



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 30 November, 2011

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1. Prayers
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### PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Appropriations:

Hon. John Owan Eno:

"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on the Implementation of the 2011 Appropriation Amendment Act" (*Referred: 4/10/2011*).

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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Virement Proposals in Respect of some Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government (MDAs) — (*Debate on General Principles*) — (*Adjourned debate: 13/10/2011*).
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### MOTIONS

2. Urgent Need to Construct Pedestrian Bridges along the Nnamdi Azikiwe By-pass, Abuja:  
Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen:  
The House:

*Notes* that the Nnamdi Azikiwe By-pass runs through Katampe Bridge, Banex Plaza Junction, Mabushi junction, 1 Old Federal Secretariat junction and terminates at the Apo-Abattoir Roundtable;

*Further notes* that the road linking Garki, Wuse Central Area, Mabushi and Apo Districts has very high vehicular and human movement, all hours of the day;

*Aware* that the Nnamdi Azikiwe By-pass, according to Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) statistics, records road traffic accidents on daily basis;

*Worried* that many lives have been lost and fatal injuries sustained as a result of roads traffic accidents on the road;

*Concerned* that these tragedies, damages and injuries are otherwise avoidable incidents.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCDA) to commence the Construction of Pedestrian Bridges at the Ministers Hill Junction, NICON Junction, Banex Junction, Mabushi Junction, Berger Junction, Wuye Junction and Area 3 Junctions;
- (ii) call on the Federal Government to direct its appropriate Agencies, i.e. Federal Road Safety Commission; Traffic Department of the Nigeria Police, to carry out regular traffic management at all sections of the road;
- (iii) mandate relevant Committees to give priority attention to the said road in their oversight functions.

**3. Reactivation of the Abuja Light Rail project:**

**Hon. Kigbu Joseph Haruna**

The House:

*Notes* that Abuja as the Capital City of Nigeria is experiencing protracted traffic congestion largely because of lack of alternative means of transportation like the Rail System;

*Further notes* that despite the traffic congestion in Abuja, Government has consistently concentrated on Roads construction and expansion with very minimal investment on the Rail Transport System;

*Aware* that the Abuja Light Rail Project was launched in May 2007 at a ground breaking ceremony by President Olusegun Obasanjo and up-till now nothing much has been done despite the 2011 time frame for completion;

*Concerned* that the Rail Project which was touted to be an asset for the City in its bid to host the Commonwealth Games in 2014 may never see the light of the day just like the failed Lagos Metro Line Project;

*Further concerned* that over 213.8 Million Dollars was paid to the China Civil Engineering and Construction Company but no significant progress has been made;

*Worried* that the only means of transportation which is the Roads is shrouded with protracted traffic chaos and responsible for the incessant Roads Traffic Accidents within Abuja, entry and exit routes to the Federal Capital Territory (FCT);

*Deeply worried* that if the Light Rail Project is abandoned, traffic congestion on Abuja roads may cause insecurity and unnecessary loss of man-hour by civil servants and commuters.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the President to reactivate the Abuja Light Rail Project with immediate effect;
- (ii) invite the Honourable Minister of Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and China Civil Engineering and Construction Company to explain the inevitable failure of the project and proffer solutions;
- (iii) further urge the President to expand the Light Rail Project to cover Nasarawa, Niger and Kaduna States when activated.

**4. Sale of the Federal Government Landed Properties and the need to Account for the Proceeds Accruable Therein:**

**Hon. Abdullahi Dan-Alkali**

**Hon. Bello A. Kaoje**

**Hon. Mohammed Idris:**

The House:

*Notes* the decision of the Federal Government of Nigeria to sell substantial parts of its landed properties in Nigeria in early 2000 and has become a policy of Government;

*Further notes* that these landed properties included but not restricted to Residential Houses, Ports and Premises built from public funds and for public use;

*Aware* that these properties were built or acquired with Public Funds to serve public interest before they were sold and the proceeds accruable are therefore Public Funds;

*Further aware* of the power of the House to secure Public Funds to serve the public interest and ensure that all funds are accounted for and appropriated accordingly;

*Worried* that no Ministry, Department and Agency of Government (MDA) can categorically account for these funds to enable the House plough them back for public benefit through appropriation.

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committee on Housing and Habitat to direct the Chairman Presidential Implementation Committee on the Sale of Federal Government Landed Properties to furnish the House with the details of the exercise in two weeks.

**5. Scarcity of Potable Water in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT):**

**Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba:**

The House:

*Notes* that water is the most essential commodity which makes life enjoyable and worth living;

*Further notes* that in many parts of Abuja, Federal Capital Territory (FCT), including the highbrow areas like Wuse II, Maitama, etc. water does not run at all or where it does, it is only for specified period;

*Disturbed* that this acute scarcity of water in the nation's Capital City puts very serious strain on the residents who have to go about sourcing for water both for drinking and domestic uses;

*Concerned* that the scarcity of water in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) has led to a situation where local water vendors, hauling carts laden with jerry cans of water, litter the streets of Abuja, the pride of the nation; thereby creating unwholesome impression in the minds of foreign nationals about our country;

*Also aware* that this state of affairs is preventable as the Guarara Dam in Kaduna State, and the Lower Usman Dam from where water is supplied to the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), has large and inexhaustible volume of water;

*Further concerned* that owing to the deplorable state of the road leading to the Gurara Dam, a journey by road which ordinarily would have lasted for about thirty minutes now takes up to three hours;

*Also concerned* that as a result state of the road to the Dam, routine maintenance takes much longer time to be effected thereby further compounding the water supply situation in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT);

*Worried* that the contract that was awarded sometime last year by the Federal Government for the re-construction of the road has not been completed till date for unexplained reasons.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Call on the Executive Arm of Government to take urgent steps to ensure the speedy reconstruction of the road leading to the Gurara Dam in order to address the acute water scarcity in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT);
- (ii) also call on the Federal Capital Territory Water Board to effect prompt maintenance of its facilities in order to facilitate a 24/7 water supply in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

**6. Reconsideration of the Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:**

**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**

The House:

*Notes* that pursuant to order XII, Rule 94 of the House Standing Orders of the House of Representative, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence were made or negatived, or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence were 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 Bills upon being re gazetted or clean copies circulated be re considered in Committee of the Whole without being commenced de novo;

*Further notes* that the Electronic Transaction and Equipment Leasing Bills were passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence at the end of the last Assembly;

*Aware* that the two Bills have been re-gazetted and read the First Time on 13th July, 2011 and 16th November, 2011 respectively;

*Resolves to:*

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

7. **Passing on to Glory of the Ikemba of Nnewi/Ezigbo-Gburugburu, Dim Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu, and the Need to immortalize him for the good of humanity**

Hon. Uche Lilian Ekwunife	Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu	Hon. Ameke Chriscato
Hon. Victor Afamefuna Ogen	Hon. Cyril Egwuatu	Hon. Eucharria Azodo
Hon. Chizor Lambert Obidiwe	Hon. Chukwuemeka Nwogbo	Hon. Charles Odedo
Hon. Fort Ifeanyi Dike	Hon. Ben Nwankwo	Hon. Idris Ahmed
Hon. Hakeem Ayedu	Hon. Moshood Mustapha	Hon. Hassan Saleh
Hon. Dagogo Peterside	Hon. Daniel Oritse Reyenieju	Hon. Patrick Ikhariale
Hon. Ndudi Elumelu	Hon. Emmanuel Ekon	Hon. Hafiz Jimon
Hon. Emmanuel Jime	Hon. Adebukola A. Ajaja	Hon. Ahmadu Ali
Hon. Emmanuel Udende	Hon. Mohammed Idris Kutigi	Hon. Abdullahi Kotangora
Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari	Hon. Chudi P. Uwazuruike	Hon. Matthew Omegara
Hon. Chukwu Victor Onyereri	Hon. Irona Alphonsus Gerald	Hon. Jerry Alagboso
Hon. Raphael Nnanna Igbokwe	Hon. Bethel Nnaemeka Amadi	Hon. Eddie Ifeanyi Mbadiwe
Hon. Onyewuchi Ezenwa F.	Hon. Ofo Chukwuegbo	Hon. Ogbuefi Ozomgbachi
Hon. Toby Okechukwu	Hon. Kingsley S. Ebenyi	Hon. Stella U. O. Ugwu
Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi	Hon. Peace Uzoamaka Nnaji	Hon. Patrick O. Asadu
Hon. Uzo Azubuike	Hon. Arunsi Arua	Hon. Nnenna Elendu-Ukeje
Hon. Chinenye Ferdinand Ike	Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha	Hon. Eziuche Chinwe Ubani
Hon. Udo Oluchi Ibeji	Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta	Hon. Peter Oge Ali
Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga	Hon. Edeh Peter O.	Hon. Okworio Tobias Chukwuemeka
Hon. Linus Okorie	Hon. Omo Christopher Isu	

The House:

*Notes* that Ikemba Nnewi, Dikedoranma and Ezeigbo-Gburugburu, Dim Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu who was born on November 4, 1933 to the late Sir Loius Odumegu Ojukwu, passed on to glory on Saturday, November 26, 2011 in the United Kingdom after a protracted illness at the age of 78;

*Further notes* that Dim Odumegwu Ojukwu attended the elite Kings College, Lagos, Epsom College and later Lincoln College, Oxford University, United Kingdom, where he earned a Masters degree in History;

*Aware* that in 1957, he left the state civil services and joined the Nigeria Army as one of the first graduate officers in the Army where he later got promoted as a Lieutenant Colonel in England and he was the first Quarter Master General of the Nigerian Army and after the January 1966 aborted coup d'etat, he was appointed the Military Governor of the defunct Eastern Region;

*Also recalls* that following the events of July 1966 - January 1970, he left Nigerian and there was no report of his ever saying or doing anything that threatened the corporate existence of Nigeria as one indivisible and indissoluble country;

*Observes* that he bided his time until he was granted amnesty by President Shehu Shagari in 1982, whereon he promptly returned to his beloved country and continued to contribute his quota towards its political and economic advancement;

*Also observe* the effusion of tributes being paid to him by Nigerians, since his demise, which epitomizes the depth of their feelings about him and his contributions to the growth of this nation, particularly since his return from exile;

*Desires* that his lifetime contributions to nation building should be documented properly in our libraries and archives for generations to come to benefit from.

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Send a delegation to commiserate with his wife and members of his family; and
- (ii) urge the Executive Arm of Government to immortalize him.

## BILLS

8. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Administrative and Political Structure of Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory and for Related Matters, 2011 (HB. 11) — *Second Reading*.
9. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition of Soliciting, Begging and Conducts that facilitate Extortion by Persons within the Premises of Government and Corporate Establishments and for Related Matters, 2011 (HB. 53) — *Second Reading*.

## CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

10. **Committee on Foreign Affairs:**  
**Hon. Nnenna Ijeoma Elendu-Ukeje:**  
 "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Measures taken and being taken to safeguard Nigerians and bring them safely home from Libya by Federal Government and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 27/10/2011*).

**Recommendations:**

- (i) That there is need for adequate funding of the emergency evacuation of our citizens in crisis or war-torn countries by the Federal Government as it was not in the case of Libya exercise;
- (ii) that there is need for an enforceable policy on timely evacuation of our citizens in crisis as was the case in Libya;
- (iii) that there is need for a Standard Data Base of all Nigerians living in Libya by the Embassy as the actual number of Nigerians in Libya could not be ascertained.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 30 November, 2011	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Public Safety and National Security	Wednesday, 30 November, 2011	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 344 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Federal Character ( <i>with ITF</i> )	Wednesday, 30 November, 2011	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	States and Local Governments	Wednesday, 30 November, 2011	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Public Procurement ( <i>Interactive session</i> )	Wednesday, 30 November, 2011	4.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Public Petitions ( <i>Investigative hearing/Interactive meeting with Public Complaint Commission</i> )	Wednesday, 30 November, 2011	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Defence	Wednesday, 30 November, 2011	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 437 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	Power	Wednesday, 30 November, 2011	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

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9.	Solid Minerals Development	Wednesday, 30 November, 2011	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 356 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
10.	Special Duties	Wednesday, 30 November, 2011	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 05 Assembly Complex
11.	Finance ( <i>with Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission</i> )	Wednesday, 30 November, 2011	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 0.34 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
12.	Interior	Wednesday, 30 November, 2011	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex