



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA SUPPLEMENT TO ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 17 December, 2009

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Rescission of the House decision on a Bill for an Act to make Public Record and Information more freely available, provide for Public Access to Public Records and Information, Protect Public Records and Information to the extent consistent with the Public Interest and the Protection of Personal Privacy, Protect Serving Public Officials from adverse consequences for disclosing certain kinds of Official Information without Authorisation and Establish Procedure for the achievement of those Purposes and Related Purposes Thereof, 2007 (HB. 3):

Hon. Ita Enang
Hon. Aminu Musa
Hon. Fatima R. Rasaki
Hon. A. T. Sam Tsokwa
Hon. Bala Ibn Na'allah
Hon. Aminu Musa Koko

Hon. Shuaibu H. Abdullah
Hon. Samson Osagie
Hon. Adedeji Emmanuel O.
Hon. Bala Adamu Kuta
Hon. Dave Salako
Hon. Emmanuel Jime:

Hon. Eziuche Ubani
Hon. Mulikat A. Adeola
Hon. Muraina S. Ajibola
Hon. Adeogun A. Abiodun
Hon. Abba Lawan

The House:

Notes that on the November 14, 2007, by voice vote and pursuant to Order XV, Rule 8, committed the Bill for an Act to make Public Record and Information more freely available, provide for Public Access to Public Records and Information, Protect Public Records and Information to the extent consistent with the Public Interest and the Protection of Personal Privacy, Protect Serving Public Officials from adverse consequences for disclosing certain kinds of Official Information without authorisation and Establish Procedure for the achievement of those Purposes and Related Purposes Thereof, 2007 to the Committee of Whole for consideration;

Aware that several Honourable Members have requested for rescission of the said decision a recommitment of the Bill to the Joint Committee on Information and Justice for proper scrutiny;

Further aware that the need has now arisen for the House to revisit the said decision on the Bill in the public interest;

Resolves:

That the House do rescind her decision of Wednesday, November 14, 2007 on the said Bill and order its re-commitment to the Joint Committee on Information and Justice.

2. Inhuman Treatment of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) Workers Arising from Non-payment of their Salary Arrears:

Hon. Dino Melaye:

The House:

Notes that the salaries and wages of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) workers have not been paid for 18 months;

Further notes that hundreds of Nigeria Telecommunications Limited (NITEL) workers have been sleeping on the streets of Abuja as a way of protesting the non-payment of their salary arrears;

Aware that the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Vice-President has given directive to the Bureau for Public Enterprises (BPE) that the 18 months arrears be paid;

Disturbed that the directive has been apparently ignored by the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE);

Further disturbed that the workers in quest for the demand for the payment of their salary arrears have exposed themselves to untold hardship by sleeping on the street, inspite of the prevailing harmattan weather;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Joint Committee on Privatization and Privatization, Communications and Labour, Employment and Productivity to investigate this matter and report to the House within 3 weeks

3. Calling on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Table before the National Assembly, a Proposal for Revenue Allocation from the Federation Account:

Hon. Leo Okuweh Ogor	Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila	Hon. Mohammed Ali Ndume
Hon. Abdul Ahmed Ningi	Hon. Agoro Lanre	Hon. Emmanuel Jime
Hon. Austin Nwachukwu	Hon. John Owan Enoch	Hon. Esemey Eyiboh
Hon. Independence Ogunewe	Hon. Igo Aguma	Hon. Gilbert Nnaji
Hon. Anthony Madwatte	Hon. Nnanna Uzor Kalu	Hon. Mohammed A. Maifata
Hon. Jumoke Okoya-Thomas	Hon. Emmanuel Deeyah	Hon. J. Joseph Ajatta
Hon. Bitrus B Kaze	Hon. Aliyu Dikko	Hon. Stanley Ohajuruka
Hon. Tam Brisibe	Hon. Herman Hembe	
Hon. Ibrahim Umar Ballah	Hon. Ekperikpe L. Ekpo	

The House;

Notes that Section 162 (2) of the 1999 Constitution empowers the President to upon receipt of advice from the Revenue Mobilisation Allocation and Fiscal Commission shall table before the National Assembly proposals for revenue allocation from the Federation Account;

Further notes that Part 1, paragraph 32 (b) of the Third Schedule to the 1999 Constitution allows for the review of existing revenue formula and principles in operation to ensure conformity with changing realities;

Aware that in consonance with Part 1 paragraph 32 (b) of the Third Schedule to the 1999 Constitution, the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission has presented advice to the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to table before the National Assembly, proposals for Revenue Allocation from the Federation Account in line with Section 162 (2) of 1999 Constitution;

Further aware that the existing revenue formula in use is the "Allocation of Revenue (Federation Account etc) Modification Order 2002"

Concerned that the existing Revenue Formula Modification Order 2002 has been modified twice without the input of the Parliament;

Worried that Mr President is yet to fulfil this Constitutional responsibility as stipulated by section 162 (2) of the 1999 Constitution;

Resolves to:

Call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to fulfil this Constitutional responsibility by tabling before the National Assembly the Revenue Allocation formula presented to him by Revenue Mobilisation Allocation, and Fiscal Commission in line with section 162 (2) of the 1999 Constitution.

4. Need for the immediate Relocation of the Post Amnesty Camp at Aluu; near the University of Port Harcourt to a more suitable Site:

Hon. Betty Apiafi:
The House

Notes that the Presidential Committee on Amnesty opened a Post-Amnesty Camp in Aluu, within the precincts of the University of Port Harcourt;

Aware that the University of Port Harcourt has for sometime been bedeviled by criminal activities due to the activities of secret cults which the University Community has only recently brought under control;

Further aware that the ex-militants are still undergoing the process of rehabilitation and reintegration;

Worried that it is not in the interest of the University Community at large to have the post Amnesty camp sited too close to the University;

Disturbed that on Monday, 16 November, 2009, it was alleged that some youth suspected to be ex-militants invaded the University Campus, raped female students, destroyed properties and disrupted the entire University Community;

Resolves to:

- (i) Commiserate with the victims, University Community and ensure that the victims are adequately compensated;
- (ii) Urge the Federal Government/Presidential Committee on Amnesty to as a matter of urgency Relocate the Aluu Rehabilitation Camp to a more secluded area;
- (iii) Further urge the Federal Government/Presidential Committee on Amnesty to ensure prompt payment of all entitlement(s) to the ex-militants as at when due.

5. Urgent Need to Reduce Vehicular Accidents on Lokoja - Abuja Road:

Hon. Umar Buba Jibril

Hon. J. J. Idachaba

Hon. Samuel B. Aro

Hon. A. K. Saliu

Hon. Dino D. Melaye

Hon. Lanre Agoro

Hon. Kokori Abdul:

The House:

Notes that Abuja - Lokoja Highway is a major and important road connecting the Northern part of the Federation, including Abuja, and the Southern States;

Further notes that the volume of traffic on the road is about the highest in the country;

Aware that due to the bad state of the road, ghastly vehicular accidents with heavy casualty figures are of daily occurrence on the road;

Further aware that the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) have declared Abuja-Lokoja road as the "Most Dangerous Road" in the federation and has done a lot in the evacuation of accident victims without recording any significant reduction in vehicular accidents on the road;

Worried that with the festive periods at hand, unless urgent steps are taken to reduce accidents on this road, more lives will be lost;

Further worried that dualization and rehabilitation of the road is on-going at a snail speed;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Safety Commission (FRSC) to draft more of its personnel on the road to check the activities of drivers and motorists;
- (ii) further urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to expedite action on the rehabilitation exercise;
- (iii) call on the Federal Ministry of Works to ensure speedy completion of the dualization and Rehabilitation works currently on-going and to sanction non-performing contractors handling the projects.

6. Treatment of snake bite as a National Emergency:

Hon. Adamu Gora Kalba

Hon. Agoro Lanre A.

Hon. Abubakar Abubakar

Hon. Mukhtar M. Ahmed

Hon. Bello Abubakar

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari

Hon. Almakura Moh'd A.

Hon. Atai Aidoko Ali

Hon. Muhammed Sani Abdu

Hon. Alaba Lad-Ojomo

Hon. Shu'aibu U. Galadima

Hon. Hassan A. Haruna

Hon. Labaran Y. Dambata

Hon. Shu'aibu H. Abdullahi

Hon. Mohammed A. Maifata

Hon. Terngu Tsegba

Hon. C. I. D. Maduabum

Hon. Suleiman A. Kawo

Hon. Tony Madwatte

Hon. Tata Omar

Hon. E. Bello

Hon. Jerry S. Manwe

Hon. Nasir A. G.

The House:

Aware of the plight of snake infected areas in the country;

Notes the high incident of snake bites in Kaltungo and Shongom Local Government Areas of Gombe State and high rate of death arising from it as a result of lack of anti-venom vaccines;

Concerned about the high cost of Vaccines for the treatment, which cost ₦30,000.00 per dose for four vials;

Further aware of the existing partnership between the Federal Ministry of Health and a United Kingdom (UK) company for the production of vaccines for Snake bites;

Recall that there were budgetary provisions in 2007, 2008 and 2009 Appropriation Acts for the purchase of vaccines for the endemic areas which were not done;

Worried that snake bites centers in the States have no stock of the vaccines;

Resolves to:

- (i) direct the Committee on Health to investigate the level of implementation of the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Appropriation of the Federal Ministry of Health as it concerns purchase and distribution of these vaccines and report to the House within two weeks;
- (ii) ascertain the existing or otherwise of the said partnership between the Federal Ministry of Health and the United Kingdom (UK) Company for the production of snake vaccines, especially carpet viper snake, and the present level of this collaboration; and
- (iii) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to declare treatments of snake bites a National Emergency.

BILL

7. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Maritime Security Agency to Promote Maritime Security and for Other Related Purposes, 2009 (HB. 312) — *Second Reading*.