



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
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Thursday, 23rd November 2023**

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.967) (*Hon. Sunday Cyriacus Umeha*) – *First Reading*.
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3. Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.969) (*Hon. Sunday Cyriacus Umeha*) – *First Reading*.
4. Federal Cancer Research and Treatment Centre, Bauchi, Bauchi State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.970) (*Hon. Muktar Shagaya*) – *First Reading*.
5. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.971) (*Hon. Unyime Idem*) – *First Reading*.
6. Federal College of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.972) (*Hon. Uduak Alphonsus Odudoh*) – *First Reading*.
7. Public Officers Protection Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.973) (*Hon. Uduak Alphonsus Odudoh*) – *First Reading*.

8. Hire –Purchase Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB.974) (*Hon. Uduak Alphonsus Odudoh*) – *First Reading*.
9. Army Colour (Prohibition of Use) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.975) (*Hon. Uduak Alphonsus Odudoh*) – *First Reading*.
10. Elites Sheriffs Corps (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.976) (*Hon. Victor Abang*) – *First Reading*.
11. Compulsory Teaching of French Language in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.977) (*Hon. Garba Ibrahim Muhammad*) – *First Reading*
12. National Flood Management (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.978) (*Hon. Odianosen Henry Okojie*) – *First Reading*.
13. Nigeria Police Force Pensions Board (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.979) (*Hon. Abubakar Makki Yallema*) – *First Reading*.
14. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.980) (*Hon. Lalu Ishaya David*) – *First Reading*
15. Digital Television Services (Pay- Per-View) Subscription (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.981) (*Hon. Bukar Talba*) – *First Reading*.
16. Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.982) (*Hon. Bukar Talba*) – *First Reading*.
17. Criminal Code Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.983) (*Hon. Bukar Talba*) – *First Reading*.
18. Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.984) (*Hon. Alex Egbona*) – *First Reading*.
19. National Youth Service Corps Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.985) (*Hon. Ari Mohammed Abdulmumin*) – *First Reading*.
20. Ministry of Finance incorporated Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB.986) (*Hon. Ademorin Kuye*) – *First Reading*.
21. Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.987) (*Hon. Lalu Ishaya David*) – *First Reading*.
22. Administration of Criminal Justice Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.988) (*Hon. Sada Soli*) – *First Reading*.
23. Examination Malpractices Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB.989) (*Hon. Sada Soli*) – *First Reading*
24. National Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.990) (*Hon. Sada Soli*) – *First Reading*.
25. Flag and Coats of Arms Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.991) (*Hon. Sada Soli*) – *First Reading*
26. Regulatory Body for Organ Harvesting, Transplanting and Donation (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.992) (*Hon. Sada Soli*) – *First Reading*.
27. Peoples Bank of Nigeria Act (Repeal) Bill, 2023 (HB.993) (*Hon. Sada Soli*) – *First Reading*
28. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2023 (HB.994) (*Hon. Sada Soli*) – *First Reading*.
29. Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB.995) (*Hon. Sada Soli*) – *First Reading*
30. Federal College of Agricultural Technology, Abak, Akwa Ibom State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.996) (*Hon. Clement Jimbo*) – *First Reading*.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Public Service Matters:

Hon. Sani Umar Bala:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Service Matters on A Bill for an Act to make Provisions for the Retirement Age for Staff of National Assembly Service and for Related Matters (HB) (*Referred: 24/10/2023*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Landscape Architects Registration Council of Nigeria charged with the Registration and Regulation of Landscape Architects in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 695) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu and Six Others*) – *Second Reading*.
 2. 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 Agricultural and Energy Technical Institute, Nasarawa Eggon, Nasarawa State (HB. 116) (*Hon. Jeremiah Umaru*) – *Second Reading*.
 3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Ugwuaji Awkunanaw, Enugu State and for Related Matters (HB. 489) (*Hon. Chimaobi Sam Atu*) – *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 Establish Federal College of Agriculture, Albasu, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 50) (*Hon. Ghali Mustapha Tijjani*) – *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters. (*Hon. Ojuawo Rufus Adeniyi*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

6. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from Preceding Assembly:**
Hon. Francis E. Waive:
 - (i) *Close Circuit Television (Compulsory Instalment etc.) (HB. 177);*
 - (ii) *National Institute of Brackish water Fishers research, Ngo - Andoni (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB.178);*
 - (iii) *Sea Fisheries Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 179);*
 - (iv) *River Niger Transit Act (Repeal and Reenactment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 180);*
 - (v) *South South Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 181);*
 - (vi) *Federal Medical Center Act (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 861);*
 - (vii) *National Metallurgical Training institute, Sagamu, Ogun state (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 109);*
 - (viii) *Federal University Science and Technology, Remo, Ogun State (Establishment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 111);*
 - (ix) *National Assemble Budget and Research Office (Establishment) Bill, (HB. 600);*
 - (x) *National Film and Video Censors Board Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2023 (HB. 475);*
 - (xi) *Food vendors Registration Council of Nigeria (Establishment) (HB. 326);*
 - (xii) *Pharmaceutical Technologist and Pharmaceutical Technicians Council of Nigeria (Establishment) (HB 345*
 - (xiii) *Federal Medical Centers Acts (Amendment) Bill, 2023(HB 957); and*
 - (xiv) *Federal University of Medicine and Health Science Bida, Niger State (Establishment) Bill 2023 (HB. 880);*

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was

made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bill, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced de-novo;

Also notes that the aforementioned Bills were passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bills were read for the first time as HBs.177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 861, 109, 111, 600, 475, 326, 345, 957 and 880 respectively;

Resolves to:

Re-commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

7. Need to Investigate the Abandoned Sagamu Independent Power Project and Restore Electricity Supply to Sagamu Communities:

Hon. Adewunmi Oriyomi Onanuga:

8. Need to Investigate the State of Refineries in Nigeria:

Hon. Matthew Nwogu:

The House:

Notes that the States-owned refineries—Warri, Kaduna, Alesa-Elеме and Port Harcourt have stopped refining fuel and by-products for local consumption for years;

Aware that successive governments, under the pretext of turn-around maintenance and rehabilitation, invested money in these refineries, and presently, none are producing fuel and other by-products sufficient for local use, resulting in billions of dollars spent on fuel exports;

Also aware that succeeding Ministers of Petroleum Resources and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (NNPCL) executives have pitched several unsuccessful initiatives to revamp or rehabilitate the refineries, and despite huge funding, they remain in a state of comatose;

Concerned that between 2010 to date government has allocated N11.35 trillion for the renovation of refineries, yet these facilities remain idle;

Worried that the maintenance of refineries may be an economic waste considering that their maintenance has minimal value to the economy, given that the country currently relies on fuel importation;

Disturbed that over the past decade, an estimated N2,266,248,434.00 has been spent on rehabilitating Kaduna Refinery and Petro-chemical Company in Nigeria, but they remain inactive and unproductive, the current situation necessitates an investigation into the contract awards for the rehabilitation of the refineries;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) to conduct an investigation into the different contracts awarded between 2010 to date on the rehabilitation of refineries in Nigeria, the reasons behind their inability to refine fuel and by-products, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Need to Construct the Second Lane of Ngurore Bridge in Adamawa State:

Hon. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori

Hon. Kobis Ari Thimnu

Hon. Abubakar Baba-Zango:

The House:

Notes that the Ngurore bridge is a single-lane bridge built in the mid-1970s on the Gombe Yola Federal Highway, about 29 kilometres to Yola, the Adamawa State Capital;

Also notes that the Bridge connects Borno, Gombe, and Taraba, serving as a vital link to the Adamawa State Capital and for commuters from various regions;

Aware that the single-lane bridge has been operational for many decades. Due to the growing human and vehicle population, heavy equipment usage, and environmental factors, the bridge is experiencing wear and tear, necessitating maintenance;

Also aware that without an alternative route for commuters, the required comprehensive maintenance of the bridge cannot be achieved without closing the bridge for weeks and months.

Concerned that the overstretched bridge may suffer further damage or collapse due to excessive utilization by vehicles, heavy-duty machines, and equipment, potentially limiting its full life span.

Observes that sometimes back, a military hardware truck accident caused a six-hour gridlock on the bridge, leaving commuters stuck and frustrated. This is one of several incidents causing significant losses to businesses and livestock dealers commuting on the bridge;

Worried that the bridge serves as the sole connection between the nine local government areas of Adamawa, connecting the Southern Senatorial District to the State Capital. Patients with critical medical conditions from the Demsa/Numan/Lamurde Federal Constituency seeking emergency medical attention in Yola often get stuck on the bridge for hours, leading to delays, complications, and a lack of access to the hospital caused by the absence of an alternative bridge lane;

Disturbed that a delay in the construction of the second lane of the Ngurore Bridge could potentially cause disaster for people in Adamawa State, Northeast Nigeria, and those relying on the bridge for medical services, agricultural transportation, and socio-economic pursuits;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to assess and include the construction of a bridge in Ngurore to serve as an alternative to the existing single-lane bridge;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to regularly assess and maintain the single-lane Ngurore Bridge to ensure its safety and functionality; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure compliance.

**10. Reconnection of Electricity Supply to Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Consistency of Zamfara State by the Kaduna Electricity Distribution Company:
Hon. Bello Hassan Shinkafi:**

The House:

Notes that the provision of roads, water, electricity and other social economic activities are fundamental responsibilities of any Government be it at the Local, State or Federal Level;

Also notes that their responsibilities include education, security and all physical infrastructure and facilities that must be available to all parts of the Federation to harness economic potentials and increase the prosperity of the people and that of the Nation;

Aware that the Electricity Transmission and Distribution Companies are expected to provide infrastructural facilities as well as integrate all parts of Nigeria including Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency to the National Grid for an effective electricity supply network through functional substations, transformers and other electrical appliances;

Observes that in the last seven years, the people of Shinkafi/Zurmi Federal Constituency have been off the National Electricity Grid and have not witnessed or experienced electricity supply, thereby living in perpetual darkness, discomfort and lack of means to ease economic productivity;

Also observes that the economic activities of the people and by extension their livelihood and prosperity have been continuously hampered in the last seven years whose eventual impact is progressively pushing them down the poverty ladder;

Worried that due to the high rate of insecurity in Zamfara State and Shinkafi/Zurmi Constituency specifically, the absence of electricity supply from the National Grid will continue to impact negatively on the social and economic lives of the people;

Concerned that the absence of electricity supply in the Constituency alienated them which made the people perceive that they have been neglected and marginalised by the Federal Government, thereby creating disillusion and restiveness among the people. This negates the Principles of Governance as enshrined in Chapter II of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministry of Power to direct the Electricity Transmission and Distribution Company responsible for Zamfara State to restore electricity in the Constituency; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the persistent absence of Power supply and liaise with the appropriate Ministries, Departments Agencies and Regulatory Authority to facilitate economic activities and improve the quality of livelihood of the people of the area.

11. Need to Formulate Policies that will foster Exportation and Boost Yam Production in Benue State and other Parts of Nigeria:

Hon. Akume Regina

Hon. Adedayo Samuel Adesola:

The House:

Notes that yam is one of the most widely consumed food crops in Nigeria and a major cash crop cultivated in Benue State and other parts of Nigeria;

Aware that the producers of yam are heavily reliant on its consumers due to the lack of a proper storage system in place that guarantees its availability and freshness over a long period;

Also aware that the exportation of yam is highly recommended to boost Nigeria's earning capacity, its external reserves, and its value chain. Unfortunately, exportation is not a thriving business option in Nigeria due to bottlenecks created by regulatory agencies;

Worried that those engaged in the business of exportation do so outside the purview of the agencies responsible for promoting the trade by employing the services of local packaging producers or moving their operations to more business-friendly economies like Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire, and Benin Republic.

Worried that the Nigerian farmers are the primary suppliers of raw materials for the "Fresh Yam Produce in Ghana"

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to boost yam tubers production through targeted incentives to the farmers from the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Nigerian Agriculture Insurance Corporation (NAIC), Bank of Agriculture (BOA) and Commercial Banks;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to carry out policy reviews to regulate and supervise agencies responsible for exportation in Nigeria to boost exportation; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to invite the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC), National Agency for Food and Drug Administration Control (NAFDAC), and National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to give an update in promoting Nigeria's export business.

12. Need to Strengthen the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to enhance Speedy response to Emergencies and Disaster Occurrences in Nigeria:

Hon. Philip Agbese:

The House:

Notes that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) was established to manage disasters in Nigeria.

Also notes that the Act mandates the Agency to coordinate and facilitate the provision of resources for disaster curtailment activities in response to distress calls;

Aware that amongst other mandates, the National Emergency Management Agency is to formulate policy on activities relating to disaster management, and co-ordinate programmes for efficient and effective response to disasters at the national level;

Aware that besides the other sources of funds accruing to the National Emergency Management Agency, the Agency receives 20% of funds for Ecological Funds Accounts, amounting to hundreds of billions of Naira from its inception to date;

Concerned about various complaints against NEMA by victims of disasters and stakeholders for its delayed and ineffective interventions, causing concern among stakeholders and victims of disasters.

Also concerns that NEMA has consigned its function mainly to providing relief materials and does not respond promptly to distress and disaster emergencies;

Worried that if NEMA's current conduct is left unchecked, Nigerians will lose confidence which would lead to its eventual transformation into a bureaucratic institution and a cash cow for unscrupulous individuals;

Determined to strengthen NEMA to live up to the expectations of its Establishment Act particularly in the area of prompt and proactive response to disaster emergencies and distress calls.

Resolves to:

(i) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to:

- (a) review of NEMAs activities to conform with its mandates from inception to date;
- (b) evaluate NEMAs disaster response capabilities in terms of personnel competencies and response/management infrastructures;
- (c) determine if funds disbursed to NEMA are utilized in conformity with extant financial regulations and in tandem with the agency's mandates;
- (d) proffer recommendations on how to improve the Agency's efficiency and effectiveness and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

13. Need for Independent National Electoral Commission to Upgrade the Bimodal Voters Accreditation System to Capture Figures only when in contact with Human Face:

Hon. Leke Joseph Abejide:

The House:

Notes that the recent off-cycle elections conducted in Kogi, Imo, and Bayelsa states by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in which results, especially for the Kogi State were released before the accreditation process had begun, thus, raising concerns about the integrity of the elections;

Also notes that BVAS is the electronic device that INEC relies on for accurate voter authentication, however, BVAS devices were inputted with figures through the back-end of the device, implying that rigging elections has evolved into an electronic process;

Cognizant that this new dimension of election rigging poses a significant threat to the democratic process when elected officials will not need to pay any allegiance to their constituents in terms of service delivery or dividends of democracy as the votes of the people will not any longer be needed to win elections, as they can alternatively manipulate elections through INEC officials, thereby undermining the legitimacy of the people's mandate and reduces accountability;

Also cognizant of the need to amend the 2022 Electoral Act to include IREV as part of electronic mechanisms for transparent, credible, free, and fair elections in Nigeria, eliminating fabricated figures to allow everyone involved in the election or interested in it to access the correct accredited figures from IREV immediately after the accreditation process is completed;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to upgrade or reconfigure the BVAS to function only when it comes in contact with a voter's face and if the same voter has another PVC to vote elsewhere, the BVAS should be able to identify that the face already exists in a particular polling unit and prevent the voter from voting twice; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to investigate issues and complaints that arose during the election and report back within four weeks for further legislative action.

**14. Need to Complete the Construction of the Skill Acquisition Centre at IwuoAchang Ibeno Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State:
Hon. Okpolupm Etteh:**

The House:

Notes that the contract for the construction of a Skill Acquisition Centre in Iwuo-Achang Ibeno Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State was awarded on March 15th, 2010 by the Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs to Stegis International Agency Nigeria Limited (Civil Construction Building), Enorabol Nigeria Limited (Landscaping and Perimeter Fencing) and Y.S. Associate (Electrical and Mechanical), respectively;

Concerned that the purpose for the construction of the Skill Acquisition Centre, is even more prevalent in the state today particularly to curb evil vices of idleness in our teeming youth, seeing the present economic state of the country, even though the project contract was awarded in 2010;

Also concerned that the project, which had reached about 85% completion 11 years ago, had to be abandoned due to an unexpected increase in the prices of goods, leaving the property vandalised and in deplorable condition;

Informed that the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs has been approached severally by both the Contractors and the indigenes of the state, to take the necessary action to ensure completion of the project, but to no avail;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs to ensure completion of the project within the 2024 fiscal year; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Ministry to ensure compliance.

**15. Prevention and Management of the Devastating Effect of Flooding in Nigeria:
Hon. Sekav Dzua Iyortyom:**

The House:

Notes that Flooding is a devastating natural disaster caused by heavy rainfall, river overflow, human activities like illegal structures and refuse, and periodic release of water from overfilled dams;

Also notes that in 2022, the Federal Government established a Presidential Committee to develop a comprehensive flood prevention plan, allocating 19.2 billion naira to mitigate the devastating impact of flooding on farmlands;

Aware that in the same year, the Ministry of Water Resources released the General Flood Outlook Report for the year, indicating that 223 local governments in 32 states and the Federal Capital Territory constituted the highly probable flood risk areas; 212 local government areas in 35 states of the Federation, as well as the Federal Capital Territory, were classified as the moderately probable flood risk areas; and the remainder of 329 local government areas comprised the probable flood risk areas;

Also aware that in the same year, the Presidential Committee on Flood Relief and Rehabilitation (PCFRR) and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) partnered to distribute relief materials to flood victims across Nigeria, allocating 1.5 billion naira for the procurement and supply of the same;

Recognises that the flooding of towns and villages across the country was attributed to heavy rain and the impact of climate change, which deserve urgent, proper planning and proactive actions to prevent damages caused by flooding;

Concerned that the prevalence of floods in Nigeria requires urgent attention as delays could result in the destruction of houses and farms, food shortages, and a humanitarian crisis;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to expedite action on the prevention of flood disasters in Nigeria; intervene to provide relief to flood victims; monitor the management and prevention of flooding, and educate Nigerians on ways to prevent flooding;
- (ii) also urge the Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA), Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET), National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA), National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA), and other stakeholders to work in synergy on the best possible ways to alleviate flooding in Nigeria;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to investigate the distribution of food and non-food materials to affected citizens by the Presidential Committee on Flood Relief and Rehabilitation (PCFRR); and
- (iv) also mandate the Committee on Water Resources to investigate the release of the N19.2 billion allocated for the devastating impact of flooding on farmlands across the nation.

16. Need for Construction of Pedestrians Bridge in Kaga, Benisheikh Local Government Area of Borno State:

Hon. Usman Zannah:

The House:

Notes that Kaga Local Government Area headquarters is along the Maiduguri-Kano expressway;

Also notes that the dualization of the expressway divides Benisheikh town into two segments, making it difficult for pedestrians to cross the road safely;

Worried that the lack of pedestrian bridge infrastructure in the community poses a significant risk to residents in Kaga Benisheikh Local Government Area, particularly to school children and elderly individuals, which equally hinders social -economic activities and social interactions in the area;

Also worried at the high rates of accidents on the dualized expressway resulting in scores of deaths;

Cognizant of the need to construct a pedestrian bridge in the Kaga, Benisheikh Local government area to ease the movement of residents and facilitate the transportation of goods and services in Kaga, Benisheikh Local government area;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works to prioritize the construction of pedestrian bridges on the dualised expressway in Benisheikh town, Borno State and make budgetary provisions for the project in the 2024 Budget Estimates; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to ensure compliance.

17. Need to Curb the Excessive Behaviour of the Officers of FCT Directorate of Road Traffic Service (DRTS) on Abuja Major Highways:

Hon. Enitan Akanni Dolapo Badru:

The House:

Notes that the Directorate of Road Traffic Services (DRTS), popularly known as Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIO) is charged with the duties of license registration, vehicle registration, and road traffic management;

Also notes that transportation is an essential part of human activity which is the basis of socio-economic interaction and no society can interact effectively without an established and visible road network;

Concerned about the unruly behaviour of Vehicle Inspection Officers on major roads in the Federal Capital Territory, who unduly arrest road users, drive against traffic lights, cause damage to cars, and generally constitute a nuisance in the city;

Worried that the wanton recklessness of the VIO has often resulted in loss of lives and properties, and impacts negatively on the quality of lives of residents and road users in the FCT;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA) to investigate the alleged unscrupulous operations of officers of the Directorate of Road Traffic Services popularly known as VIO and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**18. Call on the Central Bank of Nigeria to create Awareness on the use of the Redesigned Naira Notes and the Terminal date of the Old Naira Notes:
Hon. Abdulmaleek Abdulraheem Danga:**

The House:

Notes that the old ₦200, ₦500, and ₦1000 notes are still in use alongside the redesigned ₦200, ₦500, and ₦1000 notes as legal tenders in the Nigerian markets;

Aware that the old notes were replaced by the redesigned ₦200, ₦500 and ₦1000 notes launched on November 23, 2022, by former President Muhammadu Buhari;

Recalls that Nigerians suffered untold hardships that led to the death of many, the grounding of economic activities due to lack of awareness, short notice of withdrawal, and public disapproval of old currency;

Also recalls that the Supreme Court of Nigeria ruled on March 3, 2023, and ordered the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to allow the use of the old ₦200, ₦500 and ₦1000 alongside the redesigned ₦200, ₦500 and ₦1000 to December 31, 2023;

Worried that with less than two (2) months to the deadline, the Governor of the CBN has not yet issued a policy statement to raise public awareness or issue more redesigned bank notes to Commercial Banks before the dateline;

Cognizant of the need for the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria to initiate an awareness campaign on the termination of old naira notes, considering the Supreme Court ruling putting the dateline at 31, December 2023;

Resolves to:

(i) urge the Central Bank of Nigeria, Governor to:

(a) issue Policy statement of the deadline;

(b) also issue more redesigned ₦200, ₦500, and ₦1000 notes to the Commercial Banks to completely withdraw the old naira notes from circulation before 31 December 2023;

(ii) also urge the Director-General, National Orientation Agency (NOA) to commence intense public awareness on the deadline date for the termination of the old naira notes; and

(iii) mandate the Committees on Banking Regulations and Bank Institutions and Ancillary to ensure compliance and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

**19. Need to Declare State of Emergency on Federal Infrastructure in Bassa/Dekina Federal Constituency of Kogi State:
Hon. Haruna Paul Gown:**

The House:

Notes that Dekina and Bassa Local Government Areas in Kogi State are significant economic centres with a large population and immense potential for growth in dire need of Federal Infrastructure to promote economic development and enhance the well-being of the people;

Aware that the absence of adequate infrastructure in Dekina and Bassa Local Government Area hindered the growth and progress of the communities, thus disrupting economic activities and overall standard of living in Dekina and Bassa Local Government Area;

Also aware that the deficiency in Federal Infrastructure in the Dekina/Bassa Federal Constituency hinders residents' access to basic social amenities and services, hindering their Social economy development potential;

Concerned that apart from the dilapidated federal roads passing through Dekina and Bassa Local Government Areas, which serve as major transportation routes connecting other parts of the country, there is no federal road infrastructure in Dekina and Bassa Local Government Areas of Kogi State;

Informed that it is the responsibility of the legislature to address the developmental needs of constituents and foster equitable distribution of resources throughout the country;

Cognizant that the establishment of Federal Infrastructure such as roads, Tertiary Institutions, Health Care Facilities, and electricity in Dekina and Bassa Local Government Areas will create employment opportunities, improve access to quality education and health care, and enhance the overall socio-economic development of the region;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to declare a state of emergency on Federal Infrastructure in the Dekina/Bassa Federal Constituency;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to take immediate action in establishing the necessary infrastructure to meet the needs and aspirations of the people of the Dekina/Bassa federal constituency;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Works to make provision for the construction and maintenance of federal roads, establishment of federal tertiary institutions, healthcare facilities and electricity in the 2024 budget estimate to address the region's existing infrastructure deficit; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Appropriations and Works to ensure compliance.

**20. Extension of Rail Lines to Cover the South-South, South-East, North Central and Northwest Geo-Political Zones of Nigeria:
Hon. Marcus Onobun:**

The House:

Notes that rail transportation offers huge benefits to Socio Economic growth due to its capacity to convey a large number of people and huge volumes of goods from one place to another;

Also notes that as a result of the low-risk factor of the Rail Transportation System, the immediate past administration of General Muhammadu Buhari designed a blueprint to ensure the completion of abandoned rail projects as well as commence new ones;

Aware that further to the blueprint, the 168-kilometre Abuja-Kaduna rail track was completed and put to use, and the 157-kilometre Lagos-Ibadan as well as the Warri-Ajaokuta rail of 327 kilometres were completed;

Also aware that Section (15) (1) (a) of the Nigerian Railway Corporation Act mandates the Nigerian Railway Corporation to carry out any expansions or extension thereof and any new railway and to provide all reasonable facilities for carriage by the corporation of passengers and goods;

Concerned that as a result of the lack of non-provision of rail lines linking the South-South to the South-East to the North-Central and North-West geo Political Zones, transportation of huge volumes

of goods and passengers are hampered, creating avoidable and unnecessary pressure on the already failing road infrastructure, with the attendant gridlocks, and waste of human and economic resources;

Cognizant that the construction of a 269.12km Abuja-Baro-Itakpe rail, with branch lines of Jakura-Lokoja and Agbahor-Warri City will not only bring ease of movement for people and goods but will also enhance socio-economic growth of the country as a whole;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to extend the rail lines to link the South-South, the South-East, the North-Central and the North-west Geopolitical zones of Nigeria; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Land Transport to ensure compliance.

21. Need to Investigate the Compliance level of Incorporation of Host Communities Development Trust Fund by Settlers Operating within the Niger Delta Region:

Hon. Ugonna Ozurigbo:

The House:

Notes that Section 318 of the Petroleum Industry Act, 2021 (PIA Act) has categorized Oil Companies with an interest in Petroleum Prospecting license or Petroleum Mining Lease in Nigeria as Settlers, this Settlers under Section 235 of the Petroleum Industry Act (Supra) are Mandated to establish and incorporate Host Communities Development Trust Fund for the benefit of the Host Communities hosting their facilities;

Also notes that the establishment and incorporation of the Host Communities Development Trust is to enhance the infrastructural development of the host communities, facilitate economic empowerment, advance and propagate educational development for members of the host communities, support local initiatives and healthcare development of the host communities, by PIA Act, the settlers (oil companies) are mandated to incorporate this Host communities Development Trust Fund within 12 months of coming into effect of the Petroleum Industry Act, 2021;

Alarmed that this Oil Companies operating as Settlers under Section 318 of the (PIA Act, 2021) has after 12 months of coming into effect of the PIA Act, the Companies have failed/omitted to incorporate Host communities Development Trust Fund in all the communities they operate within the Niger Delta Region;

Aware that the States of the Niger Delta Region are Abia, Akwaibom, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Edo, Imo, Ondo and Rivers, with large presence of oil companies activities, for instance Imo State have Addax, Water-Smith, Seplat, Shell, Agip oil companies operating within the communities but failed to perform their corporate social responsibilities as required under the PIA Act;

Also alarmed that the refusal to establish and incorporate Host Communities Development Trust Fund in all the Oil mining and prospecting communities of the Niger Delta region are causing untold hardship on the people of the region and may trigger incidence of restiveness among the people;

Convinced that the peace and development of the Niger Delta Region are paramount to this 10th Assembly which it has demonstrated through its various standing committees like it's committee on Niger Delta Development Ministry that oversees the general developmental blue print and policies for the swift development of the Niger Delta Region;

Cognizant of the need to rescue of host communities of the Niger Delta Region to ensure the Settlers carry out their Corporate Social Responsibility;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committees on Niger Delta Development Ministry and Corporate Social Responsibility to liaise with Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission to ensure that Oil companies (Settlers) who operate within the Niger Delta region complies with Host Communities laws as enshrined in the PIA Act, 2021; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committees on Niger Delta Development Ministry, Host Communities and Corporate Social Responsibility to investigate the Host Communities Development Trust

Fund compliance level of the oil companies (Settlors) operating within the Niger Delta Region and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

22. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Agency for National Ethics and Values Compliance to Control Unethical Behaviour and Enforce Compliance with Principles of the National Ethics; and for Related Matters (HB.528) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the*10/10/2023
23. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Civil Defence Corps Act, 2007 to Institutionalise Collaboration between the Corps and Relevant Security Agencies to Strengthen its Complementary Role in the Maintenance of Public Law and Order and for Related Matters (HB. 312) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole:*10/10/2023
24. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Police Act, 2020 to Regulate the Powers of the Police; to Promote Effective Collaboration between the Police and other Security Agencies and to Provide for the Operational Framework for Community Policing in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 313) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole:*10/10/2023