



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
ORDER PAPER  
Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 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 to Provide for Establishment of State Police and for Related Matters (HB.617) (*Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu and Fourteen Others*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Polytechnic Commission to Supervise, Regulate and Co-ordinate Polytechnics and for Related Matters (HB.673) (*Hon. Iduma Igariwey*) – *Second Reading*
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Vocational and Entrepreneurship Institute, Okota/Oshodi, Lagos State and for Related Matters (HB. 226) (*Hon. Jesse Okey – Joe Onuakalusi*) – *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Awa – Ijebu, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB.552) (*Hon. Joseph Folorunsho Adegbesan*) – *Second Reading*.

## MOTIONS

5. **Rescission of the House Resolution (HR.32/02/2024):**  
**Hon. Francis Waive** **Hon. Solomon Bob:**

**The House:**

*Recalls* that on Tuesday, 13 February, 2023, it debated on a motion on Need to monitor increased FAAC allocation and usage in accordance with enabling laws in the country to reduce poverty in Nigeria;

*Aware* that it resolved and mandated the Committees on Special Duties, National Planning and Economic Development and Inter-Governmental Affairs to look into State spending and utilization of the increased allocation from FAAC;

*Notes* that the subject matter of the motion is not within the powers of the National Assembly to legislate and hence the motion for the rescission;

*Resolves to:*

Rescind its resolution (HR.32/02/2024)

6. **Urgent Need to Investigate the Closure and Exodus of Multinational Companies in Nigeria:**  
**Hon. Patrick Umoh** **Hon. Lukman Alani Mudashiru** **Hon. Paul Ekpo:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that over the past seven years, several manufacturing Companies, particularly three in the fast-moving goods industry, have either left Nigeria or stopped production due to business challenges;

*Also notes* that companies such as Surest Foam Limited, Mufex, Framan Industries, MZM Continental, Nipol Industries, Moak Industries, Stone Industries, Procter and Gamble, Sanofi-Aventis, and Equinor have exited the country, with French pharmaceutical producer, Sanofi planing to exit Nigeria, while Bolt Food discontinues food delivery due to economic challenges, Jubilee Syringe Manufacturing also declares temporary redundancy due to unforeseen business issues;

*Observes* that in 2006, Michelin and Dunlop, tire manufacturing companies, relocated from Nigeria to Ghana due to lack of electricity supply and insecurity, recently, Unilever and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) have announced plans to cease production of iconic products in Nigeria after 51 years and have appointed third-party distributors to sell prescription medicines and vaccines in the country;

*Also observes* a report by Cardinal Stone, a financial solutions firm which states that the Fast-Moving Consumer Goods subsector may exit the country this year if the operating environment does not improve;

*Aware* of a quarterly report of the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) that showed a 33% decrease in investments to 1.03 billion, Dollars in the second quarter of 2023 from 1.54 billion, Dollars in the same period in 2022, and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development reported that Nigeria experienced a negative (-187 million) foreign direct investment inflow last year for the first time in 33 years;

*Concerned* that the continuous departure of Multinational Companies is causing concern as it could significantly impact the country's GDP, hinder economic growth potential, and job losses, increased poverty, decrease government revenue and investor confidence in the Nigerian market;

*Worried* that Multinational Companies are exiting or closing operations in Nigeria due to economic uncertainties, challenging business environments, lack of electricity, constant naira devaluation, high taxes, insecurity, poor infrastructure, port congestion, and stringent government policies;

*Recognises* the Tenth House of Representatives' Agenda, particularly Agenda four (4) on "Economic Growth and Development," which, among others, aims at promoting sustainable economic growth and improving ease of doing business in Nigeria;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Government and other relevant Agencies and Ministries to:
  - (a) implement clearly defined measures to address the challenges confronting the nation, particularly in the manufacturing sector, and create a conducive environment for businesses to thrive;
  - (b) collaborate with the private sector to develop policies that will stimulate economic growth and create job opportunities in the country;
  - (c) prioritize investments in the infrastructure and power sectors; provide tax incentives to encourage businesses and investors to invest in Nigeria;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Industry, Labour, Employment, and Productivity to investigate the closure of local Companies and the departure of Multinational Companies from Nigeria and the factors militating against the ease of doing business in Nigeria with the aim of assisting the House in meeting its Agenda on Economic Growth and Development and forestalling the closure of Companies in Nigeria and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**7. Need to Investigate the Abandoned 38.7 Million Dollars Phase 2 of the NNPC – NAOC Joint Venture Okpai Independence Power Plant Project:**

**Hon. Nnamdi Ezechi:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Okpai Independent Power Plant project, a joint venture between the Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC) and the Federal Government, received approval from the National Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) for the construction of phase 2;

*Also notes* that despite the substantial investment of 38.7 million, Dollars and the commencement of Phase II construction in November 2017, the project ended up being abandoned, resulting in the dilapidation of the critical Federal infrastructure;

*Aware* that the Phase II project has reached approximately 90% completion prior to its abandonment by contractors Saipem Contracting Nigeria Limited (SCNL) and Nigerian Agip Oil Company (NAOC);

*Further notes* that the project site is in a grave state of decay, with billions of Dollars' worth of equipment and turbines unused, covered by grass, and taken over by shrubs;

*Concerned* that the abandonment of the Phase II project jeopardizes significant investments and furthermore hampers increase in electricity generation for the nation;

*Also concerned* that there is ambiguity surrounding the project's contract amount, casting doubt on accountability and transparency in its execution;

*Recognises* the fact that the Nigeria Agip Oil Company (NAOC) and Saipem Contracting Nigeria Limited (SCNL) were involved in the award and execution of the project;

*Disturbed* about the lack of advancement of the project and the need for government action to preserve this essential national resource;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committee on Power to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the funding and contractors, which includes the Nigerian Agip Oil Company and Saipem Contracting Nigeria Limited, ascertain the impediments leading to the abandonment of the project, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**8. Plight of Retirees under the contribution Pension Scheme:****Hon. Clement Jimbo:****The House:**

*Notes* that the Pension Reform Act, 2014, was enacted to govern and regulate the administration of the uniform contributory pension scheme for both the public and private sectors in Nigeria;

*Also notes* that the objectives of the Pension Act, as spelt out in Section I of the Act, are to establish a uniform set of rules, regulations, and standards for the administration and payment of retirement benefits for the Public Service of the Federation, the Public Service of the Federal Capital Territory, the Public Service of the State Governments, the Public Service of the Local Government Councils, and the Private Sector;

*Further notes* that the Act was established to ensure that every person who worked in the public service and the private sector receives his or her retirement benefits as at when due, as well as assist improvident individuals to cater for their livelihood in old age;

*Observes* that the Act also establishes a Contributory Pensions Scheme (CPS) for payment of retirement benefits to employees to whom the Scheme applies under the Act;

*Aware* that the Act further establishes a Retirement Savings Account (RSA), which specifies that a holder of the account shall, upon retirement or attaining the age of 50 years, whichever is later, utilize the amount credited to its RSA for the benefits specified in Section 7 Subsection I (a)-(e) of the Act;

*Also aware* that where an employee voluntarily retires, disengages, or is disengaged from employment as provided for under Section 16(2) and (5) of the Act, the employee may, with the approval of the National Pension Commission (NPC), withdraw an amount of money not exceeding 25% of the total amount credited to his RSA;

*Also observes* that most government retirees complained of rip-offs under the guise of managing their benefits and entitlements under the Contributory Pension Fund Scheme operated by the Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs);

*Concerned* that the retiree's complaint that the Contributory Pension Scheme denies them of having a greater share of the lump sum after retirement, 25% of the total amount credited to their RSAs is usually dispensed across board under the scheme, while the balance of 75% is retained by the PFA for investment in the capital market with high returns, which is never added to the retirees' monthly payments;

*Also concerned* that with the rising value of the dollar against the naira, removal of fuel subsidies and increase in the price of goods and services, such paltry monthly payments, which remain the same for years, cannot sustain the retirees who had served the country honourably for 35 years;

*Worried* that Pension Fund Administrators' 75% RSA investments have not yielded adequate returns to Nigerian workers post-retirement due to inflation and naira dwindling fortunes, causing further economic impoverishment;

*Also worried* that an investment of 5 million, Naira in Treasury bills at the current rate of 13.9% per annum should have yielded a return on investment to a retiree of ₦695,000.00, and when divided by the monthly payment, a retiree gets ₦57,900.00, but instead ₦26,000.00 is paid resulting in an assumed shortfall of ₦31,900.00 because retirees have no option to invest;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the National Pension Commission to investigate the complaints of former employees who have been negatively impacted by the administration of pension funds;
- (ii) also urge the Commission to ensure strict enforcement of the law and design a framework to guide against infractions of the Pension Act, 2014 in furtherance of the anti-corruption stance of the present government;

- (iii) mandate the Committee on Pensions to invite the National Pension Commission and Chief Executives of the PFAs to brief it on the activities of the Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) as it concerns the investment of the Retirement Savings Account, benefits accruing to the employees upon retirement and the investment portfolio of the Retirement Savings Funds and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**9. Need to Support the various Roads and Infrastructural Projects in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja:**

**Hon. Chris Nkwonta:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Federal Capital Territory is the administrative headquarter of Nigeria, focusing on strategic, economic, and political objectives;

*Also notes* that various road initiatives underscore the commitment of the government to infrastructure development as a vital component in advancing the socio-economic wellbeing of residents, as well as creating employment and combating insecurity;

*Aware* that the construction of quality roads would reduce the rate of accidents, ensure safety, promote efficient transport network, and improve the economy of Abuja;

*Also aware* that the current Minister of the Federal Capital Territory is working on constructing 30 kilometers of road projects across the six Area Councils, including Paikon Kore-Iibwa road in Gwagwalada and Gaba-Tokula road in Bwari; a garage junction to the LEA Secretariat road in Kuje, the Yangoji-Sukuku Ebo road in Kwali, an access road that includes a two-span river bridge over the Naharati river, Ukya in Abaji; a temporary access road linking Saburi I and two communities from the ONEX to the old Keffi road near Dei Dei, upon completion the projects, are expected to enhance socio-economic activities across the six Area Councils and promote development in the FCT;

*Observes* that the Phase II rehabilitation plan and resurfacing of forty-nine roads in Abuja, which encompass Asokoro and its surroundings, is underway after commencing the Phase 1 project covering 135 roads in Garki against the background that the previous government granted it before it was abandoned due to financial constraints;

*Also observes* that the outer southern expressway, from A. A. Rano to Deeper Life Junction, and the N-20 expressway in Jahi, all abandoned, are currently under construction;

*Further observes* that other ongoing projects include the rehabilitation of the Federal Secretariat Complex and the completion of roads B6, BI2, and circle roads in the Abuja Central Area, the full-scope development of arterial road N-20 from the Northern Parkway to the Outer Northern Expressway (ONEX) with spurs, the rehabilitation and expansion of the outer Southern Expressway from Villa Roundabout to the outer Southern Expressway (OSEX) ring road 1 junction with four interchanges; and the construction of Southern Parkway from Christian Center (58/9) to Ring Road 1;

*Worried* about the inability of the immediate former Minister of the Federal Capital Territory to successfully complete key road projects and other infrastructure within the FCT;

*Cognizant* of the plan by the Minister of FCT to provide basic infrastructure for the proposed residential arena for judges and the effort by the Minister to complete specified abandoned projects such as the Vice President's residence awarded in 2010 and the residences of the Presiding Officers of the National Assembly complex awarded in 2009;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Ministry of Finance and Budget Office to ensure the timely release of FCT budgetary allocations and funds;
- (ii) commend Minister Nyesom Wike for his determination in overseeing the construction of various road infrastructures and successfully concluding previously neglected projects within a relatively brief timeframe; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on FCT to closely monitor the various infrastructural projects and ensure the removal of any obstacles to the completion of the various ongoing projects.

**10. Need to Prioritize the Completion of the Amassoma Community Shoreline Protection Project in Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency of Bayelsa State:**

**Hon. Ambaiowei Rodney Ebikebina:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that between August and November when water levels rise due to the opening of dams in the Republic of Cameroun and heavy rainfall in the country, Southern Ijaw and most parts of the country experienced flooding annually which posed significant challenges in riverine areas. This flood submerges communities, displaces others along the Niger and Benue rivers, and creates multiple internally displaced persons camps;

*Also notes* that Amassoma in Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency of Bayelsa State is one the Community that has persistently endured the devastating effects of these floods leading to the 2022 devastating flood which sacked Communities creating huge humanitarian crisis. The Flood situation is heightened by climatic changes which has elevated the flood levels, making the situation increasingly unbearable. Given the devastating consequences of the flood, experts have recommended the construction of a dyke to protect coastline and riverine communities;

*Concerned* that several contracts for the construction of Shoreline Protection in Amassoma have been awarded in the past with no useful results. The first was awarded to Dokkin Ventures Nigeria Limited by the now obsolete Oil Mineral Producing Areas Development Commission (OMPADEC) and was abandoned. It was again awarded to Bussdor & Company Limited by the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) in 2003, only to be abandoned again in 2005 with disputable percentage of completion as physical assessment shows no significant job done. The contract was later transferred to Messer Ideki Services Ltd without clear details of the transfer and the valuation of the Project with no significant work done till date;

*Worried* that the rains have been coming thick and fast while the Federal Metrological Services has predicted that the 2023 flood levels will surpass those of 2022. The people of Amassoma and other areas within Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency are at risk of facing another devastating flood and displacement from their homes. It is only an immediate action that will assuage and give comfort to the Southern Ijaw constituents to avert the traumatic experiences of the past;

*Cognizant* of the need to protect lives and livelihoods in Southern Ijaw Federal Constituency and riverine communities and complete the Amassoma Community Shoreline Protection Project;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to re-mobilize the Contractor to site and engage competent Consultants to supervise the Project and ensure that the Project is executed diligently to completion before September 2024 when the next rainy season comes;
- (ii) mandate the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to assess the Amassoma community Shoreline Project to ascertain the extent of work done by the numerous contractors since the Project was first awarded till date; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to liaise with the NDDC and investigate the mismanagement and abandoned of a critical intervention project with a view to holding previous companies accountable for public funds waste.

**11. Rehabilitation of Misau-Shira-Giade-Gwaram-Birnin Kudu Road in Bauchi and Jigawa States:**

**Hon. Sani I. Ibrahim Tanko**  
**Hon. Bappa Aliyu Misau**

**Hon. Yusuf Shittu Galambi**  
**Hon. Adamu Yakubu:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that good road infrastructure facilitates efficient movement of goods and services between urban and rural communities, thereby promoting social and economic growth, particularly in rural areas;

*Also notes* that the Misau-Shira-Giade-Gwaram-Birnin Kudu Road is a Federal Road, which spans across several communities in Bauchi State and links the North East and the North West geopolitical zones of Nigeria;

*Further notes* that the road is significant to both social and economic development of Nigeria, as it is a major route for transporting trade and investment activities on the Kano/Maiduguri axis and parts of some West African countries, including the Niger Republic, Chad, Ghana, and Cameroon;

*Worried* that the road is in a dilapidated condition which poses a great risk to commuters, potentially leading to fatalities and destruction of property through accidents and frequent attacks by hoodlum thus, affecting motorists' valuables and the time spent on transportation;

*Worried* that the road has been in a dilapidated state for years, causing untold suffering to the people who are predominantly farmers as socio-Economic activities in the affected communities have been hampered due to the attendant risks of transporting their produce to other markets via the dilapidated road;

*Cognizant* of the need to rehabilitate the road to ameliorate the hardship encountered by motorist roads users;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence rehabilitation work on Misau-Shira-Giade-Gwaram-Birnin Kudu Road in Bauchi and Jigawa States;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and works to ensure compliance.

**12. Need to Investigate the Privatization / Concession of Federal Government Silos in Nigeria:  
Hon. Inuwa Garba:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that in September, 2017, the Federal Government commenced the process of concessioning 22 out of it 33 silo complexes across the country to the private sector to ensure availability of affordable grains across the country;

*Cognizant* of the need to scrutinize circumstances surrounding the privatization or concession of Government Silos for Grains Storage in the country considering the vital role these silos play in ensuring food security across the country;

*Also cognizant* of the need to investigate the entire process of privatization or concession, including the criteria used for the selection of private entities, transparency in the bidding process to ensure accountability in public administration, and upholding the principles of fairness and equity;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Government to, as a matter of priority, consider subsidizing agriculture to revitalize the economy and improve food security in Nigeria; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services, Privatization and Commercialization, Public Assets, to investigate the privatization/concession of 22 out of 33 Government Silos for grain storage and other critical national assets in Nigeria and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

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## CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

**13. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal College of Health Technology, Benisheikh, Kaga, Borno State and for Related Matters (HB.234) (Leader) – Committee of the Whole: 26/7/2023.**

14. A Bill for an Act to Domesticate the New Partnership for Africa's Development framework and Establish African Union Development Commission and to give effect to its provisions in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.271) – *Committee of the Whole: 27/7/2023*
15. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Library Bill, 2024 to establish and maintain the National Library of Nigeria, strengthen its statutory functions and for Related Matters (HB. 89) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole: 18/7/2023.*
16. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Metallurgical Training Institute, Sagamu, Ogun State to Provide Training, Information, Supervision, Guidance and advice to Students, researchers and Personnel in Iron and Steel, and Oil and Gas Industries for National Development and for Related Matters (HB. 109) – *Committee of the Whole:23/11/2023.*

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Petitions ( <i>Investigative Hearing</i> )	Tuesday 20 February 2024	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Accounts	Tuesday 20 February 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Freedom of Information (FOI)	Tuesday 20 February 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 305 (New Building Extension) Assembly Complex
4.	Nigerian Correctional Service	Tuesday 20 February 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 344 (New Building Extension) Assembly Complex