



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday 3 October, 2019

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committees on Finance and Appropriations:

Hon. James Abiodun Faleke:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Finance and Appropriations on the 2020 – 2022 Medium–Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper” (*Referred: 25/9/2019*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILL

1. A Bill for an Act Requiring Telecommunications Facilities to Facilitate the Lawful Interception of Information Transmitted by means of those Facilities and respecting the Provision of Telecommunications Subscriber Information; and for Related Matters HB. 42) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

**2. Flood Devastation in Irepodun/Olorunda/ Orolu/Osogbo Federal Constituency, Osun State:
Hon. Olubukola Oyewo:**

The House:

Notes that the effects of flooding in any Community negatively reflect on the socio-economic well-being of the people and inhabitants of Osogbo, Ilobu and Ifon towns are bearing the brunt of the continuous downpour ravaging houses, shops, vehicles and other properties;

Also notes that the devastating effects of flood on Communities in Osogbo Federal Constituency of Osun State have impacted negatively on the lives and economic activities of the people of the area which led to decline in agricultural production, exposure to snake bites, malaria and other water-borne diseases;

Recalls that the challenge of flooding is enormous, and the need for support of the Federal Government in finding a lasting solution to the menace is imperative as the victims have been rendered homeless, apart from losing their sources of livelihood;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, provide relief materials for the affected Communities;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministries of Water Resources and Environment, and the Ogun-Osun River Basin Development Authority (OORBDA) to urgently visit the affected communities for an on the spot assessment the effect of the menace and assess the possibility of constructing water channels to prevent further flooding;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Environment, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, Ecological Fund and Water Resources to visit the affected areas to ascertain the extent of damage caused by the flooding for the purposes of appropriating funds in the 2020 budget estimates to address the problem.

**3. Rehabilitation of Ondo-Benin Road Oke-Owa/Ikoto Old Benin Road and Isonyin/Imomo/Odedeyol Atan Road in Ogun State:
Hon. Osunsanya Kolapo Korede:**

The House:

Notes that road infrastructure plays important role in connectivity among villages and towns as well as helping in the smooth transportation of people and goods;

Also notes that road maintenance is a major problem in Nigeria, contributing to the poor state of roads in the country;

Concerned that the Ondo-Benin Road in Ijebu Ode Local Government, Oke-Owa Ikoto Old Benin Road in Odogbolu Local Government, Isonyin/Imomo/Odedeyol Atan Road in Ijebu North-East Local Government of Ogun State have been in a state of disrepair for a long period of time;

Disturbed that the non-rehabilitation of the above roads have rendered them impassable, thus causing untold hardships on commuters plying the roads, leading to accidents, hindering the conveyance of farm produce from various communities within the corridor of the Roads and aiding

kidnappers to take advantage of the poor state of the roads to perpetrate their nefarious activities as a result of heightened security challenges in the country;

Cognizant of the urgent need to rehabilitate those roads to avert further loss of lives and hardships on the people plying the roads;

Resolves to:

- (iv) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently, undertake rehabilitation of the Ondo-Benin Road Oke-Owa Ikoto Old Benin Road and the Isonyin, Ilmomo/Odedeyo/ Atan Road to ease the hardships on commuters;
- (v) also urge the Inspector General of Police to ensure surveillance on the roads to prevent kidnapping and armed robbery attacks;
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Works and Police Affairs to ensure compliance.

**4. Relocation of Military and Police Checkpoints Closes to the Amansea Bridge along the Enugu, Onitsha Expressway:
Hon. Obidigwe Chinedu Benjamin.**

The House:

Notes that the Enugu - Onitsha Expressway, which spans about 100 kilometers is one of the busiest roads in the country as it links the commercial city of Onitsha through, Awka, the capital of Anambra State with Enugu, the capital of the former Eastern Region;

Also notes that the expressway, which was constructed in the 1980s had so deteriorated that large portions of it has been converted by people into corn and cassava farms and trading points, however it is currently undergoing reconstruction with the consequence that traffic is now very heavy on the old Enugu – Onitsha Highway;

Informed that there is a bridge which was constructed in the 1970s at Amansea, Awka in Anambra State along the highway which was not meant to withstand heavy load, especially now given its age, but there are military and police check points mounted very close to the bridge on the Enugu State and Anambra State ends of the bridge;

Also informed that when traffic builds up on approaches to the check points on the two axis, it stretches on top of the bridge at Amansea, thus making the bridge to continually vibrate dangerously, thus raising the spectre of the likelihood of the bridge collapsing at some point, if the heavy vehicular load continues to sit on it as a result of the build-up of traffic on approaches to the two Check Points;

Cognizant of the need to ensure that vehicles, especially the heavy and articulated ones, are not made to stay on the bridge for lengthy periods owing to the traffic build-up at the Military and Police Check Points close to the bridge at Amansea;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the Chief of Army Staff and the Inspector General of Police to cause the relocation of the military and police check points close to the bridge at Amansea along the Enugu - Onitsha highway to at least two (2) kilometer the bridge to avoid traffic build up on the bridge;

- (ii) also Urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to ensure the speedy completion of the reconstruction of the Enugu - Onitsha Expressway to ease the pressure on the old Enugu - Onitsha highway;
- (iii) *further* urge the Ministry to urgently undertake structural test on the integrity of the bridge and fill-up the pot holes close to it that contribute to the traffic build-up;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Army, Police Affairs and Works to ensure implementation.

5. Need to Declare a State of Emergency on the Menace of Drug Abuse in Nigeria:
Hon. Francis Ottah Agbo **Hon. Olusola Steve Fatoba:**

The House:

Notes that a study has shown that there is a correlation between the level of drug abuse and the frequency and severity of crimes in any society, including trans-border crimes, as a result of which a vicious circle of drugs-crimes has been created, hence, it is often not surprising that many of those arrested for various kinds of crimes had been drug addicts;

Also notes that drug abuse and its effects are considered as a major challenge confronting teenagers and the youths globally, and it is now endemic in Nigeria among the youths which has made it not only scourge but a threat to public health and security of any nation as well as a pathway to contracting all kinds of diseases such as arrhythmias, irregular heartbeat, cramps, coma and even, untimely death;

Further notes that incidents of drug abuse and addiction knows no age limits, to the extent that young ones of 15 years of age are equally involved and more youths are now getting involved in criminal activities than hitherto, partly because they consider indulgence in drug as fun or due to peer group pressure while some do so owing to lack of home training or easy access to drugs;

Equally notes that the proliferation of drug use and the demand for illicit substances have also created an underground economy of its own where crimes flourish as opportunistic criminals battle for turf and the proceeds while exploiting addicts, corrupting and victimizing innocent people, aside from the fact that the habit hurts the victims finances as a lot of money is expended on maintaining the habit of drug or substance abuse which is also a great influencer of anti-social behaviour;

Aware that the country is fast transiting from a corridor to a nest of barons who possess enormous resources with which they live ostentiously while glamourising both drug trafficking and its abuse, a situation that has negatively impacted on the youths, thus luring many of them into the venture as result of which Nigeria has been rated by a recent statistics of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) as having the highest number of its citizens serving jail terms for drug-related offences across the world;

Concerned that cannabis, described as the most abused drug globally by the World health Organisation, can be obtained from all corners around the country, yet another worrisome trend is the growing abuse of synthetic and designer drugs, coupled with the increasing number of household items and other easily-accessible narcotizing agents (amphetamine, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, plant thinner, glue, codeine-laced cough syrup, cement and animal excreta which are widely abused) which have joined the list of abused substances in the country;

Also aware of efforts made by the Federal Government in placing a ban on importation and production of some unregulated drugs such as codeine, tramadol and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) related cough syrup and the consequent arrests and prosecution of drug offenders which does not

appear to have deterred them as the NDLEA recently raised an alarm on the increasing inflow of new substances, revealing that 796 of them had been discovered, from the 739, in the previous year;

Also concerned that the development is linked to the continued upsurge in criminal activities such as rape, cultism, kidnappings, armed robbery, banditry and even accidents, all of which have created unacceptable burden on individuals, families, communities and the country at large;

Recalls that President Muhammadu Buhari, desirous of combating the menace of drug abuse, recently constituted a two-tier Presidential Intervention Structure on the Elimination of Drug Abuse;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to urgently declare a state of emergency on drug abuse and develop preventive strategies such as creating a general as well as a demographically-targeted enlightenment campaigns against drug abuse;
- (ii) Also urge the Federal Government to ensure increased funding for the national Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and the Drug Regulatory Agencies and direct its relevant health institutions to develop new and improved treatment regimens to help people with substance abuse disorders recover and regain normal lives;
- (iii) Further urge the Federal Government to establish functional rehabilitation centres that would have the status of specialist hospitals with psychiatrists, psychologists, toxicologists, professional counsellors and other relevant experts;
- (iv) Call on the national Drug Law Enforcement Agency and the National Agency For Food and Drug Administration and control and other relevant Agencies to develop and enforce a National Prescription Policy;
- (v) Mandate the Committees on Narcotic Drugs, Healthcare Services and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation and report back in three months for further legislative action.

6. Frightening Cases of Insecurity on the North-West Roads:
Hon. Magaji Da'u Aliyu:

The House:

Notes that roads in the North-West Zone have deteriorated greatly, thus making them haven for criminals to attack unsuspecting commuters;

Also notes that as a result of the incessant attacks on the roads, people have resorted to travelling by rail or air, especially between Kaduna and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;

Concerned that the situation has resulted in a hike in rail transport fares, given that the train stations are now mostly patronized by the rich who want to travel unnoticed and in safety;

Also concerned that those who are unable to afford the high rail transport and air fares are left with no other option than to ply the dangerous roads;

Worried that the insecurity on the roads have affected business activities as well as discourages local and foreign investors thus leading to decline in socio-economic development of the zone and if drastic

actions are not taken to curb the menace on the roads, the country runs the risk of losing notable citizens and revenues.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to direct the security agencies to deploy personnel and increase surveillance on the roads with a view to arresting criminals and ensuring safety on the roads;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to rehabilitate the roads;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works and FERMA to ensure compliance.

7. Amendment of the Standing Orders to include the use of the Prefix “Rep.” by Members pursuant to Order 19, Rule 7 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:

Hon. Ibrahim Babajide Obanikoro	Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila	Hon. Idris Ahmed Wase
Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado Doguwa	Hon. Peter Akpatason	Hon. Tahir Monguno
Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha	Hon. Gideon Gwani	Hon. Nnolim Nnaji
Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye	Hon. Bunmi Tunji Ojo	Hon. Babajimi Benson
Hon. Shehu Mohammed	Hon. Ugonna Ozurigbo	Hon. Kingsley Uju
Hon. Yusuf Gadgi	Hon. Titilope Shadipe	Hon. Dachung Bagos.
Hon. Paschal Obi	Hon. Ibrahim Hamzat	Hon. Femi Bamisile
Hon. Jimoh Ojugbele	Hon. Idem Josiah	Hon. Abdulkadir Abdullahi
Hon. Makki Yalleman	Hon. Omowunmi Onanuga	Hon. Shehu Balarabe
Hon. Akeem Adeyemi	Hon. Kabir Tukura	Hon. Ossy Prestige
Hon. Aliyu Al-Mustapha	Hon. Ifeanyi Momah	Hon. Atigwe S. Chukwuemeka
Hon. Musa Pali	Hon. Uko Nkole	Hon. Ifeanyi Ibezi
Hon. Joseph Bello	Hon. Moshood Akiolu	Hon. Livinus Makwe
Hon. Ejirooghene Waive	Hon. Benjamin Kalu	Hon. Kabir Idris
Hon. Cornelius Nnaji	Hon. Victor Mela	Hon. Chukwuma Nwazunku
Hon. Preye Oseke	Hon. Ben Igbakpa	Hon. Nasiru Ahmed
Hon. Mustapha Egerongbe	Hon. Olumide Osoba	Hon. Rasheed Olalekan Afolabi

The House:

Notes the need for an amendment of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives to provide for a Member of the House to be officially addressed as a “Representative”;

Aware of the provisions of Section 49 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) which provides that Three Hundred and Sixty (360) Members are composed as Representatives of the people;

Also aware of the need to distinguish Members of the House of Representatives from other elected representatives such as States legislators, councilors, members of the Judiciary and other political appointees;

Cognizant that the change of the official title from “Hon” to “Rep” would further enlighten the public on the basic role of members of the House of Representatives as representatives of the people;

Also notes that the title of “Representatives” conforms to global best practices as applicable in other democracies, including the United State of America (USA);

Resolves to:

Amend Order 3, Rule 1 of the Standing Order of the House to introduce sub-Rule 1 (a) to read as follows:

“Every Member shall be officially addressed as a ‘*Representative*’ and the word ‘*Rep*’ shall be used as a Prefix for a Member on all official documents”

**8. The Impact of the Visit of the Hon. Speaker to Zamfara State.
Hon. Bello Hassan Shinkafi**

The House:

Notes that the Rt. Hon. Speaker, Femi Gbajabiamila embarked on working visit to some states, particularly, Zamfara State in the North-west Zone, affected by insecurity;

Aware that the Hon. Speaker’s visit to Zamfara State was unique, historical and remarkable being the first Speaker of the House of Representatives to visit the state particularly at this time where an enduring solution is desired to the age-long insecurity that has ravaged the state;

Observes that the commitment exhibited by the Hon. Speaker on the Zamfara State dilemma has not only rekindled hopes in its people but has equally added significant values to the nation’s landmark achievements in initiating meaningful peace process;

Also observes that the Speaker was firm in his address to the warring parties by assuring them of the unflinching support of the House of Representatives in ensuring special budgetary allocation, among other things, to end the state of insecurity in Zamfara State and its environs;

Also aware that the insecurity has destroyed the social values and economic standing of the State, as well as the means of livelihood of millions of people such that the focus should now be on peace initiative to ensure the rebuilding, resettlement and rehabilitation of the ravaged parts of the State;

Concerned that the economic situation in the state is pathetic which accounted for the provision of N10 Billion in the 2019 Appropriation Act, for resettlement and rehabilitation of the ravaged State;

Cognizant that economic empowerment through rehabilitation and resettlement is key to attaining sustainable peace in the State;

Resolves to:

- (i) Commend the Hon. Speaker, Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila for his leadership initiative and expression of love for the people of Zamfara State as exhibited during his visit to assess the situation and influence fruitful peace process;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Finance to release the N10 Billion budgetary allocation for Zamfara State as captured in the 2019 Appropriation Act in order to facilitate and fast-track process of the rehabilitation and resettlement of victims of insecurity in Zamfara State;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Finance to ensure compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

9. Committees on Finance and Appropriations:

Hon. James Abiodun Faleke:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Finance and Appropriations on the 2020 – 2022 Medium–Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 3/10/2019*) – *Committee of Supply*.

- (i) adoption of 2.18mbpd as daily production output in 2020, In view of concerted effort by NNPC and security agencies to combat the menaces of oil theft and vandalization, the 2.18mbpd would be realizable;
- (ii) adoption of \$57/barrel as crude oil benchmark price for the fiscal year 2020;
- (iii) that the revenue target of Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) of N942.6 billion for 2020 should be increased to N1.5 trillion, as a result of the performance of NCS in last 9 months with 3 months still outstanding. The NCS revenue as at September stood at N1 trillion against the budget figure of N969.8 billion for the year 2019. The Joint Committee commends the NCS for exceeding the targeted revenue despite the global economic challenges and closure of the Nigerian borders;
- (iv) that the sum of N557.4 billion from the revenue increment of NCS be used to reduce borrowing by N200 billion and increase capital expenditure thereby decreasing the size of the budget deficit from N1.7 trillion to N1.5 trillion and also increase the total capital available to MDA by N357 billion, from N1.01 trillion to N1.367 trillion;
- (v) that the exchange rate of N305/\$ should be maintained for economic stability. While more work should done by the Honourable Minister of Finance and all economic advisers and her team on improving the economic growth by increasing the GDP and reducing the inflation rate to single digit;
- (vi) that the saving on income accruing from the increase of the benchmark amounting to N172 billion which represent the Federal government portion of the \$2 added to the benchmark be used to pay salaries and emolument of the proposed 30,000 new employees;
- (vii) that proper investigation be carried out on the e-collection stamp duties domicile with Central Bank of Nigeria for the past years so as to show probity and accountability and of course increase the revenue base of the country;
- (viii) that immediate amendment of Act of the National Assembly on Production sharing Contracts (PSC) with IOCs ;
- (ix) that proper investigation be carried out on NNPC so as to ascertain the actual cost associated with the Joint Venture agreements;
- (x) that more Government Owned Enterprises budget be added to the nation’s budget to ensure proper checks and balances among all Federal Government Agencies;
- (xi) that Debt Management office (DMO) should put more efforts and strategies in managing the foreign and local debts;

- (xii) that the Total estimated expenditure of the Federal Government should be increased from ₦10.002 trillion to ₦10, 729.4 trillion;
- (xiii) that the National Assembly should expedite action on the passage of the finance bill which will be brought along with the National Budget into Law for easy implementation of the 2020 budget, most especially in the area of VAT;
- (xiv) call for an urgent review/amendment to the FRA Act and the various Laws of the revenue generating agencies to align with current realities;
- (xv) that earmarking 1% of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to finance the Basic Healthcare Provision Fund to be classified as Statutory Transfer;
- (xvi) that the adoption of ₦1.5 trillion as the amount for New Borrowing as a result of reduction of ₦200 billion which was sourced from the increase of revenue target of the Nigeria Custom Service. However borrowing must be project-tied. In borrowing more government must remain focused and ensure that it used to fund critical projects that will increase productivity and contribute to finance financing such debt.
10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Electric Power Sector Reform Act, 2005 to Prohibit and Criminalize Estimated Billing by Electricity Distribution Companies and Provide for Compulsory Installation of Pre-Paid Meters to all Power Consumers in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.1) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*) (*Committee of the Whole 25/7/2019*).
11. A Bill for an Act to Provide that 20% of Jobs Available in all Federal Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies and Companies be distributed among the Physically Challenged Persons in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.2) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*) (*Committee of the Whole 25/7/2019*).
12. A Bill for an Act to Provide easy access to Higher Education for Nigerians through Interest Free Loans from Nigeria Education Bank with a View to Providing Education for all Nigerians; and for Related Matters (HB.6) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*) (*Committee of the Whole 25/7/2019*).
13. ***Ad-hoc Committee on the Legislative Agenda:***
Hon. Julius Ihonvbere:
 “That the House do consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Legislative Agenda of the 9th Assembly of the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (2019-2023) and approve the recommendations therein”.

COMMITTEE MEETING

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 3 October, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 White (House) Assembly Complex

2.	FCT	Thursday, 3 October, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Public Accounts	Thursday, 3 October, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Aviation	Thursday, 3 October, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 436 (New Building) Assembly Complex
5.	Banking and Currency	Thursday, 3 October, 2019	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 141 (New Building) Assembly Complex