



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Monday, 11 October, 1999

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1. Prayers
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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Ad-Hoc Committee on Protection of Lives and Properties in the North-East and North-West Zones of Nigeria:

Hon. Bello Mohammed:

That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-Hoc Committee* on Protection of lives and property in the North-East and North-West Zones of Nigeria.

ORDER OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. Menace of Queller Birds and Locusts in the North-East and North-West Zones of the Country

Hon. Suleiman Isyaku	Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu	Hon. Aziegbemi Anthony
Hon. Aminu Bello Masani	Hon. L. Amin	Hon. Abdullahi Matori
Hon. Emma Obi Anosike	Hon. Yakubu Salihu	Hon. Jibrin Babale
Hon. Abubakar G. S. Matazu	Hon. Faruk M. Lawan	Hon. Abubakar Sadiq
Hon. Lawal Y. Yankara	Hon. Adamu Degri	Yar'adua
Hon. Ahmed L. Lawan	Hon. Hassan Jonga	Hon. Alex Nwofe
Hon. Ibrahim Gayama		Hon. A. Geidam:

Abubakar

In view of the presence and movements of Queller Birds and Locusts in some parts of this country and their destructive attacks on Millet, Sorghum, Beans and other food and cash crops particularly in the North-East and North-West parts of the country, this Honourable House do:

 - (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to liaise with States Ministries of Agriculture as a matter of urgency and take immediate action with a view to combat them.
 - (ii) refer the matter to the House Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development for appropriate action.
2. Take-off Grants to the Local Government Councils created in 1996:

Hon. Joseph Aderemi Ajayi
Hon. Abraham Lanre Laoshe
Hon. Musa Elayo
Hon. Olusegun Ojo:

Whereas in 1996, the then Federal Military Government created a total number of 181 new Local Government Councils in all 36 States and in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

Whereas before the 1996 exercise, take-off grants were usually approved for the newly created Councils by the Federal Government, this was not the case during the 1996 exercise.

Whereas during and after the creation of these Local Government Councils, the State Governments were not prepared for such an exercise and therefore could not assist their Councils financially.

In view of the fact that these Local Government Councils were not able to take-off properly in terms of provision of necessary facilities and infrastructure, their Chairmen met recently and issued a communique requesting the Federal Government for take-off grants as it was done to their older Councils.

And in view of the non-availability of the required facilities and infrastructure in the affected Councils as a result of their present financial predicament, and in order to enable the Councils perform their constitutional roles, this House do:

- (i) request the Federal Government, as matter of urgency, to release funds (as take-off grants) to the 181 Local Government Councils created in 1996 on the basis of the criteria used in the previous similar exercises;
- (ii) refer the matter to the House Committees on States and Local Governments and Federal Capital Territory for necessary consideration and follow-up action.

3. Education Tax Fund: Non-Compliance with the Provision of the Education Tax (Amendment) Decree No.40 of 1998:

Hon. Abubakar G. S. Matazu

Hon. Bello Mohammed

Hon. Umaru Babangida

Hon. Clifford E. Hiagu

Hon. Ishaq Adekola Aliyu

Hon. Adamu Usman Degri

Hon. Shola Ojo

Hon. Zakari Malherbe

Hon. Ibrahim Abdullahi

Hon. Chukwemeka O. Nwajiuba

Hon. E. Oludi

Hon. Peter Jiya:

That in view of the non-compliance by the Education Tax Fund with the provisions of the Education Tax (Amendment) Decree No. 40 of 1998 in every material particular, this House do resolve to call on Mr President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to:

- (i) dissolve the existing Board of the Fund;
- (ii) reconstitute the Board strictly in compliance with the said Law.

COMMITTEES

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Monday, 11th October, 1999	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 H/R Wing, Assembly Complex
2.	Water Resources	Monday, 11th October, 1999	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 23 H/R Wing, Assembly Complex