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4. Birth, Death, etc. (Compulsory Registration) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.385) *(Hon. Ademorin Kuye) – First Reading.*

5. Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.386) (*Hon. Ademorin Kuye*) – *First Reading*.
  6. Federal Capital Territory Directorate of Road Traffic and Motor Vehicle Administration Services (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB.387) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta*) – *First Reading*.
  7. National Urban Development and Regional Planning Commission (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB.388) (*Hon. Jimoh O. Abdulraheem*) – *First Reading*.
  8. Employee's Remunerations Bill, 2019 (HB.389) (*Hon. Jimoh O. Abdulraheem*) – *First Reading*.
  9. National Humanitarian Bureau (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2019 (HB.390) (*Hon. Jimoh O. Abdulraheem*) – *First Reading*.
  10. National Oil and Gas Museum and Research Institute, Oloibiri Bill, 2019 (HB.391) (*Hon. Obua Azibapu Fred*) – *First Reading*.
  11. Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.392) (*Hon. Johnson E. Oghuma*) – *First Reading*.
  12. National Roads Fund Bill, 2019 (HB.367) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai and Hon. Okechukwu Toby*) – *First Reading*.
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## PRESENTATION OF REPORT

***Ad-hoc* Committee to Determine why the Warri, Port Harcourt, Onne, Calabar and Onitsha Ports Complexes are not being put to Maximal Use**

**Hon. Buba Yusuf Yakub:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee to Determine why the Warri, Port Harcourt, Onne, Calabar and Onitsha Ports Complexes are not being put to Maximal Use (*Referred: 16/7/2019*).

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦10,330,416,607,347 (Ten Trillion, Three Hundred and Thirty Billion, Four Hundred and Sixteen Million, Six Hundred and Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-Seven Naira) only, of which ₦ 556,700,827,235 (Five Hundred and Fifty-Six Billion, Seven Hundred Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty-Five Naira) only is for Statutory Transfers, ₦ 2,748,598,930,000 (Two Trillion, Seven Hundred and Forty-Eight Billion, Five Hundred and Ninety-Eight Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty Thousand, Naira) only is for Debt Service, ₦ 4,880,309,549,778 (Four Trillion, Eight Hundred and Eighty Billion, Three Hundred and Nine Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Eight Naira) only is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure, while the sum of ₦2,144,807,300,334 (Two Trillion, One Hundred and Forty-Four Billion, Eight Hundred and Seven Million, Three Hundred Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty Four Naira) only is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending 31 December, 2020 (HB. 355) (*Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado Doguwa*) – *Second Allotted Day*) – *Second Reading*

2. **Consolidation of Bills:**
- (a) A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Police Academy as a Degree Awarding Institution to Provide Academic and Professional Training; and for Related Matters (HB. 90) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno*); and
  - (b) A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Police Academy as a Degree Awarding Institution to Provide Academic and Professional Training; and for Related Matters (HB.195) (*Hon. Ossai N. Ossai*).
3. 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) – *Third Reading*.
4. 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) – *Third Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Orientation Agency Act. Cap N64, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for an Operational Framework for the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps in Order to Promote Inter-Ethnic Integration, Mediation, Peace-Building, Mutual Understanding, Patriotism for Peaceful Co-existence; and for Related Matters – *Third Reading*.
6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Diseases, Co-ordination of Research in Ear, Nose and Throat, and other Supporting Fields; and for Related Matters (HB. 13) – *Third Reading*.
7. 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) – *Third Reading*
8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Forensic DNA Database in Nigeria charged with Responsibility for the Collection of DNA Samples, making Forensic DNA Analysis, Use of DNA Profile and Information targeted at Addressing Doubts in Criminal and DNA Related Issues; and for Related Matters (HB. 175) (*Hon. Patrick Asadu*) – *Second Reading*.
9. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Protection of Plant Varieties, Establish a Plant Variety Protection Office for the Promotion of Increased Staple Crop Productivity for small Holder Farmers in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 68) (*Hon. Babba Dan Agundi*) – *Second Reading*.

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## MOTIONS

10. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly, Pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:**  
**Hon. Ababakar Hassan Fulata:**
- (i) **Nigeria Industrial Revolution Plan Bill, 2019 (HB.46);**
  - (ii) **Health Records Officers (Registration Etc.) Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 179)**
  - (iii) **Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 180)**

**The House:**

*Notes* that pursuant to Order Twelve (12), Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which was 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 the Committee of the Whole without being commenced de-novo;

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

*Aware* that the Bills were re-gazetted as HBs. 46, 179 and 180 respectively and have been read the first time;

***Resolves to:***

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

**11. Flood Devsatation of Ndokwa/Ukwuani Communities of Delta State:  
Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai:**

**The House:**

*Informed* that almost fortnightly until last week, there had been frightening downpour leading to excessive flood and erosion that have wreaked havoc in almost the entire Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency;

*Notes* that the flood the unprecedented heavy down pour aggravated the existing and saturated wetland as a result of repeated ocean surges due to perennial flooding of communities of Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency;

*Also notes* that the recent flood rendered about five hundred (500) households homeless particularly children and women with its attendant adverse health consequences as well as destroying schools, farmlands, health centers and places of worship;

*Worried* that many houses are gradually being submerged, and the resultant deplorable environmental conditions of peasant farmers in those agrarian communities is so grave that they are presently in serious economic crisis.

***Resolves to:***

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief materials for the flood victims;

- (ii) also urge the Ecological Fund Office to conduct an environmental survey of the area with a view to addressing the excessive flooding in those Ndokwa/Ukwuani Coastal Communities;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure implementation.

**12. Construction of the Abandoned Sabo/Sobe Road in Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State:**

**Hon. Julius O. Ihonvbere:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that Sabo/Sobe Road is a 19km major link between Sabo, Ugbubezi, Atoruru, Ugbeturu, Eti-ose and Sobe communities in Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State and Ifon Local Government Area of Ondo State, which are two agrarian communities in the South-South and the South-West geopolitical zones of the country;

*Also notes* that in 2007, a contract was awarded to Piccolo Brunelli Engineering Limited for the construction of the road, but only about 40% of the project has been completed, and since then, no further meaningful work has been done despite its importance as the main artery for commuters traversing Edo State, South West and other parts of Nigeria;

*Aware* that the contract was awarded primarily to integrate and re-unite the Sobe community with their kith and kin in Owan West Local Government Area following its excision from Ondo State in 1991, and since then, the only access route from Sobe to Sabongida-Ora, the administrative headquarters of Owan West Local Government Area, has been through Ifon and Ukaro communities in Ondo State;

*Also aware* that the failure to complete the construction of the road has led to the collapse of several sections, especially the aforementioned areas from Ugbubezi, Atoruru, Ugbeturu, up to Eti-ose, thereby forcing motorists to divert to the longer route through Uzebba road which, in itself exposes them to attacks by bandits and other miscreants;

*Further aware* that this distortion in the movement of farm produce to the larger Sabo, Uzebba, Sobe and Ifon markets from the adjoining villages and farm settlements as well as the attendant difficulties that marketers and other buyers from Ondo State and other areas suffer in getting to the town completely shuts down economic activities each time there is rainfall;

*Worried* that the devastation caused by uncontrolled erosion and flooding in the entire axis could lead to the displacement of about 25,000 households and destruction of property and loss of lives if drainage structures are not put in place to take care of the heavy water flow whenever it rains;

*Also worried* that the high rate of accidents on the road due to its bad nature has resulted in avoidable loss of lives;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Ecological Fund Office to carry out interventions for the control of flooding and erosion in the affected parts of Owan West Local Government Area and the Sobe-Sabo road in particular;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing and Piccolo Brunelli Engineering Limited with a view to ensuring that construction of the Sabo/Sobe Road in Owan West Local Government Area of Edo State is completed in due course.

**13. Devastating Flood Threatening Communities in Otukpo/Ohimini Federal Constituency of Benue State:**

**Hon. Onuh Onyeche Blessing:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that due to torrential rainfall experienced in the recent weeks, towns and communities in Otukpo and Ohimini Local Government Areas of Benue State have been ravaged by flood;

*Aware* that many buildings and farmlands were submerged while several others have been completely wiped out and properties worth millions of naira destroyed;

*Concerned* that the flood has cut off several access roads in the two local government areas, thereby making it difficult for people to move from one area to another;

*Worried* that if urgent action is not taken to arrest the situation, the economic and social activities of the people of those communities will be adversely affected and if that is not enough, as they also face the threat of outbreak of various kinds of disease;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide assistance for the victims;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to ascertain the extent of damage for the purpose of appropriating funds in the 2020 budget to address this problem;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure implementation.

**14. Construction of Kuta-Ede Road and a Bridge over Osun River in Osun State:**

**Hon Amobi Yinusa Akintola:**

**The House:**

*Notes* the Federal Government is intention to construct Kuta- Ede road in Osun State;

*Recalls* that in 2005 a Bill of Engineering Measurement and Evaluation (BEME) for the Construction of the Road was submitted to the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing by the contractors;

*Aware* that the Bill of construction of the Road was estimated to be N1,167,077 (One Billion, One Hundred and Sixty Seven Million, Seventy seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty Five Naira, Sixty Nine Kobo only) 'while the bridge to be constructed' over Osun River was also estimated at N268,636,856.25 (Two Hundred and Sixty Eight Million, Six Hundred and Thirty six Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Six Naira, Twenty Kobo only);

*Worried* that since the preliminary steps were undertaken, the contract for construction of the said road and the bridge have not been awarded;

*Concerned* about the harrowing experiences the people of the area in accessing their farmlands during the rainy season due to the bad road, flooding and the absence of a bridge to link Kuta and Ede;

*Believes* that if the and the bridge are road constructed, they would boost agricultural production and bring greater relief to the people of Ede, Kuta, Iwo, Ile-Ogbo and Ikoyi;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to award contract for the construction of Kuta-Ede Road and a bridge over Osun River;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to ensure that provisions are made in the 2020 budget estimate for the construction of the Road and the bridge.

**15. Rehabilitation and Expansion of Idiroko/Owode Yewa/Ota Road in Yewa South/Ipokia Federal Constituency of Ogun State:**

**Hon. Kolawole Lawal.**

**The House:**

*Notes* that Owode Yewa town located on the Nigeria, Benin Republic border is known for its economic activities which is one of the reasons that Ogun State earned the appellation the Gateway State;

*Also notes* that the Idiroke/Owode Yewa road was constructed in the early 1960's to serve as a major link connecting Nigeria to the Republic of Benin, Togo, Ghana and other neighbouring countries;

*Aware* that the single carriageway road also connects Ogun State to Lagos from Badagry and Sango-Ota and is invaluable for transportation of goods and services across Nigeria and the neighbouring countries;

*Again aware* of the quantum of economic activities that are carried out on the road which is too narrow and thus slows down activities, leaving commuters frustrated over their inability to meet their targets and also poses great security risks as accidents occur on a regular basis;

*Worried* that due to the dilapidated state of the road, the people of Yewa South Federal Constituency are suffering untold hardship as economic activities in the area are been adversely affected;

*Cognizant* that rehabilitating and expanding the Idiroko-Owode Yewa/Ota, road will greatly improve the nation's economy as well as enhance the lives of the people of the area;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to, as a matter of urgency, commence rehabilitation of the Idiroko/Owode Yewa Road;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to make provisions in the 2020 Budget estimates for expansion of the Road;
- (iii) Mandate the Committees on Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure compliance.

**16. Rehabilitation of Rural Roads in Shira/Gaide Federal Constituency of Bauchi State:  
Hon. Kani Abubakar Faggo.**

**The House:**

*Notes* that Shira/Gaide Federal Constituency is connected by rural roads that are in a state of disrepair and its people are farmers who depend on farming for their livelihood;

*Also note* that road infrastructure helps farmers transport their agricultural products to markets as well as access essential services;

*Informed* that the undermentioned rural roads that connect villages and towns in Shira/Gaide Federal Constituency require urgent rehabilitation because the deplorable state of the roads makes it easy for criminals to attack unsuspecting communities:

- (i) the 15km Zigau-Faggo-Bukul-Balijam road;
- (ii) the 27km Zigau-Beli-Gagidiba-Zubo road;
- (iii) the 45km Yana-Jaka-Gaza-Dago Dutse-Tsafi-Nasarawan Tsafi road;
- (iv) the 10km Jaka-Bangire road;
- (iv) the 12km Tumfafi-Gazan Tumfafi- Nasarawan Tsafi road;
- (v) the 7km Doguwa-Gulbun-Jugudu road;
- (vi) the 9km Giade-Jugudu-Kurba road;
- (vii) the 25km Giade-Zabi-Zirami road;
- (ix) the 15km Giade-Sabon Sara-Zadawa (in Misau LGA) road;
- (x) the 10km Kwanar Faguji-Kwanar Uzum road;
- (xi) the 6km Chinkani-Jarmawo road;
- (xii) the 10km Sambowal-Andibun-Isore road;
- (xiii) the 22km kamaku-Kafin Gara-Katabarwa-Yakasai-Guda road; and
- (xiv) the 15km Beli-Kilbori-Dalli road.

*Believes* that rural roads serve as means of socio-economic transformation and mobilization of goods and services but their deplorable state makes it easy for criminals to attack unsuspecting communities;

*Acknowledges* that rehabilitation of those rural roads will create jobs in agriculture and curtail the level of insecurity and other vices associated with unemployment;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to include rehabilitation of those rural roads in the 2020;
- (ii) Mandate the Committees on Rural Development and Appropriations to ensure implementation.

**17. Call for Establishment of Additional Centres of the Inter-University French Language Village, Badagry, Lagos:  
Hon. Salisu Iro Isansi.**

**The House:**

*Aware* that Nigeria is an Anglo-Phone country which is sandwiched between French speaking countries in West Africa and its geographical location makes it imperative for Nigerians to learn French language;

*Also aware* that there are over one hundred Universities and Colleges of Education in Nigeria where French language is taught and part of the requirements for the award of either a degree or a National Certificate of Education (NCE) in French language is that the student concerned must attend the French Language Village, Badagry, Lagos State for his acculturation and immersion programmes;

*Worried* that the huge number of students attending the French Language Village, Badagry results in the Institution being overcrowded, hence they encounter series of hardships and inconveniences;

*Recalls* that in the past, students of the Nigerian Law School, Lagos were encountering the same experiences which were overcome with the decentralization of the School which led to improvements in the results of students of the Law School;

*Believes* that decentralizing the Inter-University French Language Village Badagry will ameliorate the hardships being caused by the concentration of many students in one Centre;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Education to establish additional Centres of the Inter-University French Language Village in States that border French speaking countries to reduce the pressure on the Badagry campus;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure compliance;

**18. Need for Establishment of Additional Military Training Schools in the Six Geo-Political Zones to Address the Manpower Challenges in the Nigeria Army:  
Hon. Ifeanyichukwu Ibezi.**

**The House:**

*Notes* that Nigeria has only two military training schools for the Nigeria Army, one in Zaria, Kaduna State, known as Depot which has capacity to train about 8,000 recruits, in batches of two,

and the newly inaugurated 6 Division Nigerian Army Training School in Port Harcourt, Rivers State;

*Also notes* that training facilities at the Depot are currently over stretched in terms of infrastructure and staff, and massive development around the Depot over the years has limited its capacity to expand beyond its current training area;

*Further notes* that the massive deployment of soldiers in the fight against the Boko Haram insurgency and other internal security operations across the country will not reduce due to the rising spate of insecurity which is not unlikely to abate in the near future given the sophistication of the terrorists, bandits and other criminal elements and the lack of capacity of the Nigeria Police to effectively manage the complexities and mutating dynamics of those security challenges;

*Concerned* at the rate of attrition of soldiers involved in internal security duties, especially those fighting in the counter insurgency operations in the North East Zone;

*Also concerned* that the rate of recruitment into the Army is not commensurate to fill the gap created by deaths, retirements and dismissals from service as well as other sources of attrition;

*Further concerned* that the challenge of inadequate manpower is affecting the ability of the Nigerian Army to effectively conduct operations across the country, particularly in the North East Zone, thereby leading to low morale of soldiers at the front, a situation that has prevented the Army from successfully ending the insurgency in the North East Zone;

*Believes* that establishment of additional training schools in the six geopolitical zones of the country for the Nigerian Army for the training of soldiers will significantly increase the number of soldiers available to conduct internal security operations across the country, carry out its other constitutional roles and also go a long way in providing employment for the youth, thereby reducing the problem of unemployment and its corresponding effects on crime and insecurity in the country;

*Recalls* that the Nigerian Army had made plans in the past to establish additional training depots for soldiers in various parts of the country but those plans could not materialize;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Call on the Federal Government to initiate measures for the establishment of additional Training Schools in the Six Geopolitical Zones of the Country for the Nigerian Army;
- (ii) Mandate the Committees on Defence and Army to ensure implementation and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

**19. 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 discouraging 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 the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to rehabilitate the roads;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works and FERMA to ensure compliance.

**20. Insecurity in Maru/Bungudu Federal Constituency, Zamfara State**  
**Hon. Shehu Ahmed**

**The House:**

*Notes* that Zamfara State has been bedeviled by the menace of security challenges in the last eight years with its attendant consequences on food security and employment;

*Also notes* that Maru is one of the Local Government Areas with the largest land mass in Nigeria with a population of over 70,000 inhabitants and shares boundaries in the west with Kebbi and Niger States while it is to the South with Birnin Gwari in Kaduna State and Dandume in Katsina State;

*Aware* that Maru/Bungudu Federal Constituency is endowed with rich agricultural resources and a Game Reserve but also has a thick forests which provide safe havens for criminals while there is a cute inadequacy of security personnel in the State as Police presence could be put at the ratio of 1 policeman to over 5,000 persons in the constituency, making it below the United Nation's standards of 1 policeman to 400 citizens;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Inspector –General of Police to upgrade the Maru Divisional Police station to the status of an Area Command as well as establishing a Mobile Police (MOPOL) Squadron Unit in Dansadau Emirate to complement the Police Division in Maru/Bungudu Federal Constituency;

- (ii) also urge the Commandant-General of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps to deploy more personnel to the Federal Constituency to checkmate attacks by criminals;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs and Interior to ensure implementation.

**21. Curbing the Negative Impact of Crude Oil Spill in Nigeria:**

**Hon. Johnson Egwakhide Oghuma:**

**The House:**

*Notes* with concern the rising cases of crude oil spillage in the creeks of the Niger Delta Area and farm pipelines in Nigeria;

*Aware* that oil spills occur naturally through mechanical failure, operational errors, natural disaster, corrosion of pipelines resulting in seepages, especially in the ocean, as tectonic plates shift, or as a result of oil releases from pipelines deep beneath the ocean floor;

*Also aware* that oil spills also occur through acts of third parties and sabotage, which may include illegal oil bunkering, oil siphoning (thieving) and even during accidents involving Oil tankers and accounts for more than 60 per cent of the total spills annually;

*Observes* that as a result of the spills, many birds and mammals get hypothermia, human develop liver or lungs damage due to poisoning and it also leads to blindness while certain animals and sea birds finds it difficult to fly by becoming heavy once covered in oil slick;

*Also observes* that the spillage leads to continuous poisoning of the soils around areas which get degraded thereby causing serious environmental hazards with contamination of the quality of fresh water sources, loss of farm lands, aquatic businesses and other property;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committees on Environment and Information, Ethics and Values National Orientation to, as a matter of urgency, call a stakeholders' meeting to interface on the most effective way to curb the escalating negative impact of crude oil spills in Nigeria and report back in eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

**22. Commemoration of World Teachers Day (WTD):**

**Hon. Babajimi Benson**

**The House:**

*Notes* that this year's World Teachers' Day (WTD) or International Teachers' Day was celebrated on October 5, 2019, with the theme - "Young Teachers: The future of the Profession and was aimed at proffering ideas to attract and keep young persons in the profession;

*Aware* that the celebration of teachers followed the United Nation's Declaration in 1994 for the recognition of the World Teachers Day (WTD) or International Teachers Day to celebrate teachers around the World for their efforts towards shaping the minds of several children and the society at large even though they remain unsung heroes and heroines whose contributions to the society are underappreciated;

*Also aware* that the United Nation's in developing the thematic areas of concentration for the Sustainable Development Goal 4 Quality Education, recognizes the role of teachers as being key to the achievement of its Education by 2030 Agenda;

*Observes* that the Federal Government, in marking the day, instituted the President's Teachers and Schools Excellence Award to show appreciation for the immense contributions of teachers to nation-building;

*Worried* that despite the contributions of Teachers to societal development, teachers in Nigeria are overworked and remain among the worst paid in the world, with poor welfare package and teaching environment;

*Also worried* that currently none of the E9 countries (Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria and Pakistan) other than Nigeria, allocates less than 20 per cent of its annual budget to education;

*Resolves to;*

- (i) Recognize and honour the Best Teacher and the Best Principal in Nigeria as a sign of appreciation and to show support to the teachers for their selfless sacrifices towards societal development;
- (ii) Urge the Federal Government to improve on the welfare and support schemes for teachers, especially in the area of training, using the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) approach in addressing education policy and curriculum choices in schools in order to improve competitiveness in science and technology development;
- (iii) also urge the Federal Government to employ more teachers to address the issue of inadequate staffing and low productivity within the education sector and also increase budgetary allocation to the Education sector in the 2020 appropriation bill so as to equip teachers with the requisite training and adequate facilities in the schools;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services and Basic Education and Service to ensure implementation.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| <i>S/N</i> | <i>Committee</i>                           | <i>Date</i>                | <i>Time</i> | <i>Venue</i>                                          |
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| 1.         | Rules and Business                         | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 06<br>(White House) Assembly Complex   |
| 2.         | Land Transport                             | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 456<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 3.         | National Planning and Economic Development | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 467<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 4.         | Emergency Disaster Preparedness            | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 447<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 5.         | Cooperation and Integration in Africa      | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 304<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |

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| 6.  | Urban Development and Regional Planning | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 244<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 7.  | Agriculture Production and Services     | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 468<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 8.  | Telecommunications                      | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 144<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 9.  | Delegated Legislations                  | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 468<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 10. | Appropriations                          | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 231<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 11. | Constituency Outreach                   | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Hearing Room 1<br>(White House) Assembly Complex      |
| 12. | Agriculture Colleges and Institutions   | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 019<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 13. | Aviation                                | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 034<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 14. | North East Development                  | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 107<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 15. | FCT Judiciary                           | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 459<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 16. | Internal Security                       | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 305<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 17. | Public Petitions                        | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 429<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 18. | Governmental Affairs                    | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 345<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |
| 19. | House Services                          | Thursday, 10 October, 2019 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 201<br>(New Building) Assembly Complex |