



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
 ORDER PAPER
 Thursday, 7th March, 2024**

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Introduce Preventive Measure and Teaching of Breast and Cervical Cancers into the Curriculum of a Compulsory Subject (Civic Education) for Senior Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 501) –*Third Reading.*
2. A Bill for an Act to Introduce Preventive Measures and Teachings of Sexual Gender Based Violence into the Curriculum of a Compulsory Subject (Civil Education) for all Secondary Schools in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 502) –*Third Reading.*
3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre Alkaleri, Bauchi State and for Related Matters (HB. 550) (*Hon. Kabiru Yusuf Alhaji*) – *Second Reading.*

4. A Bill for an Act to Establish Gifted and Talented Centre in Trans -Ekulu, Enugu State and for Related Matters (HB. 1086) (*Hon. Paul Nnamchi*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

5. **Deplorable state of Ulakwo–Imerienwe Umuekwune–Etche and Ulakwo–Umuneke Ngor–Eziama–Igirita, Road Rivers States:**

Hon. Attorney Matthew Nwogu:

The House:

Also notes that the Ulakwo-Imerienwe-Umuekwune-Etche and Ulakwo-Umuneke Ngor-Eziama-Igirita Rivers State Roads, which cuts across Owerri North and Ngor Okpala Local Government Areas of Imo State and links Etche Local Government Area in Rivers State, are designated as Federal Roads, which been abandoned for over thirty (30) years, leading to a deplorable condition;

Observes that the deplorable road condition in the State has led to increased criminal activities, particularly during market days, resulting in the destruction of perishable and nonperishable goods worth billions of Naira;

Disturbed that the roads are obstructed by Potholes and Ravines, causing accidents and hindering driver maneuverability;

Worried that the situation is escalating daily, causing financial hardship for those using roads for agricultural products, and making Living in Local Government Areas unpleasant and boring;

Aware that the non-disbursement of funds earmarked to the consortium of contractors by the Federal Government through the relevant ministry/agency is the reason for the abandonment of work on the roads;

Recognizes that a reliable road network is crucial for minimizing accidents and promoting economic development globally, as it facilitates the movement of goods and services;

Cognizant of the potential ruin of the social and economic lives of its inhabitants, if immediate steps are not taken to construct the Ulakwo-Imerienwe-Umuekwune-Etche and Ulakwo-Umuneke Ngor-Eziama-Igirita Rivers State Roads;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency FERMA, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and the Federal Ministry of Works to commence construction the Ulakwo-Umuneke-Umuekwune- Etche and Uliakwo-Ngor-Eziarno-igiria Rivers State Roads to ease the difficulties encountered by the annuitants and road users;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

6. **Acute Water shortage in Fika and Ngelzarma Community of Fika/Fune Local Government Area:**
Hon. Muhammed Buba Jajere:

The House:

Notes that the Populations of the Fika and Ngelzarma Towns, which are part of the Fika/Fune Federal Constituency, are densely populated;

Also notes that the topography of Fika and Ngelzarma Towns, which consists of mountainous terrain, has led to water scarcity, making life extremely difficult for inhabitants;

Aware that the Sustainable Development Goals emphasize the importance of providing and managing clean water and sanitation for all, thus requiring government policies that ensure accessible access;

Observes that drastic measures must be implemented in collaboration with the Local, State and Federal Governments to address water scarcity in the Towns and prevent the spread of disease in these areas;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to provisions for boreholes, boosting stations and reticulation distribution channels in Fika and Ngelzarma towns;
- (ii) also urge the North East Development Commission (NEDC) to participate in providing water to these towns and also to collaborate with the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation, in finding a lasting solution to this menace in both towns;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Water Resources and the North East Development Commission (NEDC) to monitor compliance.

7. Reconstruction of Roads Linking Imo and Anambra State via Umuowa Junction Orlu to Akwa Ihedi in Nnewi South Local Government Areas:

Hon. Canice Moore Chukwugozie Nwachukwu:

The House:

Notes that Road infrastructures can be learned from man's initial quest in search of sustenance, water, or sheer adventure. In modern world, roads have proved to yield profound economic and social significance;

Aware that the restoration of the Orlu-Owerri road will close the gap between the following communities: Nkwume, Umuowa, Umuna, Amaifeke Okwabala, Ezimba Ogbaeruru, Ogbaeruru, Obibi Ochasi, Nneato Obibi, Isiala Obibi, Ihiteowerri, Ihiteowerri, and Isiala Ihiteowerri, crossing the Urasi/Akwa Bridge and continuing into Akwaihedi, Orsumenyi, Amichi, Ichida, Igboukwu, and Awka; improving the dissemination of education, fostering a general sense of social awakening, supports health care and various other interstate social services;

Observes that road connectivity in the rural areas will give residents of those places access to markets, allowing them to form economic relationships with other villages and diversify their sources of income;

Worried that the road has been in such awful condition for decades, resulting in accidents, deaths, and high transportation costs for commuters, due to the mountainous nature of the terrain, added to deep potholes and gullies; Motorists lose control of their vehicles, and the resultant effects are always accidents;

Disturbed that during the rainy season, the road becomes a nightmare for the inhabitants of the communities, who are trying to access their farms, schools, and marketplaces.

Alarmed that the majority of the residents in these areas are peasant farmers, who transport their farm produce to various marketplaces in both Imo and Anambra States, as part of their daily economic activities;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works, the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and other relevant Agencies to, as a matter of urgency, come to the aid of these communities by embarking on rehabilitation of the road to ease their hardship; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and Legislative Compliance to monitor compliance.

**8. Suspicious Practices of the Federal Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies (MDAS) Parastatals and Institutions in the Execution of Capital Projects in the Appropriation Act:
Hon. Kelechi Nwogu:**

The House:

Notes that Section 81 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) provides that “the President shall cause to be prepared and laid before each Houses of the National Assembly at any time in each financial year estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Federation for the next following financial year.”

Also notes that Section 81(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended) provides that “the heads of expenditures contained in the estimates (other than expenditure charged upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation by this Constitution) shall be included in a Bill, to be known as Appropriation Bill, providing for the issue from the Consolidated Revenue of the sums necessary to meet that expenditure and the appropriation of those sums for the purposes specified therein“;

Aware that Heads of all Federal Government Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Parastatal and Institutions are summoned to the National Assembly for Examination and Validation of their budgetary proposals before passage and Presidential Assent;

Also aware that no adjustment to the estimates contained in the Appropriation Act shall be made without recourse to the National Assembly, according to the law;

Observes that a majority of government ministries, Departments, Agencies (MDAs), Parastatal and Institutions allegedly award contracts that are below the amount provided for the execution of the Capital component of the Appropriation Act;

Disturbed that the National Assembly has not been provided with information on withheld funds from Federal Government Agencies, causing project procurement reductions to negatively impact on project completion and Contractors abandonment or requests for variation of the initial cost;

Alarmed that the National Assembly’s powers, as provided in Sections 88 and 89 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (as amended), are being undermined by the actions of the Federal Government’s Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Parastatals and Institutions;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Financial Crimes, Public Service Matters and Public Procurements to investigate the procurement of Capital Projects by Ministries, Departments, Agencies (MDAs), Parastatal and Institutions of the Federal Governments to recover withheld sums from the execution and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**9. Call for Deployment of Additional Security Personnel to Kauru Local Government Area:
Hon. Mukhtar Zakari Chawai:**

The House:

Notes that the presence and the remarkable efforts of Military Personnel (Operation Safe Haven), currently stationed at Chawai;

Also notes high rates of insecurity in Kumana Chiefdom and Kauru Emirate, ranging from banditry, terrorism and kidnapping;

Observes that the Insecurity in Kumana Chiefdom and Kauru Emirate has escalated, necessitating the swift deployment of additional personnel from Operation Safe Haven to address these issues;

Aware the host communities' vigilantes are willing to collaborate with security officers in curbing the security situation in the Emirate;

Recognises that a detachment of these personnel to a location in Kumana Chiefdom and Kauru Emirate can aid in providing security to the troubled areas of Geshere, Bital, Kwassam, Dokan Karji, Kunkurai, and other areas within the radius;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) to direct the deployment of personnel to these locations (Kumana Chiefdom and Kauru Emirate); and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Defense to ensure the military compliance.

**10. Alleged Non-Remittance and Under-Remittance of Tax by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of Government, Oil Companies and Other Organisations:
Hon. Esosa Iyawe:**

The House:

Notes that taxation is a veritable tool used by governments to regulate economic and commercial activities and ensure availability of funds for sustainable national development;

Also notes that the Federal Inland Revenue Service Act, 2004 established the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) for the core purpose of assessing, collecting, remitting and accounting for the Federation's taxes;

Concerned that in 2021, the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) revealed that the sum of (N17, 690,341,565) seventeen billion, six hundred and ninety million, three hundred and forty-one thousand, five hundred and sixty-five Naira, was owed in tax by some Companies, whose addresses were untraced till date, but no action was taken to locate or recover the funds;

Also concerned about audit reports from 2015 to 2019 which revealed government agencies owing hundreds of billions in FIRS taxes comprising underpayments and under recoveries and over 5,000 Companies and Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of the Federal Government owing (N5.2 Trillion) (five trillion, two hundred billion, Naira in withholding taxes);

Disturbed that under-remittance and non-remittance of tax deprive the Federal Government of much needed funds to drive its policies for national development, and if the situation is not urgently addressed, the effect could be crippling on the country's already dwindling economy;

Worried that while small-scale businesses in Nigeria are frustrated by multiple taxation by the Federal Inland Revenue Service, States and Local Government Authorities, multinational Companies and other corporate organisations are getting the kid-glove treatment;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) to, as a matter of urgency, embark on immediate recovery of all taxes owed the Federal Government by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), oil companies, as well as other corporate organisations and individuals; and

- (ii) mandate the Committees on Public Accounts and Finance to investigate the non-compliance on tax remittance by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) of Government, Oil Companies and other organisations, with a view to ensuring that all debts in taxes owed the Federal Government are duly recovered, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Need to Investigate ₦200 Billion Spent on the Suspended 2023 Population and Housing Census:

The House:

Hon Clement Akanni:

The House:

Notes that census is a process of systematically collecting, compiling, and analyzing demographic, social, and economic data of a population within a specific region;

Also notes that Censuses are conducted by governments to gather accurate and comprehensive information such as age, sex, marital status, education, occupation, housing, and other relevant demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of a country;

Further notes that data collected are used for a wide range of purposes, including policy-making, resource allocation, urban planning, public health, education, and more;

Aware that the last census, that was conducted in 2006 by the National Population Commission, gave a population figure of 140 million;

Also aware that the immediate-past administration of former President, Muhammadu Buhari, planned to conduct another census in 2022, but the programme was later postponed to 2023;

Recalls that earlier in March, 2023 the former Minister of State for Budget and National Planning, Clem Agba, said a total of N869 Billion would be required for the exercise, this figure according to the Minister, includes Post-Census-Activities;

Also recalls that the National Population Commission (NPC) says, it has spent about 200 Billion to prepare for the 2023 population and housing census;

Disturbed that the exercise was, however, suspended indefinitely by former President Muhammadu Buhari a few days before leaving office;

Concerned that the need to provide the Nation with accurate and reliable demographic data for policy formulation and planning for sustainable development could not be overemphasized;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Population to invite the Director- General of the National Population Commission to explain how the N200 billion meant for the suspended 2023 Population and Housing Census and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

12. Need to Incorporate Security Education as Core Subject in Nigeria's Primary and Secondary School Curriculum:

Hon. Omirin Emmanuel Olusanyo:

The House:

Notes that Security Education is crucial for fostering knowledge and preparedness, enabling Individuals to understand potential threats and take appropriate measures to protect themselves and their assets.

Also notes that security education prepares students for contemporary challenges in security; Ranging from economic, political, social and environmental threats;

Security Education equips students with the necessary skills to direct the various contemporary security challenges, including economic, political, social, and environmental threats;

Aware of the United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF) report that since 2018, over 30 Schools have been attacked, resulting in at least 2,295 teacher deaths and over 1,000 child abductions;

Worried about the recurrent attacks and threats against Nigerian educational institutions, teachers, and pupils are causing a negative impact on educational quality, teacher turnover, and perpetuating a culture of impunity.

Aware that due to the escalating insecurity in the country, it has become imperative, for children to learn defend mechanisms, master first-aid-principles and emergency handling skills;

Cognizant that in an increasingly volatile society like Nigeria, investing in security education is essential to safeguard students, knowledge, skills and awareness in security education empowers them to take preventive action;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education to ensure that Security Education is incorporated as a core subject in the Primary and Secondary Schools Curriculum; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to ensure implementation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Thursday 7 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Accounts	Thursday 7 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Monitoring Evaluation and Implementation of Legislative Agenda	Thursday 7 March 2024	2.30 p.m.	Committee Room 344 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Agricultural, Colleges and Institutions	Thursday 7 March 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 (New Building) Assembly Complex

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| 5. | Science Engineering (with
<i>National Centre for technology
Management (Ile – Ife), Nigeria
Natural Medicine Development
Agency, Nigeria Institute for
Science Labouratory
Technology, Ibadan)</i> | Thursday 7 March 2024 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 327
(New Building)
Assembly Complex |
| 6. | Small and Medium-Scale
Enterprise (with DG, SEMDAN) | Thursday 7 March 2024 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 447
(New Building)
Assembly Complex |
| 7. | Special Duties | Thursday 7 March 2024 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 141
(New Building)
Assembly Complex |
| 8. | Solid Minerals | Thursday 7 March 2024 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 436
(New Building)
Assembly Complex |
| 9. | Treaties, Protocols and
Agreements | Thursday 7 March 2024 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 144
(New Building)
Assembly Complex |