the expressway reduces the economic potential of Sokoto State, particularly for the 32 farming communities that have to pay more for the transportation of produce, thereby threatening food security in the country;

Further worried that the inability of the federal government to reconstruct and rehabilitate the road encourages criminal elements to attack commuters, making the road unsustainable for mobility for Sokoto State citizens and Nigerians;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to course emergency repairs of the road, particularly sections 3, and 4, from Tukuyum to Kurya junction and Subhana Bridge near Gandi Town, respectively, in 2025 budget estimates;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works to provide for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Rabah-Bakura Junction Road in the 2025 budget estimate; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works, Appropriations and Legislative Compliance, to ensure compliance.

12. Need to Compel Oil and Gas Companies to End Gas Flaring and Convert same to Electricity and Build Cottage Hospital to Host Communities in Eleme, Tai Oyibo:

Hon. Felix Uche Nwaeke:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has abundant reserves of natural gas, estimated at over 100 trillion cubic meters, qualifying the country to be one of the countries with proven gas reserves and having significant waste flared around its environs;

Also notes that Oyigbo, Eleme, and Tai Local Government Areas in Rivers State contributes greatly to the nation's oil and gas, hosting over ten (10) flow stations in Oyigbo and two (2) flow stations in Tai and Eleme, thus, housing over two refineries out of the four refineries in Nigeria;

Further notes that flared gas is a major cheap source of electricity capable of taking care of the power needs of host communities and even beyond, that may turn the economic growth of the country through small and medium-scale businesses;

Aware that the large volume of gas flared has an enormously devastating effect on the populace in the host communities, ranging from various health issues, soil fertility loss, corrosion of roofing sheets, agricultural decline, and biodiversity depletion;

Concerned that the deliberate refusal by the oil and gas companies to tackle the menace could generate protests and agitations that may sometimes cripple the economy and cause the loss of precious human lives;

Cognizant that with the environmental hazards of gas flaring resulting in humongous revenue losses, there is a need to compel the oil and gas companies to activate their corporate social responsibilities (CSR) and build quality Cottage Hospital at Oyigbo and provide electricity to Eleme and Tai Communities, taking advantage of the new Electricity Act, 2023;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministries of Power, Petroleum Resources, and other relevant agencies of government to compel the oil and gas producing companies engaged in gas flaring to immediately build cottage hospitals, as well as convert flared gases to electricity for the benefit of Oyigbo, Tai, and Eleme Federal Constituencies; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance and Host Communities to ensure implementation.

13. Need to Investigate Incessant Occurrence of Domestic Gas Explosions in Nigeria:
Hon. Abdulhakeem Kamilu Ado **Hon. Umar Muktar Zakari:**

The House:

Notes the frequent domestic gas explosions that have caused immense pain, suffering, and loss of lives and destruction of most communities;

Also notes that the recent surge in domestic gas explosions has left a trail of devastation across the nation, with over 50 reported incidents in 2022 alone, resulting in avoidable deaths of innocent citizens, county injuries, and the destruction of properties worth millions of naira;

Aware that the pain inflicted by domestic gas explosions is not limited to the physical injuries sustained by the victims, as the psychological trauma is immense, leaving survivors in fear, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorders and leading to a high rate of suicidality;

Cognizant of the roles of regulatory agencies like the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC), the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON), etc, and their inability to checkmate this trend, as well as the proliferation of G2S retail outlets situated even in residential areas across the country;

Also cognizant of the urgent need to address domestic gas explosions and unsafe trinities through a multipronged implementation strategy including public education, stricter safety regulations and effective enforcement mechanisms.

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Gas Resources to:
 - (a) investigate the immediate and remote cause of the recent domestic gas explosions and identify potential safety hazards in the gas industry;
 - (b) review existing safety regulations and make recommendations for strengthening them;
 - (c) monitor the implementation of safety regulations by the NUPRC as well as other related state and non-state organizations and ensure that it is effectively enforcing them; and
 - (d) engage stakeholders in the Gas Industry to develop strategies for preventing future gas explosions and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

14. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Akpugo, Nkanu West, Eungu State and for Related Matters (Hb. 670) –*Committee of the Whole: 20/12/2023*
15. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Science and Technology, Remo, Ogun State (FUSTRO) to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB. 111) –*Committee of the Whole: 23/11/2023.*
16. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Omu Aran, to provide full-time Courses, Teaching, Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and to provide for the Appointment of the Provost and other Officers of the College to carry out the Discipline of Students, Administration of the College and for Related Matters (HB. 185) – *Committee of the Whole: 27/7/2023.*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Tuesday 13 February 2024	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 427 (New Building) Assembly Complex
2.	Environment	Tuesday 13 February 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Health Institutions	Tuesday 13 February 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 (New Building Extension) Assembly Complex
4.	Public Accounts	Tuesday 13 February 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 (New Building Extension) Assembly Complex
5.	Women Affairs	Tuesday 13 February 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 141 (New Building Extension) Assembly Complex