



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 26 August, 1999

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

MOTIONS

1. **Desertification Control and Management in Nigeria (HM. 38):**
In view of the grave ecological and environmental problems caused by desertification in Nigeria, and the concomitant socio-economic consequences, this House do urge the Federal government to:
 - (i) Positively review and strengthen political and financial commitment towards combating desertification in the country;
 - (ii) carry out a comprehensive survey to determine the extent of desertified and desert prone areas and implement preventive measures for areas that are not yet degraded;
 - (iii) support viable afforestation and reforestation programmes in desertified areas;
 - (iv) encourage the development of affordable alternatives to fuel wood;
 - (v) promote environment — friendly and sustainable agricultural and pastoral practices;
 - (vi) encourage and strengthen state institutions, and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) involved in desertification control and management programmes;
 - (vii) promote environmental education, dissemination of information and public awareness so as to create an environmentally informed and enlightened citizenry;
 - (viii) engage in international co-operation and partnership arrangements in the control and management of desertification;
 - (ix) establish and fund, "Nigeria Arid Zone Development Authority" (NAZDA) to implement (i) — (viii) above
 - (x) direct the Committee on Environment to study the situation with a view to recommending further measures for combating the phenomenon of desertification in Nigeria.

Amendments Proposed:

Hon. Jerry Sonny Ugokwe:

- (i) In paragraph (ii), immediately after the word "desertification", to *insert* as follows, "desert, gully and erosion".
- (ii) in paragraph (iii), immediately after the word "desertified", to *insert* the words "and erosion prone".
- (iii) in paragraph (ix) immediately after the word "Arid" to *insert* the words "and Erosion".

- (iv) in paragraph (ix), to *leave out* the abbreviation "NAZDA" and to *insert*, NAEDA", instead thereof.
- (v) in paragraph (x) immediately after the word "desertification", to *insert* the word, "erosion".
- (vi) to amend the title of the motion to read "Desertification, Gully and Erosion Control and Management in Nigeria".

2. **Proposed Amendments to the Rules of the House (HM. 42):**

Hon. Mohammed Wakil (Leader of the House):

That this House do resolve, that the Standing Rules of the House be amended as follows:

1. Increase the Membership of the Standing Committees from between 15 to 30 to 15-40
2. Increase the Membership of the Special Committees from between 15-30 to 15-35
3. That Section 93 (32) of the House Rules "Committee on Drugs and Narcotics" shall now read, "Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes"

Its jurisdiction shall include:

- (i) Financial Crimes such as Money Laundering and Advance Fee Fraud;
- (ii) Monitoring of Government Departments and Agencies involved in Financial Crimes Control.

4. That the House do create Seven (7) additional Committees as follows:

4.1 *Committee on Governmental Affairs:*

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Governmental Affairs consisting of between 15 to 40 Members appointed at the commencement of the life of the House.

The Committee's jurisdiction shall be cover:

- (a) All matters relating to the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation;
- (b) Annual Budget Estimates.

4.2 *Committee for Special Duties:*

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee for Special Duties consisting of between 15 to 40 Members appointed at the commencement of the life of the House.

The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:

- (a) All matters relating to the Presidency;
- (b) Perform functions and undertake assignments as directed by the Speaker of the House;
- (c) Annual Budget Estimates.

4.3 *Committee on Niger Delta:*

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Niger Delta consisting of between 15 to 40 Members.

The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:

- (a) All matters relating to Niger Delta Commission/OMPADEC whichever is applicable;
- (b) Annual Budget Estimates.

4.4 *Committee on Special Projects:*

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Special Projects, consisting of between 15 to 40 Members.

The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:

- (a) All Special Projects such as the Petroleum Trust Fund;
- (b) Annual Budget Estimates.

4.5 *Committee on Poverty Alleviation:*

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Poverty Alleviation consisting of between 15 to 40 Members.

The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:

- (a) All matters relating to poverty alleviation programmes and bodies not covered by the Committee on Women Affairs;
- (b) Annual Budget.

4.6 *Committee on Federal Character:*

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Federal Character consisting of between 15 to 40 Members.

The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:

- (a) All matters relating to the Federal Character Commission;
- (b) To receive and treat complaints on non compliance with Federal Character arrangement;
- (c) Annual Budget Estimates.

4.7 *Committee on Co-operation and Integration of Africa:*

There shall be a Committee to be known as Committee on Co-operation and Integration of Africa consisting of between 15 to 40 Members.

The Committee's jurisdiction shall cover:

- (a) All matters relating to the Ministry and Department dealing with the Co-operation and Integration of Africa.
- (b) Annual Budget Estimates.

3. **Flood Disaster in Dass Local Government Area of Bauchi State (HM. 43):**

Hon. Dauda Garba Bundot

Hon. Dikko Samuila Moh'd

Hon. Samuel Azamu Egya

Hon. Victor Lar

Hon. Tony Anyanwu:

In view of the recent flood disaster in some parts of Dass Local Government Area of Bauchi State, resulting in the collapse of Kamal I Bridge of T/Balewa-Dawaki Federal Highway, destruction of farmlands and crops worth ₦10m, damage of Feeder Roads, etc. This House do urge the Federal Government to:

- (i) direct the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing to re-construct the collapsed bridge;
- (ii) direct the Federal Ministries of Environment, Agriculture and Water Resources and appropriate House Committee to take immediate action on the matter;
- (iii) find a lasting solution to the cause of the flood in the area; and
- (iv) send relief materials to the victims.

COMMITTEES

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 26 August, 1999	4.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 H/R Wing, Assembly Complex
2.	Police Affairs	Thursday, 26 August, 1999	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 14 H/R Wing, Assembly Complex
3.	Transport	Thursday, 26 August, 1999	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 07 H/R Wing, Assembly Complex
4.	Ethics and Privileges	Thursday, 26 August, 1999	3.00 p.m.	Hearing Room 01 H/R Wing, Assembly Complex
5.	Ethics and Privileges, National Security and Intelligence, Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters (<i>Joint Meeting</i>)	Thursday, 26 August, 1999	1.30 p.m.	Hearing Room 01 H/R Wing, Assembly Complex

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION MEETINGS

Thursday, 26 August, 1999

(i)	Ministry of Sports and Soc. Dev. House Committee on Sports and Social Development	}	11.00-12 Noon	Committee Room 16 H/R Wing
(ii)	Ministry of Labour, Employment and Productivity House Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity	}	12 Noon-1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 16 H/R Wing
(iii)	Ministry of Health House Committee on Health	}	1.00-2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 16 H/R Wing
(iv)	Judiciary House Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters	}	3.00-4.00 p.m.	Committee Room 16 H/R Wing
(v)	Ministry of Industries House Committee on Industries	}	4.00-5.00 p.m.	Committee Room 16 H/R Wing