



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 35 November, 2007

- 1. Prayers
- 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
- 3. Oaths
- 4. Announcements (if any)
- 5. Petitions (if any)

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

- 1. Committee on Public Petitions:
Report on Petition by Mr Kayode Hambolu:
Hon. C I. D, Maduabum:
That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Kayode Hambolu against Sageto Limited.
- 2. Committee on Public Petitions:
Report on Petition by Dr V. E. Osayaande:
Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum:
That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Dr V. E. Osayaande against the Federal Ministry of Health.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

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| 1. | Giving Priority to Abandoned
Federal Hon. Samson R. Osagie Hon.
Mohammed Sani Ibrahim Hon.
Abiodun Akinlade Hon. Diuo Melaye
Hon. Abiodun Adesida Hon. Abbas
Braimah Hon. Herma Hambe Hon.
Auwalu Abdu Gwalabe Hon. Almona
Isei Mercy Hon. Clever Ikisipo Hon.
Ike Chimvo Hon. Elegbeyele Gbenga | Government and Projects: Hon.
Abiodun Akinlade Hon.
Mohammed Almakura Hon.
Independence Ogunewe Hon.
Kaka Adam Mustapha Hon.
A. U. Faruk Hon. Ndudi
Elumelu Hon. Lanre Agoro
Hon. Binta Garba Hon. Leo
Ogor Hon. H. S. Dickson
Hon. Solomon hwiawhi Hon.
Paulinus Nwagu Igwe | Hon. Kayode Amusan
Hon. Patrick Obahiagbon
Hon. Friday Itulah Hon.
Paul O. Eze Hon. Patrick
Ikahanale Hon. Samuel
Aro Hon. Umar Bature
Hon. Halims Agoda Hon.
Joyce Overah Hon. Igo
Aguma Hon. Gbenga
Makanjuola Hon. Stanley
Ohajiruka |
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Hon. Aminu Shagari	Hon. Lynda Ikpeazu	Hon. Eluemunoh Chinedu
Hon. Ifaluyi Isibor	Hon. Ewa Bassey	Hon. Audi Moh'd
Hon. Ugwaku KGB	Hon. Abike Dabiri	Hon. Chris Eta
Hon. Daniel Reyeneju	Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde	Hon. Johnson Abolagba
Hon. Usman Adamu	Hon. Nnana Uzor Kalu	Hon. John O. Enoch

The House:

Notes, that several uncompleted Federal Government Projects have been left abandoned in nooks and crannies of this country, thereby defeating the purpose for which they were initiated;

Observes, diat most of these projects if completed will have positive and direct impact on the lives of the citizenry;

Concerned, that it will amount to huge waste of resources to allow these projects to remain uncompleted considering the huge sums of money that has been expended on diem;

Aware, that these projects which range from roads, water, electricity, agriculture, **health** centers, schools etc. occupy the central point in our quest for infrastmctural development;

Resolve:

(i) direct Ministries/Parastatals/agencies of the Federal Government to give priority attention to the early completion of all abandoned/ongoing Federal Government projects in the 360 Federal Constituencies in die country;

(it) mandate the Joint Committee on Works, Power and Steel, Water Resources and **other relevant** Committee(s) to collate a comprehensive list of all Federal Government Projects that have been abandoned for the House to consider appropriate budgetary provisions for their completion if not captured in the 2008 Budget Proposal.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

2. **Ad-Hoc Committee on Foreign**

Affairs: Hon. H. S. Dickson:

"That this House do consider the Report of the *Ad-Hoc* Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Investigation in to the Gruesome Killing of Mr Osamuyi Akpitanhi and approve the Recommendations" (*Laid 26/9/2007*).

Recommendations:

- (i) That the Spanish government, should tender an apology to the Nigerian Government and the family of late Osamuyi Akpitanhi;
- (ii) That the Federal Government of Nigeria should use its best diplomatic and consular endeavors to ensure the release of the corpse of late Osamuyi Akpitanhi to the deceased's family for proper burial rites in view of the traditions and religious practices of his family;
- (iii) That the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and particularly. the Nigerian Mission in Spain continue to use its best endeavors to ensure that justice is done fairly, transparently and speedily;
- (iv) That irrespective of the outcome of the ongoing criminal inquiries, investigations and/or trials of the Spanish officials implicated in the late Akpitanhi's death, the Federal Government of Nigerian should request that adequate and prompt compensation be paid to the deceased's family by the Spanish Government;
- (v) That the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Nigerian Mission in Spain lift the ban on the deportation of Nigerian nationals in irregular situations to prevent death owing to humiliating conditions and unhealthy environment Nigerians are subjected to at the detention centres where they are being kept pending deportation in line with the Bilateral Immigration Agreement signed in 2001;
- (yi) **That** the Nigerian Mission in Spain be granted an approval for an officer from the Mission to accompany all deportation flights to Nigeria to avert any incident of mishandling, maltreatment or death of our compatriots;

- (vii) That the Committees on Foreign Affairs, National Security and Intelligence and Cooperation and Integration in Africa of the House should forthwith conduct an audit of the facilities and infrastructure of Nigerian Mission abroad and in consultation with the Honourable Minister make adequate budgetary provision in the National budget. This is to enable Nigerian Missions and **their** personnel to give optimal consular services to Nigerians and project Nigerian identity and pride;
- (viii) That the Committees on Justice, Human Rights, Foreign Affairs, Interior and Cooperation and Integration in Africa of the House, be mandated to study all MOUs and other Agreements entered into by Nigeria in respect of deportation of its citizens and ensure that such MOUs are beneficial to body countries and are respected and to ensure that such Agreements are initiated in cases where there are none;
- (ix) That the Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice in conjunction with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs acting in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior, should evolve a strategy of defending the rights of Nigerians abroad through insistence on the observance of the various Human Rights Protocols, declarations, conventions, etc. whenever it becomes necessary to do so. The Committee commends the efforts made by the new Foreign Affairs Minister in this regard.
- (x) That the House Committees on Foreign Affairs, Interior, Cooperation and Integration in Africa and National Security and Intelligence should **forthwith** organise a stakeholders meeting to work out a strategy of effective border patrol and policing by the appropriate agencies and also to ensure mat adequate operational budgetary provision is made in the National budget;
- (xi) That the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Interior and the Office of the **National** Security Adviser should forthwith convene a stakeholder meeting to work out a strategy of establishing a multi-agency board for the purpose of harmonizing all intelligence and operational activities concerning the implementation of the free movement of citizens in the ECOWAS sub-region and its implications on illegal immigration and human trafficking;
- (xii) That the **Ministry** of Information and Communications be made to liaise with State and Local Governments, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in creating awareness of **the** dangers of illegal migration especially in States where human trafficking and illegal migration is prevalent.

3. *Ad-Hoc Committee on the Operation of GSM*

Networks: **Hon. Leo Ogor:**

"That this House do consider the Report of the *Ad-Hoc* Committee on the Investigation into the decay of services provided by the Global System Mobile Telecommunication (GSM) Networks and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 16/10/2007*).

Recommendations :

- (i) In order to ensure quality service at all times, so that a regime of lower tariffs is enjoyed in Nigeria, collocation facilities, must be adopted by the industry now;
- (ii) The role of interconnect exchange houses in reducing congestion on the network operators cannot be overemphasized. The NCC should immediately issue a directive to all network operators specifying interconnect exchanges as the approved path for handling inter-network traffic and compelling them to make use of existing licensed interconnect exchange houses. This will check call barring, by network operators and allow for concentration by network operators on intra network traffic;
- (iii) The regulatory authority in the telecommunications industry, that is the NCC must ensure that international call termination rates are not lower than local call termination rate to avoid restriction of local traffic on the network of GSM operators and to eliminate the loss to the national economy inherent in such a pricing **structure**;
- (iv) Convinced that the Universal Service Provision Fund (USP fund) can positively improve quality of service and the provisions of telecommunications to the rural, unserved and underserved areas, if the fund is properly applied, armed with competent knowledge that the USP fund has been shrouded in secrecy between 2001 to first half of 2006 where the USP fund Board never existed, we recommend that the USP fund be properly probed by the House Committee on Communications. **GSM companies** that have not paid their Annual Operation Levy (AOL) as stipulated by the NCC Act of 2003 must be sanctioned and made to pay their Annual Operation Levy (AOL) with interest at the prevailing lending rate;

- (v) As a matter of respect for the highest constituted authority in Nigeria that is, the office of the President and to demonstrate patriotism and commitment to the concern of the House of Representatives and other stakeholders to finding a lasting solution to the problem of poor quality of service, we recommend that the NCC should issue the 3G spectrum license to NTGCOMSAT as directed by the former president, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo and Federal Executive Council to enable the company provide last miles services. This, we hope would give room for competition, bringing down high tariff in line with the government deregulations policy;
- (vi) Telecom is a major technical and engineering profession and only trained and experienced professionals can make optimum decisions. Problems being experienced today originated from poor planning and lack of proper control mechanism put in place from inception when license were issued to the GSM companies. It is important to note that the GSM companies are selling services they do not have. The poor quality of telecom services cannot be corrected by incompetent planners. They would only exacerbate an already bad situation because of lack of know how;
- (vii) The Nigerian Communications Commission as presently constituted, lacks the competent personnel, will and capacity to enforce the provisions of the Act that sets it up and has shown in glaring terms its inability to provide adequate regulatory oversight for the industry. The non adherence to budgetary provisions as stipulated by section 19 of the NCC Act of 2003 and the violation of Section 81 of the 1999 constitution is unacceptable. Accordingly, we recommend an immediate reorganization of the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) and the prosecution of the management by the office of the Attorney General of the Federation, for spending money that are supposed to be credited to the Federation Account without the approval of the National Assembly, as stipulated by Section 162 and section 81 of the 1999 Constitution;
- (viii) We also recommend a ban of 12 months on the sale of SIM Cards and organized promotions of all networks pending when quality of service improves;
- (ix) A review of the 2003 Communications Act, with immediate amendment is hereby recommended;
- (x) The committee recommends the immediate hand over of the 1st phase of the rural telephone project to NIGCOMSAT that will hook all the rural network to their satellite and connect them to the interconnect houses for connections to other networks for effective operations. The details could be worked out between the ministry of communications and that of Science and Technology;
- (xi) All the Government officials from the ministry of communications and the Due process office that were involved in the unauthorized release of the sum of N5,376,753.692.21 (Five billion, three hundred and seventy-six million, Seven hundred and fifty-three thousand, six hundred and ninety-two Naira, twenty one Kobo) to ZTE, Alcatel, Shangai Bell and Messrs Hauwei Technologies company Nig. Ltd without the approval of the National Assembly, which is a clear violation of section 81 of the 1999 Constitution should be prosecuted by the Office of the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice. This will serve as a deterrent to others;
- (xiii) The service providers must try and adopt the habit of out-sourcing of their working requirement, rather than the spirit of do it alone, the out-sourced providers will see themselves as partners in progress and will do everything possible to protect the equipment.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	Committee Rules and Business	Date Thursday, 15 November, 2007	Time 2.00 p.m.	Venue Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Gas	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex
3.	Foreign Affairs	Thursday, 15 November, 2007 Integration Thursday, 15 November, 2007 2.00 p.m.	2.00 p.m.	Conference Hall Ground Floor New Building
4.	Cooperation and			Committee Room 09

5.	Inter/Intra Party Relations	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	2.0 0	p.m.	Committee Room 14 Assembly Complex
6.	Poverty Alleviation	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	1.0 0	p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
7.	Industries	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	1.3 0	p.m.	Committee Room 21 Assembly Complex
8.	Education	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	2.0 0	p.m.	Committee Room 24 Assembly Complex
9.	Air-Force	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	1.0 0	p.m.	Committee Room 20 Assembly Complex
10.	Media and Public Affairs	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	2.0 0	p.m.	Committee Room 17 Assembly Complex
11.	Army	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	2.0 0	p.m.	Committee Room 04 Assembly Complex
12.	Commerce	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	1.3 0	p.m.	Committee Room 03 Assembly Complex
13.	Inter-Parliamentary Relations	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	1.0 0	p.m.	Committee Room 18 Assembly Complex
14.	Environment	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	2.0 0	p.m.	Committee Room 05 Assembly Complex
15.	Information	<i>{Meeting with DG NESREA}</i>	1.3 0	p.m.	Committee Room 13 Assembly Complex
16.	Women Affairs & Social Development	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	1.0 0	p.m.	Hearing Room 02 Assembly Complex
17.	Communications <i>(Meeting with GSM Operators)</i>	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	2.0 0	p.m.	ew Building MR 312 Assembly Complex
18.	Federal Capital Territory	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	2.0 0	p.m.	New Building NB 301 Assembly Complex
17.	Due Process	Thursday, 15 November, 2007	1.0 0	p.m.	Committee Room 07 Assembly Complex
		Thursday, 15 November, 2007 Thursday, 15 November, 2007	1.0 0	p.m.	Hearing Room 03 Assembly Complex
20.	Water Resources <i>(Interactive Session with Water Aid)</i>				