



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER
Tuesday, 12th March, 2024**

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

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6. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1145) (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro*) – *First Reading*
 7. Debt Management Bureau Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1146) (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro*) – *First Reading*.
 8. National Inland waterways Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1181) (*Hon. Oluwole Oke*) – *First Reading*.
 9. Nigerian Ports Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1182) (*Hon. Oluwole Oke*) – *First Reading*.
 10. Federal University of Agriculture, Oba – Ofemili, Anambra State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1257) (*Hon. Obiageli Lillian Orogbu*) – *First Reading*.
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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC):

Hon. Regina Akume:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control on the Need to Suspend the Ban Imposed by the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control on the Sachet Alcoholic and 200ML Pet Bottles” (*HR. 16/02/2024*) (*Referred: 7/2/2024*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Ensure Proper Control of Usage of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technology in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.942) (*Hon. Sada Soli*)– *Second Reading*.
 2. 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*.
 3. A Bill for an Act to Establish Nigerian Mining Development Bank (NMDB) to Provide financial support, Promote Investment and Foster Sustainable Development in the Mining Sector of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.808) (*Hon. Uchenna Harris Okonkwo*) – *Second Reading*.
 4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Boki Local Government Area, Cross River State and for Related Matters (HB.588) (*Hon. Victor Abang*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

5. **Need to Complete the Construction of Uwa Junction/Urua Edet Obo/Nto Edino Road in Essien Udim and Obot Akara Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom State:**
Hon. Patrick Umoh:

The House:

Notes that the Uwa Junction/Urua Edet Obo/Nto Edino Road is a major road in Akwa Ibom State that run through two local governments of Essien Udim and Obot Akara, connects over 40 communities with several schools and businesses, and leads to Abia State of Nigeria;

Also notes that whereas contract for the construction of the road was awarded sometime in the year 2021 by the Federal Government through the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the construction of the road has been abandoned owing to poor funding;

Further notes that the abandonment of the construction of the 18kilometres road has affected several communities; upended the livelihood of the people, stalled transportation of goods and services, and derailed smooth access to education by school children; thereby bringing upon the people of the communities untold hardship;

Aware that the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) has proposed a paltry sum of (N50, 000, 000) Fifty Million Naira in the 2024 budget for the construction of the road, which sum is adjudged insufficient given the length, breadth and the kilometres of the road, construction of bridges and installation of streetlights;

Conscious that if the sum proposed for the construction of the road is not reviewed, the people of the communities will continue to be exposed to serious hardship, and the road will remain a death trap;

Worried that the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) is embarking on other projects within the two local governments of Essien Udim and Obot Akara without first completing the road, which has more impact on the people as it traverses many communities;

Concerned that embarking on other projects by the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) without first completing the road will lead to abandonment of many projects;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Niger Delta and the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to upwardly review the sum budgeted for the construction of the Uwa Junction/ Urua Edet Obo/Nto Edino Road in Essien Udim and Obot Akara Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom for completion of the road; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

**6. Deplorable state of Ulakwo – Imerienwe Umuekwune – Etche and Ulakwo – Umuneke Ngor – Eziama – Igirita, Road Rivers State:
Hon. Mathew Nwogu:**

The House:

Notes that the primary function of government is to preserve lives and property as enshrined in section 14 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. 1999(as amended);

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

Worried that the Ulakwo-Imerienwe-Umuekwune-Etche and Ulakwo-Umuneke Ngor-Eziama-Igirita Rivers State Roads, which connect Owerri North and Ngor-Okpala Local Government Areas in Imo State, have been abandoned for over 30 years;

Observes that the two roads which used to take half an hour to ply now take two or more hours have become a hub of criminal activity, with gunmen stealing and kidnapping road users;

Also observes that both perishable and perishable goods are destroyed on the two routes, costing ordinary Nigerians billions of naira due to the ceaseless worsening conditions of the roads;

Disturbed that the road is plagued by potholes and gullies, causing accidents, thus making life in the Local Government Area difficult, uninteresting resulting to economic hardship for locals and making life difficult and uninteresting for inhabitants;

Informed that the long-standing abandonment of the road project is primarily due to the non-disbursement of funds allocated to the consortium by the relevant ministry/agency;

Cognizant that if urgent steps are not taken to construct the roads, the social and economic lives of inhabitants of the affected areas will be completely destroyed;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to commence construction and rehabilitation of the Ulgwo-Meienne-Urmuecune- Etche and Uliakwo-Ngor-Eziarno-Igirita Roads to ease the difficulties encountered by the inhabitants and other road users;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency and Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to ensure compliance; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committees on Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation

7. Need to Restrain Commercial Banks from Holding Funds Reversal Beyond the Date Prescribed by the Central Bank of Nigeria:

Hon. Emmanuel Ukpong-Udo:

The House:

Notes that according to the Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System Plc, over One hundred and thirty-three million five hundred thousand Nigerians use banks;

Also notes that the Central Bank of Nigeria released a press release on June 8, 2020, revising timelines for reversals and resolution of refund complaints as follows:

- (a) failed "On-Us" ATM transactions (when customers use their cards on their bank's ATMs) shall be instantly reversed from the current timeline of three (3) days, where instant reversal fails due to any technical issue or system glitch, the timeline for manual reversal shall not exceed 24 hours;
- (b) refunds for failed "Not-on-US" ATM transactions (where customers use their cards on other banks' ATM) shall not exceed 4% hours from the current 3-5 days;
- (c) resolution of disputed/ ailed POS or Web transactions shall be concluded within 72 hours from the current five (5) days;
- (d) all banks are directed to resolve the backlog of all ATM, POS, and Web customer refunds within two weeks starting June 8, 2020.

Worried that Nigeria's financial sector is facing serious concerns due to persistent complaints of failed customer transactions, with over 69% of complaints in July 2023 encompassing failed transactions;

Cognizant of the rapid increase in numbers of failed banks and the magnitude of the problem which has reached an unprecedented level;

Alarmed that the high rate of failed bank transactions is causing a decrease in business investments and lending across the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to direct banks to work on their systems in mitigating failed transactions and immediately reverse failed transactions without the customer's prompting;

- (ii) also urge the Central Bank of Nigeria to direct banks to reverse customers' funds within the stipulated periods whether or not the customers lodge complaints;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Banking Regulations, Banking and other Ancillary Institutions, and Digital and Electronic Banking to liaise with the apex bank and Nigeria Interbank Settlement System (NIBSS) to look into the issues and provide solutions.

8. Need to Provide Electricity Supply to Kunusha, Igovia and Udoda in Engenni, Ahoada West Local Government Area of Rivers State:

Hon. Victor Obuzor:

The House:

Notes that Kunusha, Igovia and Udoda communities in Ediro- Ede Clan, Engenni District of Ahoada West Local Government Area of Rivers State have never experienced electricity, which is an oddity in the 21st century;

Also notes the Manuso Oil Well, operated by the Nigerian Agip Oil Company and Obaran/Enwe pipeline operated by Shell Nigeria Ltd are key revenue generating assets of the Federal Government derived from the communities;

Cognizant that the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are integrated and as a result, action in one area will affect outcomes in others;

Aware that the provision of electricity in Kunusha, Igovia, and Udoda communities in Ediro- Ede Clan, Engenni District, Ahoada West Local government Area, Rivers State, will significantly impact the area's social and economic development;

Recalls that the Hon. Member representing Ahoada West/Ogba-Egbema-Ndoni Federal Constituency in the 9th Assembly, along with three paramount rulers, appealed to the Ministry of Power for a basic amenity but despite pleas, the issue persists, breeding high level of insecurity in the area;

Concerned that the government's critical and non-critical assets in certain areas are being vandalized due to perpetual darkness, which serves as a cover for criminals and non-state actors;

Cognizant that Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) states that security and welfare shall be the primary purpose of government and as a result it behooves on the government to provide electricity to the strategic communities;

Resolves to:

(i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power to urgently address the electricity issue in Kunusha, Igovia, and Udoda communities in the Ediro- Ede Clan, Engenni District, Ahoada West Local Government Area, Rivers State; and

(ii) mandate the Committee on Power to ensure compliance.

9. Rehabilitation and Equipping of Unity Schools Across the Country:

Hon. Ajilesoro Taofeek Abimbola:

The House:

Notes the deplorable states of Unity Schools in the Country despite the financial resources allocated for their maintenance over the years;

Recalls that the establishment of the Schools is to promote unity, academic performance, and quality teaching, regardless of ethnic affiliations, while maintaining a conducive learning environment;

Concerned that the relevant department in the Federal Ministry of Education, the Universal Basic Education (UBEC) and the Management of the Unity Schools are not working in synergy to achieve the vision of the founding fathers of the Federal Unity Collegiate System, thus living the Schools in a dilapidated state;

Worried that the schools are currently faced with the problems of poor funding, recruitment of poor-quality teachers, inadequate and obsolete facilities etc.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Education to address the poor state of Unity Schools in the country by rehabilitating and equipping all Unity Schools with modern state of arts;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education to develop an action plan to improve the physical and educational infrastructure in Unity Schools across the country; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to ascertain the underlying factors that led to the decline of the Unity Schools and propose effective institutional and regulatory measures that will engender a return of the schools to their past glory days.

10. Need to Rehabilitate Rice Mill, Gboko–Ameladu Road in Benue State:

Hon. Sekav Dzua Iyortyom:

The House:

Notes that the Rice Mill-Gboko-Ameladu road in Benue State, a 11.9km federal road, is a major link connecting Benue to other states in East, Western, and Southern Nigeria;

Aware that along the road is a private university, two major hospitals, a School of Nursing and Midwifery, Laboratory Technology, College of Health Technology, and a Polytechnic;

Also aware road transports agricultural products such as yams, oranges, groundnuts, and cassava from farms and markets to Eastern and neighboring states through different facilities along the route which is in a state of total disrepair;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ecological Fund office to remedy the portions along the road by constructing concrete and durable side drains to avert further incursion of erosion;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works to make provision for the general maintenance of the Rice Mill-Gboko-Ameladu road in the 2025 budget estimates;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Power to install and maintain solar powered lights the road to prevent criminal activity; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to collaborate with Federal Ministry of Works to ensure the rehabilitation of the Rice Mill-Gboko-Ameladu road to prevent loss of lives and properties;

**11. Need to Assess Environmental Impact of Transporting Crude Oil by Mega Seagoing Vessels from Nembe Creek Trunk to Offshore Crude Oil Storage in the Atlantic Ocean by Aiteo E & P:
Hon. Marie Enenimiete Ebikake:**

The House:

Notes the acquisition of OML29 from Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) and the takeover of the Nembe Creek Trunk Line by Aiteo E&P in 2016;

Also notes the commencement of the transportation of crude oil using mega seagoing vessels by Aiteo E & P to reduce the distance of crude oil transportation through pipelines and drastically minimize the incidence of crude oil theft;

Aware of the construction of an Oil Tank farm at the Nembe Creek flow station from where crude oil are transported via the St. John/Rio Bento River, through Nembe, Brass, Okpoama and Beletiamo, to the offshore crude oil storage facility in the Atlantic Ocean, 27km off the shoreline of the island of Brass;

Worried about the effects of the project on the environment and humans, in terms of shoreline erosion, accidents from collision of operational vessels and the possible loss of lives, massive crude oil spillage that will destroy the ecosystem, damage aquatic life with negative impact on the basic means of livelihood, which is fishing, the deforestation of the mangrove forests and the attendant noise pollution;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to compel the Management of Aiteo E&P to conduct an environmental impact assessment of the project, as dictated by the Environment Impact Assessment Act, 2004, and include the host communities, the State Government and stakeholders, in line with international global practice, subject to scrutiny of the public and environmental experts;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Environment and Petroleum Resources (midstream)to:
 - (a) investigate Environmental Impact of Transporting Crude Oil by Mega Seagoing Vessels from Nembe Creek Trunk to Offshore Crude Oil Storage in the Atlantic Ocean by Aiteo E & P; and
 - (b) monitor compliance with the Ministry of Environment and the Management of Aiteo E&P with this requirement, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**12. Need to Establish Garri Processing and Storage facility in Otuokpoti, Ogbia Local Government Area of Bayelsa State:
Hon. Mitema Obordor:**

The House:

Notes that food is essential to the existence of man and Garri is one of the staple foods in Nigeria that cuts across all tribes and social strata;

Aware that the people of Ogbia Federal Constituency in Bayelsa State are predominantly Cassava farmers, a major raw material in the manufacturing of Garri, Fufu, Cassava Flour, Farina Colloquially referred to as kpokpo garri;

Worried that Farmers face significant losses due to inadequate storage facilities and limited production on small scales, while younger generations are discouraged by the rigorous manual procedures;

Recognizes that establishing a Garri processing and storage facility will reduce waste from cassava farm produce, encourage youth farming, reduce unemployment, boost economic conditions, and address the hunger crisis.

Cognizant that Bayelsa State government plans to upgrade its mini Garri processing facility due to outdated equipment and machinery, and to expand it to accommodate the growing population and neighboring states;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Fadama II to approve the construction of a Garri storage and processing facility to be located in Otuokpoti, Ogbia; and
- (ii) mandate Committees on Agricultural Production and Services and legislative Compliance to ensure implementation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Tuesday 12 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Accounts	Tuesday 12 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Population	Tuesday 12 March 2024	2.30 p.m.	Committee Room 244 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Public Assets	Tuesday 12 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 (New Building) Assembly Complex