



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
 ORDER PAPER
 Thursday, 16th May, 2024**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY
 BILLS**

1. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for the Creation of Oke-Ogun State with Saki as the Proposed Capital City and for Related Matters (HB.1258) (*Hon. Kareem Tajudeen Abisodun*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Conservation and Management of Nigeria's Wildlife under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Funa and Flora (CITIES), the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and Associated Agreements and Protocols and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and for Related Matters (HB.1085) (*Hon. Terseer Ugbor*) – *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation, 2004, to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Fiditi - Oyo, Oyo State and for Related Matters (HB. 1269) (*Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi*) – *Second Reading*.
 4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre Kafanchan, Kaduna State and for Related Matters (HB. 507) (*Hon. Amos Magaji and three others*) – *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A 12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for Establishment of National Institute for Oil Palm Research, Ijebu Igbo, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB.655) (*Hon. Joseph Folorunsho Adegbesan*) – *Second Reading*.
 6. A Bill for an Act to Establish Petroleum Training Institute Ibeno, Akwa Ibom State to Provide courses of Instruction, Training and Research in petroleum technology and Produce Technicians and other Skilled Personnel required to run the Petroleum Industry and for Related Matters (HB.362) (*Hon. Okpolupm Etteh*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

7. **Need to Reconstruct the Ose River Bridge in Owan Federal Constiytuency of Edo State:** **Hon. Julius O. Ihonvbere**

The House:

Notes that the urgent need to reconstruct the old and narrow Ose Bridge linking Edo and Ondo States to prevent vehicles from plunging into the river;

Also notes that the bridge was constructed during the colonial era being the only link from Kogi State to Afemai, Owan East and West Local Government Areas to the Western part of the country;

Concerned that the bridge is narrow, situated at a slope and whenever it rains, the bridge is flooded, prompting drivers to wade through the flood at their own risks as its badly dislocated railings on either side of the bridge can no longer provide the needed protection;

Aware that the bridge has become a death trap for motorists as well as other road users and a hub for criminal activities like armed robbery, kidnapping, abduction and banditry due to the poor condition of the road and the bridge;

Also aware of the fatal attack on the bridge as criminals mounted an illegal road block and motorists were trapped, as they could not make a U-turn due to the narrow nature of the bridge;

Worried that the deplorable condition of the bridge has become difficult to carry out economic activities in the axis stretching between Uzebba, and its neighboring environs in Owan West and Ifon in Ondo State;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to reconstruct the Ose River bridge and upgrade the road;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

8. Need to Investigate the Reconstruction of the 13.5 Kilometres Oyigbo–Izuma–Miriwayi–Okoloma–Afam Road, Oyigbo Local Government Area of Rivers State under the Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit Scheme
Hon. Felix Uche Nwaeke:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government approved reconstruction of the Oyigbo-Izuoma-Mirinwayi-Okoloma-Afam road in Oyigbo Local Government Area of Rivers State under Executive Order No. 007 on Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit Scheme 2019;

Also notes that the former President, relying on Section 23(2) of the Companies Income Tax, signed the Executive Order on January 25, 2019 to enable companies to invest their tax ahead of time to develop road infrastructure;

Further notes that Transcorp Group was saddled with the responsibility of using invested tax to reconstruct the Oyigbo-Izuoma-Mirinwayi-Okoloma-Afam Road in Oyigbo Local Government Area of Rivers State;

Again notes that the said tax is currently being invested, has continued to accrue, not been used for the purpose of reconstructing the road;

Worried that no feedback has been communicated, either from Transcorp or the Federal Ministry of Works on the status of the project or the fund meant for the project in past four years;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Works to investigate the status of the Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit Scheme, 2019 as it relates to the reconstruction of the 13.5-kilometre Afam Road and report back within four (4) weeks for legislative action.

9. Need to Control the Devastating Erosion Menace on the 2.8kms Orié Ngodo Road, Obinulo Ngodo Isuochi, Umunneochi and Umuokogbuo Ahonta/Uporoto Road in Isuikwuato Local Government Areas of Abia State:
Hon. Amobi Godwin Ogah

The House:

Notes that erosion, a natural geological process in which earthen materials are washed away and transported by running water, poses great threat to roads, farmlands, vegetations and human settlements in Abia State;

Also notes that erosion not only disrupts road accessibility and communication, but also affects soil topography, obstructing vegetation and farming, causing negative technical and socio-economic effects activities;

Aware that the 2.8Km Orié Ngodo to Evangel Secondary School Road in Obinulo Ngodo Isuochi and Umuokogbuo Ahonta/Uporoto Road in Isuikwuato Local Government Areas of Abia State is in poor condition, causing motorists to park their vehicles in a distant from the settlements;

Concerned over the plight of sick individuals, particularly pregnant women, who often face worsening conditions due to the deteriorating roads leading to hospitalization or even death;

Also concerned about potential worsening transportation and communication issues in communities during the raining season, which could worsen erosion and suffering of inhabitants, particularly in farming and trading;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to intervene and control the devastating erosion menace on the 2.8Kms Orié Ngodo to Evangel Secondary School Road, Obinulo Ngodo Isuochi Umunneochi Local Government Area and Umuokogbuo Ahonta/Uporoto Road in Isuikwuato Local Government Area in Abia State;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Ecological Funds to utilize the Ecological funds to effect control of erosion in 2.8Kilometres Orié Ngodo to Evangel Secondary School Road, Obinulo Ngodo Isuochi Umunneochi and Umuokogbuo Ahonta/Uporoto Road in Isuikwuato Local Government Areas in Abia State; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on legislative compliance to ensure compliance.

10. Need to Investigate the Introduction of Genetically Modified Crops in Nigeria:

Hon. Muktar Tolani Shagaya:

The House:

Notes that genetically modified crops, commonly referred to as GM Crops, are plants used for agricultural purposes whose DNA has been altered using genetic engineering methods;

Also notes that the recent introduction of genetically modified crops in Nigeria has raised serious questions mostly about safety, regulatory oversight and the potential impact on the country's biosafety and ecosystem;

Aware that genetically modified foods can be created to contain almost anything, including genes which have higher level of toxicity and negative long-term effects on human health;

Also aware that introducing these crops has led to public outcries, with serious concerns expressed about the potential risks these GM crops may pose to human health, environmental degradation, and food security;

Further aware that the National Biosafety Management Agency (NBMA) has been accused of approving the introduction of GM crops into Nigeria without following due process and scientific protocols;

Concerned that these GM crops are being introduced into Nigeria at a time when the said crops have been banned in several countries like France, Russia, Germany, China, India, and a host of other countries in Europe due to safety concerns;

Also concerned that GMO crops' long-term impact on human health remains uncertain, prompting precautionary measures due to potential health risks including cancer, antibiotic resistance, allergic reactions, and reproductive issues;

Disturbed that the introduction of genetically modified crops could have far-reaching implications for Nigeria's food security, potentially transferring control to foreign biotechnology companies which are primarily driven by profit and cost reduction;

Cognizant that of the need to prioritize public health, biodiversity, and traditional farming practices due to uncertainties surrounding the long-term impact of GMOs on health, environment, and food security;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to suspend the introduction of new genetically modified crops until an investigation by the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services is completed and the findings are made public;

- (ii) also urge the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to cause the already introduced GM foods and crops in Nigeria to be properly labeled to safeguard consumers;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to:
 - (a) conduct a comprehensive investigation into the introduction of genetically modified crops in Nigeria by the National' Biosafety Management Agency;
 - (b) assess the potential health and environmental risks associated with genetically modified crops and report back within four (4) weeks; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

**11. Need to Investigate the Award of Contract for the Construction of Bagel – Zungur/Liman Katagum Dam in Dass Local Government Area of Bauchi State:
Hon. Jafaru Gambo Leko:**

The House:

Notes that in March 2017, the Federal Government initiated feasibility studies for the construction of a multi-purpose Dam at Bagel village in Dass Local Government Area of Bauchi State;

Also notes that the Construction of Bagel-Zungur/Liman Katagum Dam has been a recurring item in the Appropriation Act for years and domiciled in the Ministry of Water Resources;

Further notes that despite the allocation of funds in the Appropriation Act over the years, there is no visible construction work on the Bagel-Zungur/Liman Katagum dam;

Aware that the construction of the Bagel-Zungur/Liman Katagum Dam is critical for the management of the natural water resources for the benefit of the region and the country at large, as it facilitates electricity generation, water supply, flood control, food security and dry season farming;

Worried that delay in the construction of the Bagel-Zungur/Liman Katagum dam may pose ecological threat of flooding to neighbouring communities, consequently destroying lives and properties.

Cognizant that it is imperative to ensure transparency and accountability in the use of public funds allocated for infrastructure projects.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Water Resources to brief the Committee on Water Resources with a detailed report on reasons for the delay in the construction of the Bagel-Zungur/Liman Katagum dam; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Water Resources to ensure compliance.

**12. Need to Fund Medical Research Institutions to Combat Future Unforeseen Novel Medical Challenges:
Hon. Wale Hammed:**

The House:

Notes that due to the global increase in viral outbreaks like Lassa fever, Ebola and coronavirus, it is crucial to increase financial support for medical research to combat health challenges;

Aware that the National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) in Nigeria conducts research on public health diseases, develops dissemination structures, and collaborates with national and international institutions;

Also aware that there exist other research institutes in the country with similar objectives of collecting, analyzing and providing scientific data and information for the development of scientific products for sustainable development and benefit for the country;

Concerned that these institutions are not operating optimally, as they are currently underfunded, inadequately equipped with modern technology and lack requisite library resources to effectively perform their duties;

Cognizant that Nigeria Medical Research Institutes have potential to contribute to the nation's medical advancement given the required attention and funding;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services and Health Institutions to investigate the state of Medical Research institutes in the country, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**13. Construction of Access Roads in Aleiro/Gwandu/Jega Federal Constituency of Kebbi State:
Hon. Mansur Musa:**

The House:

Notes that several communities and villages in Aleiro, Gwandu, and Jega Federal Constituency are not linked to other parts of the State, thereby disconnecting them from appropriate governance;

Also notes that some of the communities and villages include Nufawa, Guyawa, Unguwar Fulani, Gulmare, Kochi and Mammawa in Gwandu Local government area, as well as Gomozo, Dorawai, Dumbegu in Aleiro and Jega local government areas;

Worried that lack of access to roads in rural communities prevents economic development, limits access to healthcare and education, impedes emergency services, and isolates communities from essential amenities and opportunities;

Aware that in order to address the importance of rural connectivity, agricultural promotion, and sustaining the maintenance of rural infrastructure, the government has formulated and implemented various policies and programmes aimed at improving access roads in rural areas, including the National Rural Access and Mobility Project, the Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project, and the National Rural Infrastructure Maintenance Framework;

Desirous of the need to construct rural roads in Aleiro, Gwandu, and Jega Federal Constituency to improve transportation networks, enhance access to schools, markets, and stimulate economic activities, foster development and social inclusion;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministries of Agriculture and Works, and the Programme Directors of the National Rural Access and Mobility Project as well as the Rural Access and Agricultural Marketing Project, to include the underlisted rural roads in the 2025 budget estimates;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministries of Works to construct:
 - (a) 18km access road from Illela Madadi Junction through Gulmare, Nufawa, Guyawa, Unguwar Fulani Baka and up to Mammawa;
 - (b) 23km road from Aleiro town to Rafin Mudi, Dorawai, Gomozo, Gomozon Jegawa, Gomozon yari and Dumbegu Village linking to Jega Local Government Area;
 - (c) 17km road from Aleiro town through Unguwar Galadima, Rafin Bauna Mai Fanfo, and Rafin Bauna to Dorawai Village;

- (d) 11.8km road including an adjoining bridge and seven culverts from Gwandu town to Kambaza through Cheberu district; and
- (e) 13km road from Barkeji town through Sabon Birnin, Ruggardawa, and Maruda, all in Gwandu Local Government Area of Kebbi State.
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Appropriations, National Planning and Economic Development, Works, Agriculture Production and Services, and Rural Development to ensure the inclusion of the aforementioned access roads in the 2025 budget estimates and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

14. Need to Resolve the Boardroom Crisis in Eko Distribution Company to Enhance Service Delivery and Optimize Revenue Generation for the Federal Government:

Hon. Sani Umar Bala:

The House:

Notes that Eko Electricity Distribution Company is one of the 11 DISCOs which controls one-sixth of power distributed from the national grid and covers several major commercial centers within Lagos – Ogun axis;

Also notes that with the control of 40% Equity Shares in the Company by the federal government, the deepening board room crisis which is not only snowballing into increasing poor performance by the DISCO but is also injurious to government, business requires an urgent need for government to intervene in order to protect its stake and improve performance;

Further concerned that last year, whistle blowers alleged that the Company was entrenched in grave misconduct by a top official relating to hiring of ghost workers, misappropriation and diversions;

Concerned that the lingering managerial crisis between the Chairman and few Directors on one side and a majority of other Directors on the other side in the Eko Distribution Company is capable of impacting negatively on service delivery or optimum electricity distribution within the zone;

Also concerned that the crisis is a result of what has been described as undue personalization of board authority, abuse of due process and vested interest including accusations of underhand dealings and impropriety;

Again concerned that in reaction to the allegations, a thorough investigation was instituted by the Managing Director but was interrupted and stalled by further allegations by some directors of plans by certain vested interest to cover up the misdeeds;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the lingering board room crisis in Eko Distribution Company that is snowballing into poor performance to resolve the crisis, protect Federal Government's stake in the Company and ensure optimal electricity distribution to the business axis of Lagos – Ogun States

15. Need to Awaken the Price Control Board of Nigeria to its Constitutional Responsibilities:

Hon. Jesess Okey-Joe Onuakalusi:

The House:

Notes that the Price Control Board of Nigeria has left its responsibilities to the marketers, now responsible for increasing the prices of commodities with impunity and to the detriment of consumers;

Also notes that the take home pay of Nigerian civil servants has not increased, yet workers are witnessing an increase in the prices of commodities daily in our markets;

Recalls that the Act establishing a governing body known as the Price Control Board is responsible for overseeing and enforcing price control regulations. The Act also establishes for each state a committee to be the Price Control Committee to advise and assist the Board on the implementation of this Act, but without an outcome as the Board is inactive;

Aware that the responsibilities of the Price Control Board of Nigeria are to regulate the prices of all commodities in Nigeria and ensure that the marketers comply for the prices to be comparable with the income of the Nigerian civil servants;

Concerned that this trend of leaving the prices of commodities at the marketer's discretion is affecting mostly low-income earners and also increasing crime, as individuals unable to afford to purchase at an exorbitant price will resort to other means or steal;

Disturbed that the Price Control Board of Nigeria takes no action to checkmate this menace of daily price increases;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Commerce to investigate the daily increase in prices of commodities in the country at random and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**16. Citizens Participation: A Panacea to National Development:
Hon. Dennis Idahosa:**

The House:

Notes that over the years there has been increased public dissatisfaction across the world making people feel that existing democratic forms are not serving the interest and opinions of majority of citizens;

Also notes that Nigerians in not-too-distant past have had their share of apathy and frustration in governance which has led to low level citizenry participation in the affairs of government;

Further notes that the most fundamental issues of insecurity, ethnicities, and sectionalism among others are products of non-committal attitude and depleting core values of patriotism, loyalty, honesty and dedication to duty;

Aware that the National Orientation Agency has the mandate to promote new sets of attitudes and cultures for the attainment of positive change in the country, develop among Nigerians, social, political and cultural values and awareness which will inculcate the spirit of patriotism, nationalism and self-discipline. Educate and enlighten Nigerians on government and all its activities and re-orientate Nigerian values that can give rise to national development;

Observes that the need for change in Nigeria behooves on us to embrace orientation and values towards achieving greatness as a nation, no government can govern properly and successful without active citizen's participation. Citizen's participation or lack of it shapes the current state and the future of any nation. Government cannot succeed without the goodwill, faith and support of her citizenry. Citizen's participation is a fundamental principle of democracy;

Worried that for the war on corruption, ethno-cultural crisis, apathy of citizens on national issues development and other vices to be achieved, policies must be formulated and implemented to enlighten Nigerians to be patriotic and embrace positive change for the greatness of the nation. It is imperative and sacred for all elected officers through their positive and selfless actions the people diligently and build their trust in rebuilding a greater country;

Believes that the time is now for all to come together to formulate policies and implement policies that will put Nigeria on the path of greatness and change the narratives of lack of national values that has triggered indifference among Nigerians in participation to issues of National development;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Orientation agency to intensify its commitments to its duties of communicating policies, programs and activities of Government and vigorously implement programs that will unite and encourage citizens participation in nation building;
- (i) also urge all Political Office holders and Appointees to discharge their duties selflessly and to the best interest of the country and wellbeing of the people, and work faithfully towards building the trust of all Nigerians and together build a Nation of abundance and prosperity; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to collaborate with the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation and the National Orientation Agency on government policies and implementations over the past twelve (12) years and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

17. Dualization of Akungba-Ikare Federal Road 6KM and the Downgrading of Akungba Hill to Avert further Carnages on the Road in Akoko South/East and South/West Federal Constituency, Ondo State:

Hon. Adegboyega Adeyemi Adefarati:

The House:

Notes that Akungba-Akoko, a vibrant community in Ondo State, Nigeria, is known for its educational institutions and lively atmosphere, including Adekunle Ajasin University, its strategic location along major transportation routes facilitate economic activities and provides essential amenities for residents;

Also notes that Akungba Hill, near Ikare-Akoko, is a dangerous hill with sharp slopes which makes navigation difficult and causing brake failures for the vehicles plying the road, thereby, leading to thousands of carnages and destruction of properties worth billions of naira;

Further notes that inadequate road infrastructure in Akungba's university area is causing fatalities, emphasizing the need for immediate intervention to improve road safety for students, traders, and community settlers.

Cognizant of the need for government to prioritize dualization of Akungba-Ikare Road to accommodate more commuters and downgrade Akungba Hill to prevent future carnage, as these measures are essential for safety and well-being of road users;

Resolves to:

- (i) empathize with Akungba community on the reoccurring accidents on the road;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to dualize the Akungba-Ikare Road and downgrading of Akungba Hill on the road as a priority project and make provision for it in the 2025 budget estimates;
- (iii) engage relevant stakeholders, including Federal Ministry of Works to expedite action on the road; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure compliance.

18. Rehabilitation of Bad Portions of the Akunu/Ayere/Kabba Road and Rejig Security Architecture in the Area:

Hon. Ifeoluwa Ehindero:

The House:

Notes that Akunu, a border town in Ondo State, is primarily inhabited by farmers and shares borders with Kogi State;

Also notes that Akunu/Ayere/Kabba road is in severe disrepair, with potholes potential for kidnapping and criminal activities, causing frustration among motorists and users;

Concerned that between 2023 and 2024, many Nigerians have been killed by bandits on this axis;

Worried that on February 9, 2024, a bandit ambushed and shot an 18-seater bus from Lagos to Abuja, killing the driver, abducting all passengers, and leaving a 5-year-old girl in shock;

Aware that the Minister of Interior, Hon. Olubunmi Tunji-Ojo, as a former Hon. Member moved a motion for establishment of a police station in Akunu, Ondo State, but has not been implemented;

Disturbed that the insecurity situation in this axis has affected the socio- economic activities in the area and neighbouring towns and communities;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of the those killed on the 9 February 2024;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to rehabilitate the failed portions of the road;
- (iii) also urge the Inspector General of Police to establish a Divisional Police Station in the Akunnu Akoko North East/North West Federal Constituency of Ondo State;
- (iv) further urge the Service Chiefs to deploy patrol Military personnel to the Akunu/Ayere/Kabba Road; and
- (v) mandate the Committees on Works, Army and Police Affairs to ensure compliance.

19. Need to Convert Old Federal Government Press Building, Ajegunle to a Vocational and Skills Acquisition Centre for Youth Empowerment:

Hon. Kalejaiye Adebayo Paul:

The House:

Notes that in 1975, the federal government established the Federal Government Press in Ajegunle with responsibility to managing the federal government publications such as gazette, bulletins, and periodic magazines;

Aware that the establishment provided employment opportunities for the local community and encouraged business activities through the procurement of printing materials;

Worried that the relocation of Federal Ministries and Agencies to Abuja in December 1991 resulted in the neglect of the Federal Government Press in Ajegunle, which was converted into an Event Centre;

Recognizes that the best solution is to repurpose the abandoned building into a Vocational and Skills Acquisition Centre to accommodate and empower Nigerian youths with relevant skills and preparing graduates for employment;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation to relinquish the property to Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) for the purpose of the conversion;
- (ii) also urge the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) to take over and fund the establishment of same; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) to ensure compliance.

20. Need to Construct Feeder Roads and Rural Electrification in Igabi Federal Constituency Kaduna State:

Hon. Hussaini Mohammed Jallo:

The House:

Notes that Igabi Federal Constituency in Kaduna State whose resident are predominantly farmer are faced with infrastructural challenges like inadequate feeder roads and rural electrification, causing insecurity and hindering economic growth and commercial activities;

Also notes that the absence of feeder roads and rural electrification has led to a significant loss of farm produce, discouraged large- and small-scale production, and negatively impacted poor farmers, resulting in higher food costs and worsening socio-economic conditions, affecting the region's socio-security and economic situation, and also affecting the educational pursuit of the children especially at the primary school level, whereby the children find it difficult to go to school.

Aware that the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Rural Electricity Agency are tasked with constructing feeder roads in rural areas in the country, of which Igabi Federal Constituency is among, and also the Rural Electricity Agency to provide rural electricity in rural areas.

Worried that the lack of feeder roads in the local government could lead to increased food prices, poverty, hunger, and criminal activities. Also, a lack of adequate rural electricity could hinder economic electrification development, potentially causing devastating consequences that affect the educational standard of children and the commercial activities of the villagers and also cause rural urban migration.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to construct feeder roads in some selected villages / wards in Igabi Local Government;
- (ii) also urge the Rural Electricity Agency to connect some selected villages/wards in Igabi Local Government with rural electricity by making provisions in the 2025 budget estimates;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services and Rural Development and National Rural Electrification Agency to ensure compliance; and
- (iv) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

21. Value Chain Training of Youths and Women on Agribusiness Development to Reduce Unemployment in the Country:

Hon. Canice Moore Chukwugozie Nwachukwu:

The House:

Notes that applying an agri-business value chain training approach that focuses on youths and women will no doubt reduce unemployment rates in the country;

Also notes that creating better jobs through intensive youth and women's value chain training in agribusiness will reduce unemployment rates and maintain political and social stability;

Observes that investments in the development of sustainable agricultural value chains offer immense opportunities for youths in rural and urban areas;

Aware that this type of massive training is an indirect way of engaging the youth and women, which will invariably reduce unemployment and enhance political and socioeconomic activities in Nigeria;

Also aware that reducing crimes and criminalities, which are social menaces, will reduce youths and women's idleness in society, as an idle brain is the devil's workshop;

Disturbed that the number of unemployed youths and women is on the rise, especially in rural areas;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to embark on massive value chain training of youths and women on agribusiness development to enhance the socio-economic activities of the country through the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the National Agricultural Development Fund (NADFUND);
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment, in collaboration with the National Productivity Centre (NPC) and National Directorate of Employment (NDE), to device the means of embarking on this value chain training of youths and women on agribusiness development; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services, Rural Development, Youth Development, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance within the shortest possible time.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Thursday 16 May 2024	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
2.	Federal Commission Character	Thursday 16 May 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Climate Change	Thursday 16 May 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 436 (New Building) Assembly Complex

4.	Steel Development	Friday 17 May 2024	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 305 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5.	Public Procurement (with MDAs)	Thursday 16 May 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 (New Building) Assembly Complex
6.	Internal Security	Thursday 16 May 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 (New Building) Assembly Complex
7.	Narcotic Drugs (with NDLEA)	Thursday 16 May 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 (New Building) Assembly Complex
8.	Special Committee on Restructuring of Federal Agencies and Commissions	Thursday 16 May 2024	3.00 p.m.	Multi-Purpose Conference Room NASS Library Trust Fund