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ABUJA 'ONE CHANCE' TAXI CRIME: HOUSE SEEKS URGENT SOLUTION FOR RESPITE

■ By Temidayo Taiwo-Sidiq ■

The House of Representatives on Tuesday took a bold step towards addressing the wanton cases of robbery and kidnapping of residents of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) by groups of taxi robbers operating under the guise of "One Chance."

During its plenary session, the House adopted a motion inviting the FCT Minister, the FCT Commissioner of Police, the Director-General of the Department of State Services (DSS), and other key stakeholders to brief relevant committees of the House on the current security situation in the FCT.

Rep. Debo Ismail Haruna (APC, Bauchi), who moved the motion, noted the significant increase in kidnapping and robbery incidents, extending from the outskirts to the city centre, perpetrated by notorious 'one chance' operators. He expressed deep concern that FCT residents are living in fear as security continues to deteriorate, allowing these criminals to operate with impunity.

In response to these troubling developments, the House mandated its Committee on FCT to investigate the prevalence of unregistered and unmarked vehicles operating within the capital and recommend measures

to regulate these operators.

Additionally, the Committees on FCT, Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence were mandated to conduct a comprehensive investigation into kidnapping and armed robbery activities in the capital city, with a report due within three weeks.

In September 2023, Greatness Olorunfemi, a community developer, died from injuries sustained during an attack by 'one chance' operators, who threw her from a moving vehicle after robbing her of her bag, ATM card, and mobile phone.

Recently, **Miss Nimah Suleiman**, a Legislative Aide in the National Assembly, was kidnapped and brutally murdered while on her way home in the Jabi District. She was taken at gunpoint at Bannex Junction in Wuse 2 around 6:15 PM, and her body was discovered between 9:00 AM and 10:00PM at Maitama, near Ministers' Hill Bridge, despite her family paying the ransom. The House observed a moment of silence in her honour.

This series of incidents has prompted the House to seek urgent solutions to ensure the safety and security of residents in the capital.

HOUSE MOVES TO ADDRESS RECURRING POWER GRID COLLAPSES, WIDESPREAD BLACKOUT IN NORTHERN NIGERIA

~ By Temidayo Taiwo-Sidiq ~



In response to alarming reports of power grid collapses and widespread blackouts, the House of Representatives has resolved to investigate this pressing issue.

The resolution emerged during plenary on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, following the adoption of a Matter of Urgent National Importance moved by Rep. Mansur Manu Soro (PDP, Bauchi).

Emphasising the critical role of power supply in a nation's economic advancement, Rep. Soro highlighted that reliable power supply is essential for the production of goods and services. He noted that the federation has experienced an alarming number of grid collapses, with eight incidents occurring in 2024 alone.

The lawmaker expressed concern that the entire states in the North East, North West, and parts of the North Central regions have been plunged into

darkness over the last two days due to what the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) describes as "faulty transmission lines." Rep. Soro further emphasised that the ongoing grid collapses are particularly troubling given the worsening national hardship caused by the Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) extreme naira devaluation.

The House regretted that these challenges have arisen despite assurances from the Honourable Minister of Power regarding a stable power sector following recent increases in power tariffs.

To address this urgent matter, the House has mandated its Committee on Power to investigate the situation. Additionally, the Committee on Legislative Compliance has been tasked with ensuring adherence to the resolution, with a report expected within three weeks for further legislative action.



COMMITTEE WATCH

YOUTH - FOCUSED COMMITTEES IN NIGERIA'S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The 10th House of Representatives has two (2) committees dedicated to youth issues in Nigeria.

The committees are: **Committee on Youth Development and Committee on Youth in Parliament**

Both Committees with separate jurisdictions were constituted at the commencement of the life of the House by the House Special Committee on Selection which is headed by the Speaker.

They are chaired by:

Rep. Esin Martins Etim (PDP, Akwa Ibom) and
Rep. Olamijuwonlo Ayodeji Alao-Akala (APC, Oyo), respectively.

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



**Rep. Esin Martins Etim
(PDP, Akwa Ibom)**

As captured in Order 20, Standing Orders of the House of Representatives (Eleventh Edition), the Committee on Youth Development has oversight jurisdiction over:

- Youth development generally
- Youth and social development matters
- Youth movement activities and associations
- National Youth Service Corps (NYSC)
- The Ministry responsible for Youth development and its Parastatals
- Annual budget estimates.

COMMITTEE WATCH

COMMITTEE ON YOUTH IN PARLIAMENT



**Rep. Olamijuwonlo
Ayodeji Alao-Akala
(APC, Oyo)**

As captured in Order 20, Standing Orders of the House of Representatives (Eleventh Edition), the Committee on Youth in Parliament has oversight jurisdiction over:

- Initiating good policies on Parliamentary Research and documentation and ensuring an efficient data Bank on youth in National and State Assemblies
- Oversight and monitoring of the Conference of Youth in Parliament

- Ensuring harmonious relationships between young legislators in the National and State Houses of Assembly
- Initiating the organisation of National and International conferences, workshops and other fora for the dissemination and education of Youth in Parliament
- Recommending to the House the formation of and entry into any new Youth Parliamentary Group
- Making recommendations on the desirability of the House sending Youth Delegation to specific Inter Parliamentary Youth events
- Representing the National Assembly in International Parliamentary Associations or Groupings on Youth Matters generally.

REPS CONDEMN BRUTAL MURDER OF YOUTHS IN ANAMBRA COMMUNITY

~ By Daniel Onyemaechi ~

The House of Representatives has called for an urgent investigation by the Police into the brutal murder of over ten youth members of the Nibo Community in Awka South Local Government Area, Anambra State.

This resolution followed the adoption of a Matter of Urgent National Importance presented by **Rep. Lillian Obiageli Orogbu (LP, Anambra)** during Tuesday's plenary session.

Emphasising the right to life, liberty, and security of all citizens, as guaranteed by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1999, as amended), Rep. Orogbu expressed deep concern over the tragic killings that occurred during the New Yam Festival on October 20, 2024. She noted that these murders have instilled widespread fear and insecurity among the residents of her constituency, further exacerbated by a troubling pattern of violent incidents across Anambra State over the past two years.

In adopting the motion, the House condemned the horrific killings, observed a moment of silence in honour of the victims, and extended condolences to



their families.

The House subsequently urged the Nigeria Police and the Department of State Services (DSS) to thoroughly investigate these killings and ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice in a timely manner.

Members of the Green Chamber also called on the Federal Government to deploy additional security personnel to Awka South and North Federal Constituencies, as well as to the entire state, to restore order and protect lives and property.

Furthermore, the House Committees on Police Affairs, Interior, National Security and Intelligence, and Legislative Compliance were mandated to send a delegation to Anambra State to engage with the State Government and relevant stakeholders regarding the escalating insecurity. They are expected to report back within four weeks.



PWDS: SPEAKER ABBAS ADOPTED AS ‘CHAMPION OF DISABILITY RIGHTS,’ VOWS MORE SUPPORT

- House praised for historic introduction of sign language during plenary, the first in the history of the National Assembly

~ By Musa Abdullahi Krishi ~

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, PhD, has reaffirmed his commitment to ensuring the welfare and protection of Persons Living With Disabilities (PLWDs) in Nigeria.

He made this assurance on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, while hosting the management of the National Commission for Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) in his office, alongside Deputy Speaker Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu and several members of the House.

In his remarks, Speaker Abbas noted significant progress in the affairs of Persons Living With Disabilities in Nigeria since the passage of the Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Act in 2018. He

highlighted advancements such as the establishment of the NCPWD, increased public awareness, and efforts to make essential services more accessible.

“For instance, sectors like banking are now engaging in accessibility reforms to ensure persons with disabilities have better access to services,” he stated. However, he acknowledged that challenges remain, particularly around full implementation. “Barriers such as limited public awareness, inadequate funding, and inaccessible public infrastructure still hinder the realisation of the Act’s full potential,” the Speaker added.

He further reaffirmed the House's commitment to addressing these challenges by strengthening oversight,

ensuring better representation of persons with disabilities in decision-making processes, and advocating for increased budgetary allocations to support accessibility initiatives.

Executive Secretary of the NCPWD, Hon. Ayuba B. Gutwan, commended the Speaker for his “unwavering support and commitment” toward PWDs. He highlighted key appointments, including a member as a Special Assistant and another as Chairman of the House Committee on PWDs, as well as the approval of

sign language interpreters in the chamber, marking a historic first for the National Assembly.

Gutwan announced that Speaker Abbas has been adopted as the ‘Champion of Disability Rights in Nigeria.’ He emphasised the need for more inclusive policies and environments, advocating for laws that protect the interests of PWDs, including the allocation of 5 percent job slots for PWDs in public and private institutions, among other initiatives.



PRESS RELEASE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION REVIEW HOSTS INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATIVE DIALOGUE ON WOMEN AND CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT



The Rt. Hon. Benjamin Kalu-led the House of Representatives Committee on Constitution Review is set to host an International Legislative Dialogue on Women and Constitution Amendment in Nigeria.

Aligned with Agenda 6 (Inclusion and Open Parliament) of the 10th Assembly’s Legislative Agenda (2023 - 2027) and the Committee’s guiding principles of dialogue, advocacy, participation, unity, and inclusivity, the event aims to engage stakeholders in discussions on the constitution amendment bill, focusing on gender-related issues.

Details: Monday, October 28, 2024 | 10:00AM | Transcorp Hilton, Abuja

Virtual Participation:

Interested participants across the country can join via Zoom at bit.ly/3YDiR8L

This Dialogue is organised in partnership with the **Policy and Legal Advocacy Centre (PLAC)**, with support from the **European Union**.

Signed:

Rep. Akin Rotimi, Jr.

Spokesman, House of Representatives

ORBITAL SLOTS: HOUSE WARNS OF POTENTIAL \$400M LOSS, INITIATES UTILISATION REVIEW

By Temidayo Taiwo-Sidiq



The House of Representatives has issued a warning regarding a potential financial loss of up to \$400 million for Nigeria, stemming from the underutilisation of its orbital slots, which may be vulnerable to reassignment.

In response, the House urged the Federal Government to prioritise the timely registration and renewal of Nigeria's orbital slots, as well as establish a robust oversight mechanism to monitor their usage and ensure compliance with International Telecommunication Union (ITU) regulations.

This action followed a motion presented by **Rep. Muktar Tolani Shagaya (APC, Kwara)** during a plenary session on Tuesday, emphasising the significance of this issue for Nigeria's

technological advancement and economic development.

Rep. Shagaya highlighted that Nigeria has been allocated three orbital slots by the ITU, essential for the placement of satellites in geostationary orbit. He noted that these slots are crucial for telecommunications, broadcasting, weather monitoring, and national defence, and their optimal use could position Nigeria as a key player in the evolving space sector.

He expressed concern about Nigeria's increasing competition for orbital slots due to the rising global demand for satellite services, warning that failure to utilise these slots could result in the permanent loss of assigned positions. Acquiring a new orbital slot could cost approximately \$200 million. He attributed the underutilisation to several factors, including financial constraints, inadequate technical infrastructure, and delays in policy implementation.

Recognising that the loss of these slots impacts not just technical capabilities but also national security, economic empowerment, and global standing, the House emphasised the urgency of accelerating satellite development, securing necessary funding, and exploring partnerships with private companies and international space agencies to maximise the use of these orbital slots.

The House resolved to urge the Federal Government to safeguard Nigeria's orbital

slots and invest in satellite technology to ensure full utilisation before the impending deadline of December 6, 2024.

Members also called on the Nigeria Communications Satellite Limited (NIGCOMSAT) and the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) to intensify efforts in

developing and launching satellites that will occupy these slots, thus preventing their forfeiture.

Furthermore, they mandated the House Committee on Digital and Communications Technology to conduct a comprehensive review of Nigeria's current utilisation of its orbital slots and report within two weeks.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

- Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Nigerian Maritime University, Okerenkoko and for Related Matters

- Rep. Francis Waive (APC, Delta), House Committee on Rules and Business

- Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Domesticate and Enforce in Nigeria the International Convention against Doping in Sport, Establish the Nigeria Anti – Doping Centre to Implement Nigeria's Obligations to the World Anti – Doping Code, International Standards and for Related Matters

- Rep. Muhammed Buba Jajere (APC, Yobe), Deputy Chairman, House Committee on Sports

- Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Ikole-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.1037)

- Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Ikosu, Moba Local Government Area, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.782)

- Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Fagge, Kano State and for related Matters (HB. 94)

- Rep. Amos Gwamna Magaji (PDP, Kaduna), Chairman, House Committee on Health Institutions

Thursday, October 24, 2024

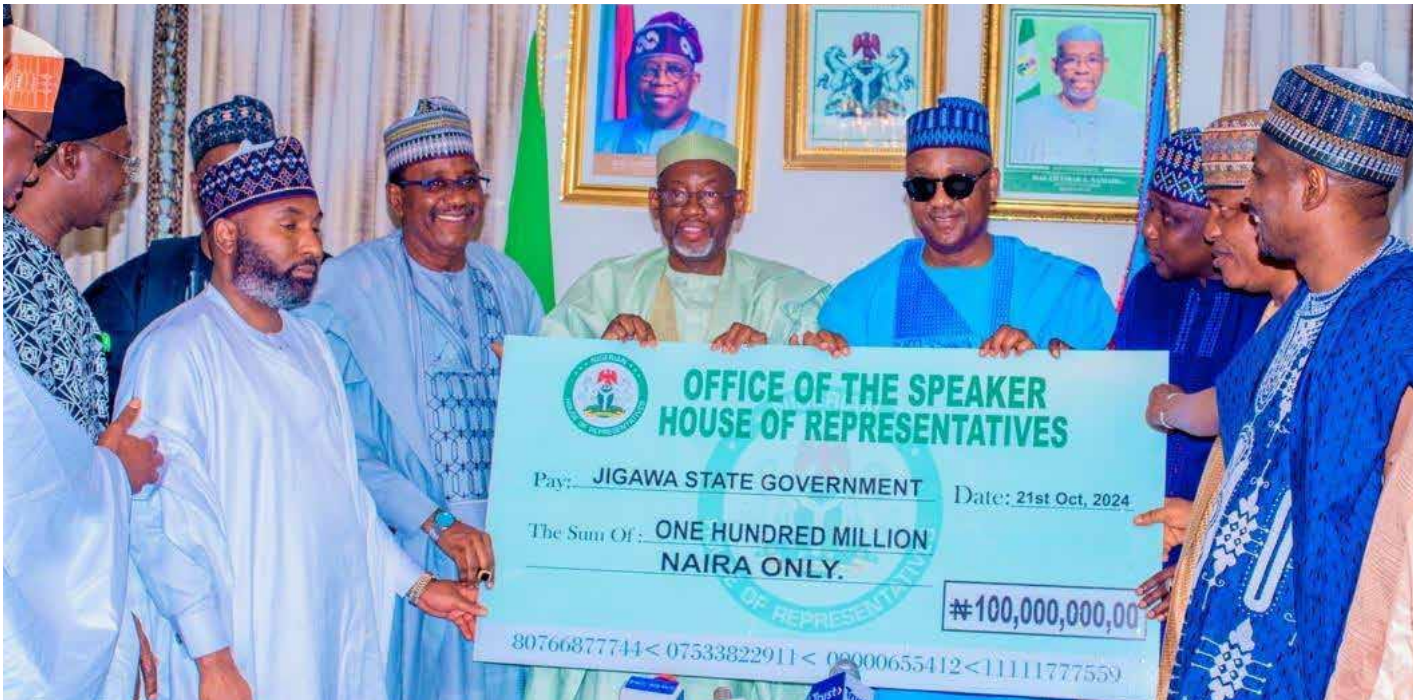
- Report of the Committee on Public Assets on the Investigation of the Sales of Two (2) Bell Helicopters 206 L4 BZB and BZC M206 L4 by the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology, Zaria, Kaduna State

- Rep. Ademorin Kuye (APC, Lagos), Chairman, House Committee on Public Assets

REPS DONATE N100M TO VICTIMS OF JIGAWA TANKER EXPLOSION

...Speaker Abbas leads House delegation to condole state

~ By Musa Abdullahi Krishi ~



Members of the House of Representatives have donated the sum of N 100 million to the families of victims of the petrol tanker explosion that occurred on October 15 in Taura Local Government Area of Jigawa State,

This initiative followed a visit by a delegation from the House, led by Speaker Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, Ph.D., on Thursday, October 24, 2024, to express condolences to the people and government of Jigawa State regarding the unfortunate incident which resulted in the tragic death of over 170 individuals.

During the visit to the Government House in Dutse, the capital of Jigawa State, Speaker Abbas announced the donation, which was made by Members

of the North-West Caucus and other zones in the House.

Sympathising with Governor Umar Namadi over the tragedy, the Speaker stated: *"Your Excellency, I would like you to know that the House is with you during this period of loss and sorrow; the House is with you in seeking ways to prevent future occurrences in Jigawa State and Nigeria as a whole. We are with you in finding solutions to other major issues affecting our region in particular. We stand with you in providing succour to those affected by this tragedy."*

He continued, *"The House, in its own little way, has decided to give a symbolic contribution to show our sympathy and empathy to the great people of this state, particularly the victims of this unfortunate incident. The House has*



mandated me and the other members here present, to announce a donation of N100 million towards the treatment of those who are in the hospital and to provide additional support to the families of those who lost their lives."

Speaker Abbas extended the condolences of the House during this moment of grief and prayed for the repose of the souls of those who lost their lives, as well as a quick recovery for those who sustained injuries of various degrees.

In response, Governor Namadi expressed profound appreciation to the Speaker and the House for their visit and "show of generosity and brotherhood," assuring that the donation would reach the affected victims.

"With this singular act, the House of Representatives has demonstrated to the Nigerian people that it is the true representative of the people, and you are with the people at times of need. We are sincerely grateful."

The Governor added, "I want to assure you that this money will go to the

intended people, in Sha Allah. This incident is really devastating to us as a people. But with people like you, we feel strengthened; we feel there is hope, and we feel Nigerians are with us in our time of need."

The delegation included Deputy House Leader Rep. Abdullahi Ibrahim Halims; Leader of the House Northern Caucus Rep. Alhassan Ado Doguwa; Leader of the North West Caucus Rep. Sada Soli; Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations Rep. Abubakar Kabir Bichi; Chairman of the House Committee on Federal Character Rep. Ahmed Idris Wase; Rep. Nazif Sani; Rep. Kwamoti Bitrus Laori; and Rep. Abdullahi Aliyu Ahmed.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives Rt. Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, Ph.D (3rd right); Deputy Speaker Rt. Hon. Benjamin Okezie Kalu (2nd right); Executive Secretary, National Commission for Persons With Disabilities, Hon. Ayuba Burki Gufwan (3rd left), and other members of the commission's management team during a courtesy visit on the Speaker on Wednesday.

HOUSE URGES RAPID ESTABLISHMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE DESKS IN ALL FEDERAL MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES

By 'Tosin Adaraniwon

The House of Representatives has urged the Head of Service to ensure the establishment of Climate Change Desks in all Federal Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs). This resolution aligns with Section 22 (1) of the Climate Change Act 2021, which mandates MDAs to integrate climate change activities into their core functions.

During Thursday's plenary, the House adopted a motion sponsored by **Rep. Kama Nkemkanma (LP, Ebonyi)**, urging all Ministers to fulfill their obligations under the Climate Change Act 2021. The lawmaker highlighted the numerous threats posed by climate change to Nigeria's environment, economy, and public health, citing rising temperatures, deforestation, desertification, loss of life, property displacement, food and water insecurity, and threats to economic development as critical concerns requiring collaborative action.

Rep. Nkemkanma emphasised the importance of sustained collective efforts and cross-sector collaboration to tackle the complex challenges presented by climate change in Nigeria. He noted that the Climate Change Act 2021 is a significant step in this direction.

He also pointed out that the absence of a carbon budget hinders the enforcement of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) targets, and establishing Climate Change Desks within MDAs would enhance coordination and accountability in addressing climate-related issues. *"Implementing climate change considerations in MDAs' operations and long-term plans is crucial for aligning national*



and international policies. Coordinating stakeholders is vital for meeting our obligations under the Climate Change Act, as demonstrated by countries like Kenya, Rwanda, and Ghana, which have successfully implemented climate desks," he stated.

The lawmaker stressed that the Climate Change Act requires the Ministries responsible for Finance and Budget, as well as National Planning, to ensure that all budget proposals submitted by MDAs are properly vetted and costed for climate change considerations. Adequate allocation is provided under appropriate sub-heads in the annual budget, and any MDA that fails to allocate proper funding for climate change consideration within its budget will not have it passed.

"MDAs are also obligated to adhere to the annual carbon emission reduction targets, in line with the Action Plan and carbon budget made under this Act. However, two years after, there is no action plan," Rep. Nkemkanma added.

In response, the House resolved to urge the Secretariat of the National Council on Climate Change to implement the carbon budget and action plan. Additionally, it directed the Federal Ministry of Finance to mandate MDAs to incorporate climate change considerations in their 2025 budgets.

The House Committee on Public Service Matters were also mandated to ensure compliance and report back within four weeks for further legislative action.

"BOOST AGRICULTURAL LENDING UP TO 7%, PRIORITISE SMALLHOLDER FARMERS," REPS URGE CBN

~ By McDonald Ntui ~



The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) has been urged by the House of Representatives to significantly increase agricultural lending by banks, aiming for a rise from 1.4% to 7% of total lending over the next five years.

This call was made during Tuesday's plenary following a motion sponsored by Rep. Uchenna Harris Okonkwo (LP, Anambra).

Lawmakers in the Green Chamber also called on the CBN to ensure that 50% of these loans are directed to Smallholder Farmers (SHFs) through Microfinance Institutions (MFIs), Farmer Cooperatives, and value chain commodity associations, with interest rates ranging from 7.5% to 10.5%.

Rep. Okonkwo highlighted this as part of urgent measures to revitalise Nigeria's agricultural sector, which contributes 40% to

Nigeria's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and employs over 60% of the population. He also underscored that inadequate funding and low capital investment hinder agricultural productivity, leading to heightened poverty and food insecurity nationwide.

To address these challenges, Rep. Okonkwo proposed the provision of an additional \$3 billion to the Nigeria Incentive Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL) to enhance agricultural value chain financing. He also advocated for lowering interest rates for agricultural borrowers within the value chain to stimulate growth.

Following a voice vote, the House mandated its committees on Banking Regulations, Agricultural Production and Services, Nutrition and Food Security, and Finance to monitor compliance.

The committees were also mandated to report back within four weeks for further legislative action.

In 2011, the Central Bank of Nigeria launched the Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL), a dynamic \$500 million public-private initiative.

NIRSAL aims to define, measure, price, and share agribusiness credit risk. Among its objectives, NIRSAL enhances agricultural and financial value chains by promoting best practices in financing, loan utilisation, and repayment, thereby reducing risks associated with agricultural lending.

“DECLARE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN NIGERIA'S SPORTS SECTOR” - REPS TO FG

~ By Emmanuel Tswam ~



the country's finest athletes. He acknowledged the legendary figures in track and field, such as the Ezinwa brothers, Seun Ogunkoya, Mary Onyali, and Chioma Ajunwa, as well as tennis player Sule Ladipo, who brought pride to the nation.

He also pointed to the achievements of the 1992-1998 National Football Team, particularly the 'Atlanta 96 Dream Team,' which won Olympic Gold in 1996, symbolising Nigeria's football dominance during that time.

Members of the House of Representatives have called on the Federal Government of Nigeria to declare a state of emergency in the sports sector to address the ongoing decline and revitalise the industry.

This proposal emerged from a motion presented by **Rep. Kabiru Amadu Mai-Palace** (APC, Zamfara) and adopted by members during Wednesday's plenary, reflecting concern over the significant deterioration of Nigeria's sports industry over the past two decades.

Rep. Mai-Palace highlighted that Nigeria once enjoyed glory and honour during its golden era of sports, which helped bridge divisions and showcased

The lawmaker raised concerns about the recent omission of athlete Favour Offili from the 100-metre event at the 2024 Olympics by unidentified Nigerian officials, stressing that Nigeria, once a leader in track and field, is now trailing behind Ghana, South Africa, and Cameroon in both African and global championships. Citing the challenges faced by athletes in the 2024 Olympics and the Super Eagles' current World Cup qualifiers, he emphasised the stagnation in prominent African sports such as basketball, boxing, football, and athletics.

He attributed this decline to inadequate administration, mismanagement, and negligence by officials, alongside issues such as talent loss to foreign countries, corruption, and demoralisation, which negatively

impact the selection of competitors for major tournaments.

grassroots programs to ensure sustainable growth in the industry.

The House expressed concern that Nigerian athletes are demoralised by the decline of the sports sector, which has historically been a unifying force in the country. Factors like inadequate infrastructure, poor funding, and governance have hindered growth and performance, leading some athletes to defect or abandon their careers.

Members also mandated the House Committee on Sports to propose necessary reforms to rescue and rejuvenate Nigeria's sports sector for the benefit of athletes, stakeholders, and the country, with a report due within four weeks for further legislative action.

In response, the House resolved to investigate the decay of the Nigerian sports sector and urged the Federal Ministry of Sports to allocate adequate funds toward developing sports infrastructure, athlete welfare, and

Notably, this development coincided with a presidential directive dissolving the Ministry of Sports Development and transferring its responsibilities to the National Sports Commission (NSC) after a nine-year hiatus, aimed at fostering a dynamic sports economy.



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WHAT IS A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE?

A Matter of Urgent Public Importance is a motion sponsored by a Member of Parliament on the floor of the House and seeking to address any of the following:

- (i) Immediate threats to lives and properties;
- (ii) If the matter is allowed to persist and not addressed immediately, it may:
 - (a) Lead to the breakdown of law and order

- (b) Cause serious damage, or total destruction of Federal Government owned or controlled infrastructure, a national monument or a world heritage centre.
- (iii) Any matter considered to be urgent by the speaker.

PS: It is also known as Motion of Urgent National Importance and often used interchangeably.

SOURCE: Order 8, Rule 5 (2), Standing Orders of the House of Representatives (Eleventh Edition)

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Tuesday, October 22 - Thursday, October 24, 2024





PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS FIRST READING

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Rep. Simon
Chukwuemeka
Atigwe
(PDP, Enugu)

- Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skill Acquisition, Obolio, Enugu State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1628)

- Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1665)

Rep. Ikeagwuonu
Ugochinyere
(PDP, Imo)
& 50 others



- Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Completion of Part – Heard Cases by Elevated Judges) Bill, 2024 (HB.1704)
- Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) (Accessing Verbatim Record of Proceedings by Litigants) Bill, 2024 (HB.1705)



Rep. Mansur
Manu Soro
(PDP, Bauchi)

- Federal Institute of Industrial Research (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1823)

Rep. Moses
Oluwatoyin
Fayinka
(APC, Lagos)
& 19 others



PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS FIRST READING

Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October, 2024



Rep. Sulaiman
Abubakar Gumi
(PDP, Zamfara)

- Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024. (HB.1490) (Welfare of Nigerians working in Private Organisations)

- Private Intelligence and Investigation Council (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1721)

Rep. Ahmed
Satomi
(APC, Borno)



Rep. Solomon
Wombo
(APC, Benue)

- Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skills Acquisition, Zaki – Biam, Benue State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2024 (HB.1824)
- Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1825)
- Federal University of Education, Katsina – Ala, Benue State (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2024 (HB.1826)

- Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1754)

Rep. Benjamin
Okezie Kalu
(APC, Abia)



PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS (SECOND READING)

Tuesday, October 22, 2024



Bill Sponsor:
Rep. Francis Waive
(APC, Delta)

A Bill for an Act to Establish Institute of Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Corporate Governance and for Related Matters (HB.1681)

First Reading: Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Commerce

A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to create New Oyo State with Oyo town as the Capital City from Oyo State, effect Consequential change of the Name of the remaining Part of Oyo State to Ibadan State with Ibadan City as Capital City and to define for the Local Government Areas comprising the Two States and for Related Matters (HB.1679)

First Reading: Thursday, October 10, 2024

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Constitution Review



Bill Sponsor:
Rep. Adeyemi
Akeem Adeniyi
and six others
(APC, Oyo)

PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS (SECOND READING)

Tuesday, October 22, 2024



Bill Sponsor:
Rep. Umar Shehu
Ajilo (PDP, Kaduna)

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council Act to Establish Sugarcane Research Centre, Makarfi; Kaduna State (HB.1667)

First Reading: Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions

A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Eket, Akwa Ibom State and for Related Matters (HB. 363)

First Reading: Thursday, July 27, 2023

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Health Institutions



Bill Sponsor:
Rep. Okpolupm
Etteh
(PDP, Akwa Ibom)

PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS (SECOND READING)

Wednesday, October 23, 2024



Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Mark Udo Esset
(PDP, Akwa Ibom)

A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for Increment in the Percentage of Revenue based on Derivative Principle accruing to the Federation Account directly from Natural Resources and for Related Matters (HB.1540)

First Reading: Thursday, October 10, 2024

Key Objective: To enhance the autonomy of all states within the federation by increasing the percentage of revenue derived from natural resources allocated directly to the Federation Account. This initiative aims to empower states to harness and develop their natural and untapped resources, thereby reducing their reliance on federal allocations.

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Constitution Review

A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to create Isu/Njaba and Nkwerre/Ngwangele Federal Constituencies from the present Isu/Njaba/Nkwerre/Nwangele Federal Constituency within Imo State; and for Related Matters (HB.1585)

First Reading: Thursday, July 11, 2024

Key Objective: To enhance democratic representation, address the unique socio-political and developmental needs of the communities that make up the proposed federal constituencies and promote equitable governance.

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committees on Constitution Review, and Electoral Matters.



Bill Sponsor:
Rep. Harrison
Anozie Nwadike
(APC, Imo)

PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS (SECOND READING)

Wednesday, October 23, 2024



Rep. Abbas Tajudeen
(APC, Kaduna) and



Rep. Babajimi Benson
(APC, Lagos)

Bill Sponsors:

A Bill for an Act to Repeal National Honours Act, Cap. N43 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Nigerian National Merit Award Act, Cap. N122 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian National Honours and Merit Award Commission to, among other things, Provide for Establishment of a Commission to Regulate Matters Related to National Honours and Merit Award in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.05)

First Reading: Thursday, July 5, 2023

Key Objective: To amend seven sections of the existing Acts to establish a framework that ensures the conferment of national honours and merit awards is merit-based, thereby guaranteeing that deserving Nigerians are appropriately recognized for their contributions.

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Inter-Governmental Affairs

Bill for an Act to provide for Establishment of Federal University of Health Sciences, Dass, Bauchi State and for Related Matters (HB. 287)

First Reading: Wednesday, July 26, 2024

Key Objective: To provide aspiring healthcare professionals from underserved regions with access to high-quality education and training, fostering the development of a robust healthcare workforce.

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Health Institutions



Bill Sponsor:
Rep. Jafaru Gambo Leko
(APC, Bauchi)

PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS (SECOND READING)

Thursday, October 24, 2024



Rep. Abbas Tajudeen
(APC, Kaduna) and



Rep. Babajimi Benson
(APC, Lagos)

Bill Sponsors:

A Bill for an Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act, 2011 to Provide for additional conditions for assessing of Funds for Capital Projects by beneficiary Institutions and for Related Matters (HB. 02)

First Reading: Thursday, July 5, 2023

Key Objective: Amendment

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on TETFUND and Other Services

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Polytechnics Act, Cap. F17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal Polytechnic, Adikpo, Benue State to provide Full and Part – Time Courses of Instruction in different fields of Study and for Related Matters (HB.1372)

First Reading: Thursday, May 9, 2024

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education



Bill Sponsor:
Rep. Terseer Ugbor
(APC, Benue)

PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS (SECOND READING)

Thursday, October 24, 2024



Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Aluko Ahmed Yinka (APC, Kwara)

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish Federal College of Education, Oke Oyi, Kwara State and for Related Matters (HB.833)

First Reading: Thursday, November 2, 2023

Key Objective: To enhance the quality of Teacher education and tackle the pervasive challenges facing Nigeria's education sector. To also address the significant educational gap in Kwara State, currently without a Federal College of Education.

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Federal Colleges of Education

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Olupona, Osun State and for Related Matters (HB.849)

First Reading: Wednesday, November 7, 2023

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committees on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions



Bill Sponsor:
Rep. Mudashiru Lukman Alani (PDP, Osun)

PLENARY RECAP

PRESENTATION OF BILLS (SECOND READING)

Thursday, October 24, 2024



Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Joseph Adegbesan
(APC, Ogun)

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for Establishment of National Institute of Rubber Research and Technology, Ilushin, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB. 737)

First Reading: Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Key Objective: To enhance educational and research opportunities for agriculturists. This initiative recognises the pressing need for specialised training in rubber cultivation and production, particularly as Ogun State ranks among the top ten rubber-producing states in Nigeria.

Bill Status: Referred to the House Committee on Agricultural Colleges and Institutions

CONSOLIDATION OF BILLS

Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October, 2024

Thursday, October 24, 2024

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Institute for Nigerian Languages Act and to enact the National Institute for Nigerian Languages Act, to ensure that the legal framework of the Institute conforms with the regulations of the National Universities Commission in order to enable the Institute to run degree programmes and for Related Matters.

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Benjamin Okezie Kalu
(APC, Abia)
and 7 Others

A Bill for an Act to establish Federal University of Nigerian Languages, Aba to make comprehensive provisions for its due management and administration and for Related Matters

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Benjamin Okezie Kalu
(APC, Abia)
and 7 Others

PLENARY RECAP

Monday, October 21 - Friday, October 25, 2024



PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Third Reading

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

BILLS

Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration, Ondo City, Ondo State and for Related Matters (SB.40)

Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Training and Development of Nigeria to Set Standards and Skills to be Attained by Individuals or Corporate Entities Seeking to Engage in Provisions of Capacity Development Services in Nigeria to ensure effective practice and for Related Matters (HB.1550)

STATUS

Passed by the House

Passed by the House

PLENARY RECAP

Monday, October 21 - Friday, October 25, , 2024

BILLS

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for Establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Ise, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.52)

Bill for an Act to Amend the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. A12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for establishment of Federal College of Agriculture, Misau, Bauchi State; and for Related Matters (HB. 486)

Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Universities of Agriculture Act, Cap. F22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Ako-Nike, Enugu State and for Related Matters (HB.530)

Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Code Act, Cap. C38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide Stiffer Penalties to Selected Sections of the Act and for Related Matters (HB.151)

STATUS

Passed by the House

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