



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 3 July, 2007

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1. **Prayers**
 2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
 3. **Oaths**
 4. **Announcements (if any)**
 5. **Petitions (if any)**
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Closure of Port Harcourt International Airport:**

Hon. George Ford Nwosu:

Hon. Daemi Kunaiyi-Akpanaha

Hon. BalalbnNa' Allah

Hon. Bassey Ewa

Hon. Asita Asita

Hon. Arole Fancy

Hon. Chinvere Igule

The House :

Hon. Ike Chinwo

Hon. Henry Seriake Dickson

Hon. Emma Deyah

Hon. John Kalipa

Hon. Andrew Uchendu

Hon. Igo Agumma

Hon. Nimota Suleiman

Hon. Shehu A. Garba Matazu

Hon. C. I. Berewari

Hon. Anthony Madwatte

Hon. Leo Ogor

Hon. Mutu Nicholas

Hon. Clever Ikisikpo

Hon. Issa O. Abdul-Wahab:

Notes, that the Port Harcourt International Airport was closed to air traffic on August 2006 for the purpose of maintenance work on the Airport facilities for effective / safe air service;

Further notes, that although contract was awarded for the maintenance service by the Federal Government to Julius Berger Nigeria Pic, the execution of the maintenance work has been at a snail speed;

Regrets, that residents of Rivers State, Bayelsa, adjoining States and indeed other passengers have suffered serious hardship in the use of alternative means of transportation or nearby Airports;

Concerned, about the revenue loss to the Rivers State Government as a result of this closure and the attendant increase in the number of unemployed Youths whose job is anchored on the airport operation;

Worried, by the delay in the completion of maintenance work and the restoration of normal flight operation at the airport;

Resolves to:

Invite the Minister, Federal Ministry of Transport to appear before the Committee on Aviation when it is inaugurated to explain the reasons for the delay or non-completion of the maintenance work.

2. The Deplorable State of - Benin

Hon. Patrick Obahiagbon

Hon. Samson Osagie

Hon. Bassey Ewa Hon.

Patty Etete Inemeh Hon.

Clever Ikisikpo Hon.

Patrick Ikhariale Hon.

Idachaba James Hon.

Mercy Almona-Isei The House:

Ore-Lagos Highway:

Hon. Ehogie West-Idahosa

Hon. Ndudi Elumelu

Hon. Daemi Kunaiyi-Akpanaha

Hon. Friday Itulah

Hon. Johnson Abolagba

Hon. Independence Ogunewe

Hon. Ogbuefi Ozomgbachi

Hon. Oladimeji Olusegun

Hon. Halims Agoda

Hon. Joyce Over ah

Hon. Abbas Braimah

Hon. Esemey Eyiboh

Hon. H. A. B. Fasinro

Hon. Ifaluyi Isibor

Hon. Doris Uboh

Hon. George E. Daika

Notes, that it is the

Constitutional and Statutory responsibility of the Federal Government to construct, rehabilitate and maintain the Federal roads;

Aware, of the strategic importance of Benin-Ore-Lagos Highway in boosting the economic and social activities within the southern, eastern, south-western and a gateway to the northern part of the country;

Disturbed, that Nigerians who travel on this road are subjected to untold hardship, incessant accidents and danger;

Concerned, that armed bandits are daily taking advantage of the poor state of the road to perpetrate heinous crimes causing the untimely death of their victims;

Worried, that the continuous condonement of the dilapidation and deplorable condition of Benin-Ore-Lagos Highway will cause greater hardship to motorists and impact negatively on the nation's economy;

Resolves to:

Request the President to as a matter of urgent national importance, direct the Federal Ministry of Transport to begin the rehabilitation/construction of the Benin-Ore-Lagos Highway.