



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 27 November. 2007

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

The Crisis of Unemployment in Nigeria:

Hon. Patrick Obahiagbon
Hon. Samson Osagie
Hon. Eyiboh Esemé
Hon. Patrick Ikhariale
Hon. Emmanuel Jime

Hon. Abbas Braimah
Hon. Positive Ihiabe
Hon. Egberibon Donald
Hon. Isibor Ifaluyi
Hon. Friday Itulah

Hon. Patty Etete Inemeh
Hon. Dino Melaye Hon.
Ndudi Elumelu Hon.
John Kali pa Hon.
Johnson Agboiagba

The House:

Notes, the high level of unemployment in die Country today;

Further notes, that job creation remains a potent instrument in the fight against abject poverty and hunger;

Disturbed, mat the policies and programmes of successive governments on job creation have not translated into drastic reduction in unemployment;

Observes, that massive youth unemployment has the proclivity to encourage social vices;

Concerned, that the youth restiveness in the Niger Delta and the menace occasioned by the upsurge in the army of unemployed persons across the **country** are not **unconnected** with problems traceable to unemployment;

Conscious, that the **issue of brain drain** is **not just the** resultant effect of poor remuneration but also a derived consequence of **the** seemingly unending crisis of unemployment in Nigeria;

Worried, *that* national development would remain a mirage if the issues of unemployment remains unresolved;

Further concerned, that the image of Nigeria which has over the years been severely battered will not improve substantially if the bulk of the citizenry are not engaged in productive ventures;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the President to declare a state of emergency on unemployment in Nigeria and take proactive measures by putting in place programmes of job creation and poverty alleviation;
- (ii) urge the President to give more incentives that would serve as an impetus or springboard for the growth of **the** private sector **that** would in turn lead to increased employment opportunities.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

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 on-going 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;
- (vi) 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 Memorandum of Understandings and other Agreements entered into by Nigeria in respect of deportation of its citizens and ensure **that** such Memorandum of Understandings are beneficial to both 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 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 that 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** States 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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 27 November , 2007	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Finance (<i>Meeting with the Office of the accountant-general of the Federation</i>)	Tuesday, 27 November, 2007 p.m.	2.00	Committee Room 03 Assembly Complex
		Tuesday, 27 November, 2007	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 14 Assembly Complex
4.	Ethics and Privileges	Tuesday, 27 November, 2007	1.00 p. m.	Rm 202 New Building Assembly Complex
5.	Aid, Loans and Debt Management	Tuesday, 27 November, 2007	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 18 Assembly Complex
6.	States and Local Governments	Tuesday, 27 November, 2007	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
7.	Air Force			
	Ami Corruption	Tuesday, 27 November, 2007	2.00 p.m.	Rm 425 New Building Assembly Complex
		Tuesday, 27 November, 2007	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 08 Assembly Complex