



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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## PRESENTATION OF REPORT

***Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Compliance of Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government and Corporate Bodies:**

**Emmanuel Ukpong – Udo:**

“That the House do receive the *Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Compliance of Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government and Corporate Bodies with the Industrial Training Funds Act and Other Reasons Affecting the Scheme from 2010 – 2022”  
(Referred:6/7/2023)

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Regulate Corporate Social Responsibility in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 242) (*Hon. Olumide Osoba*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend Nursing and Midwifery (Registration etc.) Act, Cap N143 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Composition of the Council, Qualification and Tenure of Office of the Members of the Council, Review Penalty Provision and the Composition of the Tribunal, including Bachelor of Nursing Science, Community Nursing and Community Midwives in

the Registrable Qualifications of the Council, give the Council timeline within which to complete indexing of Students, Register Prospective Members and issue License and Communicate the decision of the Council to Institutions that apply for Approval and for Related Matters (HB.605) (*Hon. Abdulmalik Zubairu*) – *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, Cap F17 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Establish Federal College of Science and Health Technology, Mbu Isiuzo, Enugu State to provide Qualitative Education in Sciences, Health Arts and Other Technical Knowledge and for Related Matters (HB. 589) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) – *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Minerals and Mining Act, 2007 to Provide for the Regulation of Artisanal Mining and Refining, Smelting Refining and Refining and the Provision of Stiffer Penalties for Offences under the Bill, to increase the effectiveness and for Related Matters (HB. 751) (*Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi and Hon. Benjamin Okeize and Hon. Julius Ihonybere*) – *Second Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Provide a framework for the Appointment of Staff of the Office of the National Security Adviser to enhance Institutional Memory and effective performance of the Responsibilities of the National Security Adviser and for Related Matters (HB.805) (*Hon Ahmed Satomi and Hon. Stanley Olajide*) – *Second Reading*.

## MOTIONS

6. **Rescission of the Resolution on the Sitting of the House (*New Order Five, Rule3*) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:**  
**Hon. Francis E. Waive:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that on Tuesday, 7 November 2023 it considered New Order Five, Rule3 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives on the Emergency sitting of the House was negative;

*Aware* of the importance of Order Five, Rule3 which allows Hon. Members to participate in Proceedings by electronic means;

*Cognizant* of the need to rescind the decision on Order Five Rules 3;

*Resolves to:*

rescind the decision of the House which negative New Order Five, Rules 3 of the Standing Order of the House of Representatives and commit it to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration.

7. **Need to Investigate Illegal Mining in Solid Mineral Sector:**  
**Hon. Ibrahim Abdullahi Halims:**

**The House:**

*Notes* the significant economic potential of Nigeria's Solid Mineral Sector in contributing to the country's development and expansion of its revenue base;

*Also notes* the vast mineral resources in Nigeria that are largely untapped and underutilized, which can play a critical role in diversifying the economy, creating jobs, and boosting revenue generation;

*Aware* of the urgent need for focused intervention and radical measures to address the issues affecting the solid minerals sector and its underperformance, as indicated in the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) 2022 report, which states mineral sector's contribution to the Gross Domestic Product, GDP, at 0.63 per cent, or ₦1.10 trillion, and contribution to government revenue, at 2.62 per cent of the government's N6.63 trillion total revenue;

*Concerned* about the current challenges bedevilling the solid mineral sector because of illegal mining activities and acknowledging its detrimental impact on the environment, national security, and economic growth;

*Worried* about the loss of revenue from unregulated and illicit mining operations, costing the government \$9 billion annually with only 3 per cent royalties paid by a few licensed miners, hindering the country's mineral resource utilization;

*Disturbed* about the negative impacts of illegal mining, which have led to insecurity and conflicts over control of mining sites and their resources and escalated into violence, thus exacerbating existing political and social tensions in the affected communities;

*Cognizant* that due to the increased prevalence of illegal mining and other criminal activities affecting host communities, the governors of Taraba, Benue, and Nasarawa States have signed Executive Orders banning illegal mining to protect host communities and regulate mining activities in their states;

*Recognizes* the urgency of the Federal Government to swiftly and decisively address the revitalisation and development of this critical sector for the benefit of the Nigerian economy and its citizens;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Government to declare a state of emergency in the Mining Sector concerning illegal mining;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to make a special intervention in the 2024 budget estimates to provide for the establishment of Mineral Monitoring and Inspection Offices equipped with qualified manpower and equipment/infrastructure in the 109 senatorial districts of the country;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Government to constitute a special security task for two years life span comprising the military, Department of State Security Services (DSS), Immigration, Civil Defence, and the Nigeria Police Force to embark on a sweeping exercise to flush out all illegal miners; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

**8. Road development and Erosion Control of the Underpass at Wawa and Kara Sections along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway:  
Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka:**

**The House**

*Notes* that the Lagos-Ibadan expressway is the oldest and most active intercity dual carriageway connecting Lagos to other parts of the country and facilitating international trade, with an estimated 250,000 daily passenger car units (PCU);

*Observe* that the two critical underpasses at the Wawa and Kara sections of the expressway were not factored into the scope of work (SOP), which can serve as traffic engineering to optimally utilize the road network when completed to reduce congestion during peak logging;

*Aware* of the wrap-up phase of the project at the Lagos end, which still requires additional scope at two sections of the Wawa and Kara underpasses;

*Worried* about the frequent loss of lives due to the lack of Pedestrian Crossover in the entire stretch of both the short and long bridges between the Wawa and Kara sections of the road;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to include the development of underpasses at the Wawa and Kara sections of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway before the demobilization of the contractor;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works to construct roads to and from Wawa and Kara Markets as recovery zones for vehicles straying from the expressway;

- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to ensure that budgetary provisions are made for the additional scope of work; and
- (iv) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance, to ensure compliance.

**9. Need to Appraise the Condition of Nigeria Federal Roads:  
Hon. Akingbaso Festus O:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that Nigeria has an estimated 193,200km of tarred roads, out of which 34,000 km are designated as Federal Roads linking the Federal Capital Territory, over 80% of the Federal Roads are in poor condition, thus causing national shame and embarrassment to the country and increasing the rate of insecurity, disincentivized trade and commerce, and poses a significant risk to life due to accidents;

*Also notes* that the roads are classified as Trunk "A" under Federal, Trunk "B" under State and Trunk "C" under Local Government Area, are all in a deplorable state, these roads pose a threat to national security, facilitating kidnapping, armed robbery, accidents, and loss of life;

*Observes* that the worst Trunk A Roads include the Okene–Auchi Benin Road, Akure–Owena–Ondo–Ore Road, Shagamu–Ore–Benin Road, Onitsha–Enugu–Port Harcourt Road, Kabba–Omuo–Ikole Road, Ikorodu–Shagamu Road, Okene–Lokoja–Abuja Road, Kabba–Isanlu–Egbe–Omu Aran-Ilorin Highway, Rijau Kontagora Road in Niger State and Kaduna–Birinin Gwari–Mokwa Road;

*Aware* that the Federal Government Roads have been awarded billions of Naira for construction, rehabilitation, or re-design, with funding from the National Budget, SUKUK Bonds, and International Developmental Agencies, unfortunately, most of these roads are in poor condition due to piecemeal funding, prolonging construction and rehabilitation works. For example, the Lokoja–Abuja Federal Highway, awarded in 2003, has been uncompleted for over 20 years, causing damage to rehabilitated portions;

*Cognizant* that in the past, the National Assembly has attempted to increase road projects' budgets, enact the National Road Fund, and encourage Public-Private Partnerships, but the current financing model remains unsustainable;

*Disturbed* that despite the huge financing challenges, Nigeria has not done enough to access finance from International Financial Partners like the African Development Bank and World Bank Group on critical road projects due to its failure to meet funding requirements by Developmental Agencies;

*Also cognizant* of the exigency to review and re-appraise funding strategies and categorize roads are crucial for the present generation of Nigerians to enjoy good roads;

*Resolves to:*

mandate the Committee on Works to conduct an investigative hearing to ascertain the state of all Federal Trunk A Roads, particularly those under construction and rehabilitation to ascertain progress made and provide alternative funding arrangements for the construction and rehabilitation of federal roads.

**10. Call on the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to Eradicate Drug Bunks in the Country:  
Hon. Emmanuel Ukpong-Udo:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the functions of the Nigerian Drug Law Enforcement Agency, among others, are "strengthening cooperation with the office of the Attorney-General of the Federation, the Police Force, Customs, Immigration, Welfare Officials, Health Officials, and Other Law Enforcement Agencies in the eradication of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances," as mandated by Section 3(r) of the Nigeria Drug Law Enforcement Agency Act, Cap.N30, Laws of the Federation, 2004;

*Also notes* the provisions of Section 3(f) of the Act, which state that "*adoption of measures which shall include coordinated preventive and repressive action, introduction and maintenance of investigative and control techniques*"

*Disturbed* that recent statistics from the Agency showed 40% of Nigerian youth aged 18–35 involved in drug abuse, and according to a report from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), over 14.3 million aged 15–64 engaged in the same;

*Alarmed* that drug bunks are being opened in strategic locations in various cities across the country and fast becoming hostels where young Nigerians are found spending their entire day. These bunks are well-known to security agencies and citizens;

*Worried* that drug abuse in Nigeria is a growing concern, affecting personal growth, societal values, and health and security risks, with hotels and transport companies allegedly aiding illegal activities;

*Also concerned* that the future of Nigerian Youths is destroyed as they invest all their finances from legitimate or illegal means in enriching Drug Barons, affecting the country's development and progress, a situation which jeopardizes the future of youths and undermines the development and progress of the country;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to come up with a mechanism aimed at targeting the eradication of drug bunks in all the states of the federation; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Drugs and Narcotics to ensure compliance.

**11. Need to Rehabilitate and Upgrade Wuro–Kesum Dam Gassol, Gassol Local Government Area of Taraba State:**

**Hon. Jaafaru Yakubu:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that Gassol Local Government Area of Taraba State, with a population of about 385,500 persons and a land mass of about 5.298 km<sup>2</sup> Area, lies on a flood plain where River Taraba converges with River Benue in the region of Upper Benue River Basin trough;

*Also notes* that because of its strategic location between two major rivers, the major economic activities in the constituency include fishing and farming;

*Aware* that the Wuro–Kesum Dam provides irrigation for agricultural purposes to the downstream farming communities of Wuro–Keso, Sandirde, Gassol, Mutual Biyu and Tella with over 1,500 hectares of land;

*Concerned* that the Wuro–Kesum Dam is dilapidated and in dire need of rehabilitation to revitalise economic activities in Gassol Local Government Area and its environs;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to provide funds for the rehabilitation and upgrading of Wuro–Kesum Dam, Gassol Local Government Area in the 2024 Budget estimates; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Water Resources to ensure compliance.

**12. Need to Reconstruct the Abandoned Portions of the Oju–Otukpo Oweto/Oju–Adum Okuku and Oju–Adumn–Okuku and Oju –Uwoku – Abakaliki Roads:**

**Hon. David Agada Ogewu:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that Section 14(2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) provides that the security, safety and welfare of the people of Nigeria shall be the primary purpose of government. Furthermore, the National Assembly is responsible for creating laws for peace, order, and good governance in the Federation or its parts (including Oju/Obi Federal

Constituency) as outlined in Section 4(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

*Aware* that the infrastructural and economic development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and its parts is part of the core objectives of the Federal Government as enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

*Also aware* that the Oju–Otukpo–Oweto, Oju–Adum–Okuku–Iyahe–Abakaliki, and Oju Uwoku–Abakatiki roads are federal roads in Benue State serving as links between the North and South, with the Iyahe–Abakaliki section of Oju–Adum–Okuku–Iyahe–Abakaliki completed, however, Oju–Adum–Okuku, Oju–Otukpo–Oweto and Oju–Uwoku–Abakafiki Roads were deserted and abandoned;

*Disturbed* that the deplorable condition of the roads hinders farmers from distributing their produce to other parts of the country for economic exchange, affecting the shortest route connecting Benue State to The North-East, South-East and South-South Regions of the country;

*Recognizes* that the construction of Oju–Adum–Okuku, Oju–Otukpo–Oweto, and Oju–Uwoku–Abakatiki roads will link Enugu State and other parts of the south-east, alleviate hardship for Igede people, open arable lands for commercial agriculture, and alleviate poverty in Benue, Cross River, and Ebonyi States within a year of their construction;

*Acknowledges* that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Executive Governor of Benue State, Distinguished Senator Abba Moro of Benue South Senatorial District, and the current Hon. Minister of Works have collectively listened to the plight of the constituents and contributed to the inclusion of roads in the 2023 Supplementary Budget. However, no progress has been made on the construction/rehabilitation of the roads;

*Cognizant* that the 10th House of Representatives, a People's Parliament, is committed to delivering democracy to Nigeria through people-oriented resolutions and that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is committed to driving progress and development,

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works, Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and the Ecological Fund Office to make adequate appropriations in the 2023 supplementary budget as well as the 2024 Appropriation Budget Estimates;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to embark on the construction of the Oju–Otukpo–Oweto, Oju–Adum–Okuku and Oju–Uwoku/Ebonyi Federal Roads in Oju/Obi Federal Constituency, Benue State; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works, Appropriations, and Ecological Fund to ensure compliance

## CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 13. *Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:*

**Hon. Igariwey Enwo:**

“That the House do resume consideration of the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Review of Standing Orders of the House Representatives and approve the recommendations therein” (*Adjourned consideration: 7/11/2023*).

### 14. *Ad-hoc Committee on Legislative Agenda:*

**Hon. Julius Ihonvbere:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Legislative Agenda of the House of Representatives and approve the recommendation therein” (*Laid: 24/10/2023*).

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Petitions <i>(Investigative Hearing)</i>	Wednesday, 8 November 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
2.	Agricultural Production and Services	Wednesday, 8 November 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Reformatory Institutions <i>Interactive Session with Nigerian Correctional Services (NCS)</i>	Wednesday, 8 November 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	National Inland Waterways Authority	Wednesday, 8 November 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5.	Banking and Ancillary and Other Institutions <i>(Inaugural Meeting)</i>	Wednesday, 8 November 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 305 (New Building) Assembly Complex
6.	Federal Character <i>(with Nigerian Communications Satellite, Niger Delta Power Holding Company, National Rural Electrification Agency, Border Communities Development Agency and Nigerian Airspace Management Agency)</i>	Wednesday, 8 November 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex
7.	Christian Pilgrimage Affairs	Wednesday, 8 November 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 (New Building) Assembly Complex
8.	Freedom of Information (Reform of Government Institution <i>(Reform of Government Institution)</i> )	Wednesday, 8 November 2023	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 304 (New Building) Assembly Complex
9.	Air Force	Wednesday, 8 November 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 345 (New Building) Assembly Complex
10.	Federal Capital Territory <i>(Inaugural Meeting)</i>	Wednesday, 8 November 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 301 (New Building) Assembly Complex
11.	Women Affairs and Social Development <i>(Inaugural Meeting)</i>	Wednesday, 8 November 2023	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 (New Building) Assembly Complex