



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 22 June, 1999

1. Prayers
2. Oaths
3. Announcements (*if any*)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. Protection of Lives and Property of the People of Umuleri, Aguleri, Onitsha and Environs:
Hon. Lynda Chuba Ikpeazu Hon. Okey Udeh Hon. Chukwudi Ofodile
Hon. Emma Obi Anosike Hon. Okwudili Uzoka Hon. Tony Anyanwu
Hon. Nze Chidi Duru Hon. Chukwuemeka Chikelu Hon. Bello Mohammed:
Hon. Jerry Sonny Ugokwe Hon. N. C. Ughanze

"In view of the fact that the Crisis in Umuleri, Aguleri, Onitsha and environs has led to loss of lives and property, total breakdown of law and order, economic and social instability in those areas; this House do urge the Federal Government as a matter of urgency to:

- (i) dispatch law enforcement agents to restore law and order in Aguleri, Umuleri, Onitsha and environs; and
- (ii) provide humanitarian aid to the victims.

2. Improving the Standard of Education Nation-Wide:
Hon. Moh'd Yahya Birnin-Kudu:

In view of the fact that primary education is the bedrock of qualitative education, and taking into consideration the lukewarm attitude of the highly placed civil servants towards public primary schools, termed ghetto schools, meant only for the children of the poor; this House do urge the Federal Government to:

- (i) revoke all licences for primary private schools;
- (ii) stop all private primary schools from operating; and
- (iii) release funds to the appropriate authority to renovate, up-date and equip all existing public primary schools with a view to improving the standard of education in the country.

MOTIONS

1. Inter-Parliamentary Organisations:
Hon. Mohammed Wakil (*House Leader*):

That in order to promote personal contact between members of Parliaments/National Assemblies the world over, and in order to foster and enhance international peace and cooperation through such contacts, this House do resolve:

- (i) that the House renew its membership of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and Union of African Parliament (U.A.P.);
- (ii) that the House do pledge its support and cooperation for the needs of these organisations; and
- (iii) that the House accept to subscribe to all necessary dues/fees as may be applicable from time to time.

2. **Warri Crisis:****Hon. Lar R. Victor****Hon. Abdulkadir Usman:**

"Whereas an *Ad-hoc* Committee has been constituted on the Warri Crisis, it is therefore now expedient that the House be more sensitive and responsive to the plights of the citizens of that area by making individual/personal contributions to the victims as a mark of the House concern for humanity".

3. **Restoration of Peace, Law and Order in Kafanchan:****Hon. Ado Dogo Audu****Hon. Ibrahim Abdullahi****Hon. Adams Jagaba****Hon. Mohammed Hussaini Likoro****Hon. Bala B. Kaoje****Hon. Binta Garba Koji****Hon. Isa C. Song****Hon. Florence D. Aya****Hon. Jonathan Asake:**

"That in view of the fact that the recent chieftaincy and tribal crisis in Kafanchan has led to immense loss of lives and property, total break down of law and order, economic and social instability in the area; this House do urge the Federal Government to:

(i) as a matter of urgency ensure the placement of a quick intervention force at Kafanchan and such trouble spot areas nationwide.

(ii) provide humanitarian aid to the affected victims, and

(iii) find a lasting solution to the crisis.

4. **Rehabilitation and Dualisation of Owerri-Mbaise-Umuahia Federal Road:****Hon. Tony Anyanwu****Hon. Sulaiman Ishaku****Hon. Bala Kaoje:**

"That in view of the fact that the Owerri-Mbaise-Umuahia Federal road directly links two State capitals and in view of the fact that this road has become un-motorable as a result of neglect; this House:

(i) do urge the Federal Government that the roads be rehabilitated and made motorable; and

(ii) a message be conveyed to the relevant authority, Ministry, Agency concerned to rehabilitate and dualise the Owerri-Mbaise-Umuahia Federal road.

5. **Recall of Suspended/Rusticated Student Union Leaders of Obafemi Awolowo University, Ife in the interest of Peace, Justice and Democracy:****Hon. Wunmi Bewaji****Hon. Ahmad Lawan****Hon. Jerry Sonny Ugokwe****Hon. Dorcas I. Odujinrin****Hon. Bello Mohammed****Hon. C. E. Ohiagu:**

"That in view of the fact that the prolonged crisis between the Students Body and the authorities of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, consequent upon the peaceful demonstration of OAU Students on December 16, 1996, predicated upon the hanging by Abacha Junta of the late environmental rights activist Ken Saro Wiwa and his 8 other Ogoni kinsmen leading to the indefinite suspension/rustication of (1) Anthony Fasayo (2) Musa Oshodi (3) Kunle Ajiginni (4) Oluwale Babalola (5) Seni Ajayi (6) Isola Laguda (7) Adekile Kuyoro (8) Wale Ajayi (9) Charles Amodu (10) Olamide Olatunji and 11 other Student leaders WHEREFORE the University has been witnessing unabated students unrest and incessant close downs, this House do constitute a Committee to intervene in the matter of the suspended/rusticated students as a matter of urgency and make recommendations to this House on such Order, Orders, actions or decisions as may be deemed necessary for the House to make or take in the circumstances.

6. **Historical Importance of and Deficiencies in the National Assembly Complex:****Hon. Abraham Lanre Laoshe****Hon. Jerry Sonny Ugokwe:**

That in view of the fact that:

(i) the National Assembly Complex has acquired and sought to acquire the status of a national monument as it is the case in other nations;

(ii) the facilities are deficient and unsuitable for parliamentary work even when compared with those of some States within Nigeria;

(iii) a lot of press reports have been published condemning the deficiencies;

(iv) the former military head of state publicly condemned the deficiencies;

(v) enormous amount of funds belonging to the Nigerian people were committed to the project,

It is hereby moved that this honourable House in exercise of her powers of investigation and oversight as contained in Section 88(1)(b) and 2(b), and Section 89 of the Constitution do:

- (i) direct that a hearing on the matter be conducted by the committee on Works and Housing, which has jurisdiction on all public buildings including the National Assembly, once it is set up;
- (ii) fix a date for the commencement of the hearing;
- (iii) invite officials of the Federal Capital Development Authority, the architects, contractors and other parties involved in the design and execution of the project to give evidence and tender documents as stipulated in Section 89 of the Constitution;
- (iv) consider any remedial measures that can be taken now that the contractors are still on site thus making measures relatively easier and cheaper than later in the future; and such
- (v) consider enacting a law requiring that all public buildings must be designed and built to satisfy wholly and fully the use to which they will be put.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Debate on the Address of the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Sixth Allotted Day*). (*Adjourned Debate 18 June, 1999*).