



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
ORDER PAPER  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

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## ORDERS 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 Electoral Act, 2022 and for Related Matters (HB. 37) (*Hon. Francis Ejiroghene Waive*) – *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*.

## MOTIONS

**5. Need to Rehabilitate Anyigba–Ankpa–Olamaboro Portion of the Federal Highway from Itobe to Otukpa in Benue State:**

**Hon. Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali Halims:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the deplorable state of Anyigba–Ankpa–Olamaboro portion of the Federal highway stretching from Itobe, Kogi State to Otukpa, Benue State is a major concern to motorist plying the road, thus causing nightmare to commuters on a daily basis;

*Also notes* that since the construction of this strategic portion of the road by the then military administration of Gen. Ibrahim Babangida to link the North Central to the South Eastern Part of Nigeria, no rehabilitation has taken place;

*Concerned* that the deplorable state of the road has caused major economic losses and aggravated insecurity, leading to avoidable deaths, armed robbery, kidnappings, accidents, traffic congestion, thereby exposing the communities along the route to danger;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure speedy intervention; and
- (ii) also mandates the Committees on Works and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislation.

**6. Need to investigate the allegations of Certificate Racketeering by Nigerian students in collusion with some officials from various Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) in Nigeria:**

**Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that in the last two months, the Country has been plagued by a scandal involving Umar Audu, a journalist who went undercover to investigate a booming business, where he obtained a Certificate and transcript from the Ecole Superieure de Gestion et de Technologies, ESGT, Cotonou, Benin Republic Cotonou, and participated in the NYSC scheme within a month;

*Also notes* that according to the journalist, it was craftily achieved with the active involvement and connivance of government officials in the Federal Ministry of Education, the Nigerian Immigration Service, and the National Youth Service Corps;

*Alarmed* that the journalist recounted his experience where the agent gave the option of studying either for a year or a month, but he opted for the one-month option, in which he obtained a certificate and transcript without attending lectures at the said University or leaving Nigeria;

*Aware* that the Federal Ministry of Education authenticates all the Certificates obtained abroad before allowing participation in the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC);

*Also aware* that Officials of Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) ensure due process and compliance at all levels with national and international protocols, processes, and rules before, during, and after obtaining any certificates;

*Cognizant* that there are MDAs charged with the responsibilities of ensuring the smooth and seamless processes of each candidate studying within or outside the country, such as verifying the genuineness of institutions, courses, and authentication of certificates, which are the responsibilities of the Federal Ministry of Education and the National Universities Commission, while the issuance of international passports vested in the Nigerian Immigration Service; processing of visas; and issuance of note-verbal vested in the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and the mandatory one-year national service by the National Youth Service Corps, among others;

*Concerned* that over the years, foreign institutions have graduated Nigerians in different fields of human endeavours, including medical doctors, pharmacists, laboratory scientists, lecturers, and workers in the public and private sectors rendering myriad services;

*Also concerned* that the recent development has not only put a question mark on the quality of the certificates and capacity of graduates from these universities but has also tarnished the image of the country's educational system;

*Also cognizant* that failure to identify and prosecute institutions involved in certificate racketeering, their masterminds, and students could harm Nigeria's socio-political and economic development, encouraging patronage and posing a threat to the country's development;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) condemn in its entirety the act of certificate racketeering by Nigerian students in collusion with some officials from Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) in Nigeria;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on University Education to:
  - (a) investigate the matter and identify both foreign and indigenous institutions involved in certificate racketeering in Nigeria;
  - (b) identify officials of Ministries, Departments and Agencies and other persons involved;
  - (c) identify the students that have benefited from such institutions and their campuses in Nigeria in the last ten years;
  - (d) recommend the necessary reviews, amendments, or repeals of laws, policies, rules, protocols, or procedures to be adopted for obtaining licenses, admissions, international passports, screening and authentication of results or certificates, and ensuring proper documentation before participating in the National Youth Service Corps; and
  - (e) also recommend appropriate sanctions to serve as deterrents for others.

**7. Need to Investigate the Public Private Partnership (PPP) Programmes and Concessions Agreement(s):**

**Hon. Saidu Musa Abdullahi:**

**The House:**

*Notes* the persistent dwindling revenues accruing to the Federation Account and the enormous deficit in infrastructural development with attendant consequences on budget implementation and the economy due to the nation's dependence;

*Also notes* the participation of the private sector in the infrastructural development and management of infrastructure around the globe, ranging from roads, railways, airports, housing, power generation, distribution, and marketing, and its enormous contributions to economic development, growth, and prosperity;

*Further notes* the establishment of the Infrastructure Concession Regulatory Commission (ICRC), charged with the responsibility of formulating policies, discussions, agreements, and supervision of all public-private partnerships (PPP) and concession programs, a one-stop shop for concession projects;

*Aware* that the agency, in collaboration with government departments, has initiated several PPPs and concession programs, some of which are still in process, while others have not yielded positive results on crude oil;

*Also aware* that many investors participated in or indicated interest in most of the programs, while some secured provisional findings but cannot commence due to insufficient coordination between agencies and ICRC management in actualizing, concluding, and executing agreements;

*Resolves to:*

Set up an *Ad-hoc* committee to investigate and assess the performance of public-private partnership programs and concession agreements, recommend ways to improve the nation's infrastructural development, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**8. 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 trunks 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 trunks 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.

**9. 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.

**10. Need to Suspend the Ban Imposed by the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) on the Production of Beverages in Sachets and Small Bottles in Nigeria:**  
**Hon. Paschal Agbodike** **Hon. Philip Agbese:**

**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 government of the Federation or any part thereof;

*Also notes* that Sections 88(1) and (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), empower the National Assembly to conduct investigations into the activities of any authority executing or administering laws made by the National Assembly including National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC);

*Informed that* NAFDAC had announced its decision to stop the registration of beverages in small sachets and bottles in January 2024 when the Director-General of the Agency informed the public that the agency will ensure that the validity of renewal of already registered products will not exceed January 2024;

*Worried* that the decision to ban the registration of beverages in small sachets and bottles runs counter to the spirit and letter of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), and runs against the Economic Recovery Plan of the current administration;

*Also worried* that given the numerous economic challenges confronting poor Nigerians, the ban on the production of the said beverages will work more havoc and cause job losses for over 50% of the workers in Nigeria;

*Aware* of the need to encourage the sustainability of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), which are the greatest employer of labour in Nigeria, employing over 84% of the workforce in Nigeria, NAFDAC's policy to place a ban on the production of beverages in small sachets and bottles will be counterproductive.

*Also aware* that the decision to place a ban on the production of beverages in small sachets and bottles will encourage unscrupulous elements to go about the production of such drinks and products without recourse to NAFDAC;

*Aware* that the ban on the registration of beverages in small sachets and bottles will work more hardship on Nigerians whose livelihoods come from the production and sale of such beverages and will, in the long run, plunge more Nigerians into unemployment and economic hardship and cause them to suffer more in view of the current subsidy removal regime;

*Resolves to:*

mandate the Committee on National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to investigate the basis and circumstance surrounding the ban imposed the production of beverages in sachets and small bottles in Nigeria by the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) and call for it to be put on hold for being against the letter and spirit of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**11. 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.

**12. 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. Jafaru Gambo Leko**

**Hon Jeremiah Umaru**

**Hon Kabiru Yusuf Alhaji**

**Hon. 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

**13. 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.

## CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 14. Committee on Police Affairs:

**Hon. Makki Yalleman Abubakar:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigeria Police Trust Fund the total sum of (₦57, 014, 287, 531. 92) fifty–seven billion, fourteen million, two hundred and eighty–seven thousand, five hundred and thirty–one Naira, ninety–two Kobo, out of which the sum of (₦937, 993, 627.68) nine hundred and thirty–seven million, nine hundred and ninety–three thousand, six hundred and twenty–seven Naira, sixty–eight Kobo only is for Personnel Expenditure, while the sum of (₦9, 051, 490, 363.14) nine billion, fifty–one million, four hundred and ninety thousand, three hundred and sixty–three Naira, fourteen kobo, only is for Overhead Expenditure while the sum of (₦9, 989, 483, 990. 82) nine billion, nine hundred and eighty–nine million, four hundred and eighty–three thousand, nine hundred and ninety Naira, eighty–two kobo, only is for Recurrent Expenditure and the sum of (₦47, 024, 803, 541. 18) forty–seven billion, twenty–four million, eight hundred and three thousand, five hundred and forty–one Naira, eighteen Kobo, only for Capital Expenditure for the year ended 31 December, 2023 and approve recommendations therein” –(Laid:6/2/2024) *Committee of Supply*.

Budget Summary

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Personnel Expenditure | ₦937, 993, 627.68             |
| Overhead Expenditure  | ₦9, 051, 490, 363.14          |
| Recurrent Expenditure | ₦9, 989, 483, 990. 82         |
| Capital Expenditure   | ₦47, 024, 803, 541. 18        |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>₦57, 014, 287, 531. 92</b> |

*Approve the total sum of (₦57, 014, 287, 531. 92) fifty–seven billion, fourteen million, two hundred and eighty–seven thousand, five hundred and thirty–one Naira, ninety–two Kobo*

### 15. Committee on Customs and Excise:

**Hon. Leke Joseph Abejide:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Customs and Excise on the issue from the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Nigeria Customs and Excise, the total sum of (₦706, 434, 216, 877.66) seven hundred and six billion, four hundred and thirty–four million, two hundred and sixteen thousand, eight hundred and seventy – seven naira, sixty – six Kobo, only out of which the sum of (₦225, 993, 659, 688.50) two hundred and twenty–five billion, nine hundred and ninety–three million, six hundred and fifty–nine thousand, six hundred and eighty–eight naira, fifty kobo only is for Personnel Cost, while the sum of (₦111, 765, 093, 000. 00) one hundred and eleven billion, seven hundred and sixty–five million, ninety–three thousand Naira, only is for Overhead Costs, while the sum of (₦368, 675, 464, 189. 16) three hundred and sixty–eight billion, six hundred and seventy–five million, four hundred and sixty–four thousand, one hundred and eighty–nine Naira, sixteen kobo only for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December, 2024 and approve recommendations therein” –(Laid:6/2/2024) *Committee of Supply*.



## Budget Summary

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|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Personnel costs | - | ₦225,993,659,688.50         |
| Overhead costs  | - | ₦ 111,765,093,000.00        |
| Capital costs   | - | ₦ 368,675,464,189.16        |
| <b>Total</b>    | - | <b>₦ 706,434,216,877.66</b> |

Approve the total sum of (₦706, 434, 216, 877.66) seven hundred and six billion, four hundred and thirty-four million, two hundred and sixteen thousand, eight hundred and seventy – seven naira, sixty – six Kobo, only

## COMMITTEE MEETING

| S/N | Committee  | Date                      | Time      | Venue   |
|-----|--|---------------------------|-----------|---|
| 1.  | Public Assets  | Wednesday 7 February 2024 | 3.00 p.m. | Conference Room 447<br>(New Building)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 2.  | Shipping Services  | Wednesday 7 February 2024 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 304<br>(New Building)<br>Assembly Complex  |
| 3.  | National Planning and<br>Economic Development                                  | Wednesday 7 February 2024 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 305<br>(New Building)<br>Assembly Complex  |
| 4.  | Youth Development  | Wednesday 7 February 2024 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 436<br>(New Building)<br>Assembly Complex  |
| 5.  | Internal Security ( <i>interface with<br/>the Heads of Security Agencies</i> ) | Wednesday 7 February 2024 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 440<br>(New Building)<br>Assembly Complex  |