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(6th Jumada Ula, 1442 A.H.)

(Mr. Speaker in the Chair)

House met at 10.41 a.m.

PRAYERS

ROLL CALL

The following Hon. Members were present during the sitting:

1. Hon. Zubairu Hamza Massu
2. Hon. Labaran Abdul Madari
3. Hon. Abdullahi Iliyasu Yaryasa
4. Hon. Ayuba Labaran Durum
5. Hon. Hayatu Musa D/Sallau
6. Rt. Hon. Isyaku Ali Danja
7. Hon. Garba Shehu Fammar
8. Hon. Garba Ya'u Gwarmai
9. Hon. Sale Ahmad Marke
10. Hon. Salisu Ibrahim Muhammad
11. Hon. Nuhu Abdullahi Achika
12. Hon. Abba Ibrahim Garko
13. Hon. Mudassir Ibrahim
14. Hon. Ali Ibrahim Isa Shanono
15. Hon. Murtala Musa Kore
16. Hon. Abubakar Danladi Isa Kademi
17. Hon. Kabiru Yusuf Isma'il
18. Hon. Pharm. Dahiru Magaji Zarewa
19. Hon. Nuradeen Alhassan Ahmad
20. Hon. Muhammad Bello Butu-Butu
21. Hon. Umar Musa Gama
22. Hon. Lawan Rabi'u
23. Hon. Salisu Maje A. Gwangwazo
24. Hon. Lawan Husaini C/'Yangurasa
25. Hon. Yunusa Haruna Kayyu
26. Hon. Salisu Da'zumi Muhammad
27. Hon. Aminu Sa'adu Ungogo
28. Hon. Lawan Shehu Bichi
29. Hon. Yusuf Babangida Sulaiman
30. Hon. Nasiru Abdullahi D/Amare
31. Hon. Muhammad Uba Gurjiya
32. Hon. Tukur Muhammad Gurjiya

ANNOUNCEMENT

TURBANING CEREMONY

Mr. Speaker: The entire Hon. Members and Staff of this Hon. House are cordially invited to attend the Turbaning Ceremony of Alhaji Usman Alhaji, as Wazirin Gaya, scheduled to take place on Saturday, 26th December, 2020 at Gaya Emir's Palace by 10.30 a.m.

WEDDING FATIHA

Hon. Members, His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Kano State, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, invites the entire Hon. Members, staff and the general public to the Wedding Fatiha of the Daughter of Alhaji Bala Muhammad Gwagwarwa (Former APC National Treasurer), on Friday, 25th December, 2020 by 2.00 p.m. at T/Wada Juma'at Mosque. While the second one is that of the Daughter of Alhaji Abdu Usman, on Friday, 25th December, 2020, at B.U.K. Central Mosque, by 2.00 p.m.

Similarly, the Secretary of the House Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Ya'u Yahaya Sharada, wishes to invite the entire Hon. Members and Staff of this Hon. House to the Wedding Fatiha of his Daughter Saudat Ya'u Yahaya, on Saturday, 26th December, 2020 by 12.00 p.m. at Kwanar Sharada Phase I, near M.C. Plastics.

CONDOLENCE

On behalf of the entire Hon. Members and staff of this Hon. House, I would like to condole with our Colleague, Hon. Sunusi Usman Bataiya, member representing Albasu Constituency, over the death of his junior brother at Bataiya town, Albasu Local Government Area.

May his soul rest in peace and for family the fortitude to bear the loss.

APPROVAL OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Hon. Members, next on the Order Paper is Approval of Votes and Proceedings of yesterday Monday, 21st December, 2020 (6th Jumada Ula, 1442 A.H.). You may wish to go through for corrections or observations, if any. *(Pause)*

Hon. Members, is there any correction or observation? *(Silence)*

In the absence of any observation or correction, I will now call on the Majority Leader to move for adoption.

Yes! Hon. Majority Leader.

Labaran Abdul Madari (Majority Leader/Warawa): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to move that this Hon. House do now approve and adopt the Votes and Proceedings of Monday, 21st December, 2020 (6th Jumada Ula, 1442 A.H.), without any amendment. I beg to move.

Sale Ahmed Marke (D/Tofa): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to second.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: *That the House has approved and adopted the Votes and Proceedings of Monday, 22nd December, 2020 (6th Jumada Ula, 1442 A.H.), as presented.*

REPORT PRESENTATION REPORT OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION IN RESPECT OF KANO STATE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2020 (1442 A.H.)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, next is a report presentation by the Chairman House Standing Committee on Appropriation.

Yes! Mr. Chairman.

Abba Ibrahim (Garko): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to move that this Hon. House do allow me present a report on

the Kano State Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2020 (1442 A.H.), I beg to move.

Nuhu Abdullahi Achika (Wudil): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to second.

Questions proposed.

Abba Ibrahim: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, before we proceed, there was a mistake from the Ministry of Budget and Planning, in the proposed 2021 budget estimate, where they captured 4 Billion Naira instead of 20 Billion Naira, in respect of a loan that this Hon. House has already approved for the Executive Arm to acquire from the Central Bank of Nigeria.

Therefore, I want to draw the attention of this Hon. House to give approval so that the budget size of 2021 Appropriation Bill would read as N177,936,730,540.00, instead of N161,936,730,540. I hope this Hon. will consider and approve the inclusion of the amount omitted.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Chairman Appropriation Committee, you mix two issues at the same time, let us finish with the report first, then you can bring another request for consideration.

Thereupon, the Chairman Committee on Appropriation proceeded and presented the report accordingly.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, you have heard all from the Chairman Appropriation Committee on the report of 2021 Appropriation Bill.

Are there contributions, questions or observations?

Yes! Rt. Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Zubairu Hamza Massu (Deputy Speaker/Sumaila): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to give my contribution on this Supplementary Appropriation Bill, forwarded to this Hon. House by the State Government. Of course, it is a constitutional right given to this Hon. House to approve the State and Local Governments appropriation.

It became necessary to the Executive Arms of Government to forward the request of any decrease or increase in the budget size to the Hon. House for perusal and further approval or otherwise, for the benefit of our citizens.

If we look thoroughly, the House Standing Committee on Appropriation has conducted a well done job and the Executive Arm of Government has done a good observation. Priority is always given to the Budget, which is why International Organization set up a standard use in measuring the quality of Government programs. That is why Government prepares and forwarded this supplementary Budget to Hon. House for approval.

Another interested thing in this supplementary Budget is that, both the metropolitan and other Local Governments Areas will benefit from a lot of things such as roads projects as mentioned in this report. Interestingly, only less than 24% will be spent on recurrent expenditure, but about 76% will be spent on capital expenditure.

With this, I am calling on this Hon. House to consider and approve this supplementary Budget to enable the Executive Arm to continue with its programs.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, does the House agree with this report?

Several Hon. Members: *Ayes!*

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: *That the House has unanimously approved the report and adopted the recommendations of the House Committee on Appropriation in respect of Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2020 (1442 A.H.)*

REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF OMITTED AMOUNT IN THE 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET ESTIMATE

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, now I will call on the Chairman House Standing Committee on Appropriation to present his request on the correction detected in the 2021 Proposed Budget Estimate. Yes! Hon. Garko.

Abba Ibrahim Garko: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to inform this Hon. House that, there was a slight mistake in the year 2021 Appropriation Bill, made by the Ministry responsible for preparing the budget proposal, which is Ministry of Budget and Planning.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, if we may recall, on the 31st November, 2020 this Hon. House gave approval for the State Government to acquire a loan of N20 billion, which was a replacement of the earlier approval given to the State Government to get the loan of N50 billion.

One of the major conditions in getting the loan is that, the State Government must reflect the funds in the year 2021 Budget. Unfortunately, the Ministry of Budget only reflected N4 billion, instead of N20 billion, so if this Hon. House did not make the necessary amendments in the 2021 Budget proposal, the State Government will not be able to get the loan.

That is why I see it pertinent to draw the attention of the Hon. House on this very important issue, to make all the necessary corrections before passing the budget, because if this was done it will allow the State Government to get the loan so that it will continue executing projects across the State and help in curtailing the menace of inadequate teachers in our schools, so as to tackle the problem of examination failure facing by our students in the State.

The total budget sum before, was N161,936,730,540.00, and if the Hon House approves the amendment it will be N177,936,730,540.00

With this, I hope the Hon. House will agree with this correction so as to allow the State Government to get the loan in order to continue executing projects for the people.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, we have heard, the request for this amendment made by the Chairman House standing Committee on Appropriation. It happens that there was an oversight from the Ministry of Budget with regards to the 2021 Budget proposals, where they did not reflect the exact N20 billion loan approved to the State government by this Hon. House. Because they did not expect to get the money in time. And now that the loan was acquired, there is the need to reflect it in the Budget size.

Yes Hon. T/Wada what is your contribution on this issue?

Abdullahi Iiyasu Yaryasa (Deputy Majority Leader/T/wada): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to shed more light with regards to the request made by the Chairman Appropriation Committee.

First, the 2021 Budget proposals is still with this Hon. House, we did not pass it yet and it

is our duty as representatives of the people to go through the budget proposal and amend wherever the need arises, which we are still in the process.

For example, in the Committee of Agriculture which I happen to be the Chairman, there was money amounting to N3 billion received from International Donor Organisations which was not captured in the Budget size, but we brought the issue to this Hon. House and it was accepted and inserted in the Budget.

So to my understanding, we are representing the interest of our people, wherever we think we can get funds to work for our people we are welcoming it.

With this, I would like to call on the Hon. Members to look into this issue and allow for the correction of the year 2021 Budget proposal, since it is not yet passed.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, any contribution?

Yes! Hon. Rimin Gado/Tofa.

Muhammadu Bello Butu-Butu (R/Gado/Tofa): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, the request laid before the House by the Chairman Appropriation Committee is a very good gesture, and I am in support of what the Deputy Majority Leader has said.

I can recall during the Budget defense, there were some areas that we at the Committee level believed they need additional funds in their codes due to some vital reasons, but we could not do it because we do not want the budget title to be change from "*Budget of reality*" to something else.

There is also another vital issue mentioned by the Chairman Appropriation Committee, which is the Education, and the shortage of teachers face by the sector. Although he did not mention what was reserved for education in his presentation, I hope when we go into the Committee of the Whole House, we will look into it.

So, I am in support of this amendment and I would like to call on my Hon. Colleagues to look into the issue of employing teachers and set a substantive amount to be used in recruiting the teachers.

Sincerely speaking, anybody who is dealing with the present system of education knows that, if we continue running the system as it is presently with inadequate teachers, our children would never have qualitative education.

With this, I would like to inform the House that I am in full support of this motion and I want to advise us that, we should set a specific amount to be used for employing additional teachers across the state.

Mr. Speaker: Yes! Hon. Ungogo, the floor is yours.

Aminu Sa'adu Ungogo: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my contribution as an observation on this matter. As contributed by my fellow Hon. Colleagues, the loan has been approved by the Hon. House, but due to some reasons the exact sum was not captured in the proposed estimate presented. As it has been detected while the budget is before the House for passage, there is need for amendment.

Henceforth, based on the experiences gain during the bilateral discussions held with MDAs at Sub-Committee level, I would like to call on the Hon. House to draw the

attention of the Executive Arms, especially Ministry of Budget and Planning, that the process of Budget preparation/formulation and every other submission from various MDAs should be treated objectively.

As stated by the Deputy Majority Leader, these mistakes are so rampant, in some extent we can assume that the budget preparation exercise was just like a copy and paste from the previous year's budgets.

At times there are some vital issues that were not captured, if not the budget has to be presented before the House for scrutiny and passage, the blunders will go beyond imagination.

I am calling on the House to urge/warn the Ministry of Budget and Planning to adhere and scrutinize all the budgetary preparation submissions made by MDAs to make sure they appear in the budget proposal presented to the House by the Governor.

For instance, apart from the incidence encountered from the Ministry of Agriculture, same happened with the Ministry of Education. In the sub-Committee we found that where more than two billion is needed, but only the sum of 24 million was earmarked, for the feeding of school children. How can this amount be sufficient for feeding the entire students in Kano State? It cannot even be enough for a full month talk less of the whole year.

Such kind of erroneous acts by the Ministry should be seriously discouraged and it is uncalled for. It should adhere to its main objectives of the budgetary exercise which if done properly and objectively everything will go smoothly, and vice-versa.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, we are very grateful and we calling on the Ministry of Budget and Planning as well as every other

Ministries to adhere to the rules and regulations governing the Civil Service in discharging their duties. That is the idea as enshrined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; we are 40 in number as representatives from our various constituencies. During this process of bilateral discussions on the proposed budget estimates presented to the House, it is duly shared among the sub-committees for scrutiny and detects such kinds of shortcomings.

Does the House agree with the amendment proposed?

Several Hon. Members: *Ayes!*

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: *That the House has approved the insertion of additional 16 Billion Naira into the 2021 Proposed Budget Estimate already presented to House.*

MOTION

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Umar Musa Gama (Nassarawa): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to move that the House call on the State Government to construct a road from ‘Yan Tsire – ‘Yan Kifi – Asibitin Kaya (Unguar Takari), all in Nassarawa Local Government Area. I beg to move.

Pharm. Magaji Dahiru Zarewa (Rogo): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to second.

Question proposed.

Umar Musa Gama: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, this is an important road which is always busy with people who are undertaking their various activities including businesses.

In addition, there is an important hospital which was established by Hon. Idris Jollop, the former Hon. Member representing Nassarawa Constituency in the Federal House of Representatives. This Hospital contributes a relevant role to the community closer and far, even those from R/Kebe, under Ungogo Local Government Area do patronize the facility to receive medical treatment.

Observation!

Sale Ahmed Marke: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, the presenter has move for a road construction but has deviated from the content of the motion already moved; he ended up complimenting the health facility built. Let him be specific.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, he is trying to link between the two that is the relevance of the road in accessing health delivery service.

Hon. Nassarawa you can go ahead.

Umar Musa Gama: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am trying to bring out the importance of the hospital which was fully provided with equipments and manpower by State Government.

I am appealing to the House to call on the State Government to construct this road in order to ease the hardship facing by the community in accessing this hospital.

Zubairu Hamza Massu: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to support the motion presented by Hon. Nassarawa. This road that started from ‘Yan Tsire - ‘Yan Kifi, is very much relevant, if constructed will bound to create a cordial relationship and enhance a mutual

understanding between the two socio-economic communities.

Does the House agree with the motion presented?

Several Hon. Members: *Ayes!*

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: *That the House call on the State Government to construct a road from 'Yan Tsire-'Yan Kifi-Asibitin Kaya (Unguwar Takari), all in Nassarawa Local Government Area.*

MOTION

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, next is a Motion to be presented by Rt. Hon. Isyaku Ali Danja, the Minority Leader and member representing Gezawa Constituency.

Isyaku Ali Danja (Minority Leader /Gezawa): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to seek the permission of this Hon. House to allow me present a motion that this Hon. House call on the State Government to construct a road from Jogana – Matallawa – Daraudau – Caro- Garke – Danbal – Zango, all in Gezawa Local Government Area. I beg to move.

Garba Shehu Fammar (Minority Whip/Kibiya): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to second.

Question put and agreed to.

Isyaku Ali Danja: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to shade light on this motion. We all know the importance of road that is why we are presenting motions before this Hon. House on roads construction, which is one of the basic social amenities of our daily routine, like Markets, Schools, Hospitals and Farms.

In view of that, the people of the area tabled the problem they are facing to me in order to be forwarded to the Government. That is why I stand before this Hon. House to present this motion for the House to call on the State Government to construct this important road which passes through three Wards. I beg to move.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, any contribution? *(Pause)*

Does the House agree with the motion?

Several Hon. Members: *Ayes!*

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: *That the House call on the State Government to construct a road from Jogana – Matallawa – Daraudau – Caro-Garke – Danbal – Zango, all in Gezawa Local Government Area.*

MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

CALLING FOR THE RESUMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT AT MALAM AMINU KANO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Yusuf Babangida Sulaiman (Gwale): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to move that this Hon. House as a matter of urgency, call on the State Government to further call on the Federal Government to reopen Malam Aminu Kano International Airport. I beg to move.

Labaran Abdul Madari: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to second.

Question put and agreed to.

Yusuf Babangida Sulaiman: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to shade light on this motion. We are all aware that, in March, 2020, all International Airports were closed due to the Pandemic, but later in September, 2020, Abuja and Lagos International Airports were reopened while Malam Aminu Kano International Airport still remained closed and it is one of the biggest Airports in Nigeria, which contributes a lot to economy more especially in the northern part.

As we are aware, Kano is the Centre of Commerce, what we are facing right now if you are traveling abroad whether from Kano, Katsina or any other northern States, you have to go to Abuja or Lagos to board a flight, and it is another expenses. If you board a flight from Kano – Abuja, it is almost N100,000, and if it is a return ticket it will be about N200,000, so if you includes accommodation, it will be about N300,000 additional expenses.

This international air traveling is very important especially for students who are going back to their schools, while others are going for a medical check-up and a lot of other things. That is why I am calling on this Hon. House to call on the State Government and the State Government to further call on the Federal Government to reopen Malam Aminu Kano International Airport as it opened Lagos and Abuja Airports. Thank you.

Zubairu Hamza Massu: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to support this motion and shade light. We all know Kano is the Centre of Commerce and the fist airport in Nigeria was established here in Kano, if this International Airport is reopened, it will boost the economy of Kano State and Nigeria at large.

If President of a foreign country like United States of America, England and China visits Kano, the people of the state will benefit a lot. That is why we should agree with this motion presented by Hon. Member representing Gwale Constituency. Thank you.

Garba Yau Gwarmai (Kunchi/Tsanyawa): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to commend the effort of Hon. Gwale, for moving this motion of Urgent Public Importance. As we know, Covid-19 Pandemic has started in the world where almost all the Airports were closed.

However, after its diminishing, some of our Airports like Lagos and Abuja have been re-open for normal activities, i.e. Domestic and International air transportation. Even though those of Kano, Portharcourt and Enugu were also re-open later, but up to now we do not know why they have not commence their International operation, the wings are still closed.

International travelers from Kano must go to Abuja or Lagos before boarding a flight to abroad. With the current situation of insecurity and dilapidated nature of our highways, it takes at least 8 hours before reach to Abuja by road. Therefore if a person is seriously sick and wants to go abroad for treatment, he may die on the road before he reaches Abuja to board a flight.

As we are aware, Kano is the most populous state in the country and it is the Centre of Commerce, we need the Federal Government to do justice for us and re-open Malam Aminu Kano International Airport for International flights.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, Malam Aminu Kano Airport has two wings, Domestic and International, so we are only talking about the International Wing, because the Domestic is functioning. Yes! Hon. Dambatta.

Murtala Musa Kore (Dambatta): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, this is very important motion not only to Kano State but the whole people of Nigeria in general, especially the northern part. Because Kano State is the Centre of Commerce and most of our neighbouring countries are using this Airport to transport their goods to their respective countries like Niger, Chad and Central Africa.

Sincerely, this Covid-19 Pandemic has greatly affected our economy; therefore we are calling on the State Government to call on the Federal Government to re-open the Airport for full operation

If we remember, prominent International Planes from various part of the world used coming to Kano, like QATAR, KLM, EMIRATES, etc. But now if you go to Malam Aminu Kano International Airport you will see that every where is dry, only the Domestic Wing is functioning.

As many Hon. Members have contributed, from Kano to Abuja by road is so risk and taking much time, also even after you arrived you will discover that the Airport is too congested, you have to join a long queue and waste so much time before boarding a flight.

Some travelers are patients who want to go for medical check-up, while some are our businessmen want to go for their business activities to order so many important goods we are using in the whole West Africa. Even if it is re-open, we need more big planes

from various part of the world to be added among those that are previously coming to Kano, so that they will also come to the state.

Aminu Sa'adu (Ungogo): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to contribute on this motion of Urgent Public Importance, which Hon. Gwale presented, and so many Hon. Members have contributed. But I want to contribute especially on the importance of security and the situation we are now, as insecurity that really disturb us here in the North, almost all our highways are attacked by gunmen kidnapping our people to the bush and their target are responsible people and businessmen.

So as a result of this critical condition of insecurity and fear, that is why we are calling on the Federal Government through the State Government to re-open the International Wing of Aminu Kano International Airport, to ease the transportation of our people from Kano to Abuja, or various parts of the world.

Secondly, if we look at the economic comparative of advantage, the whole part of Northern Nigeria is at lost. From September up to now, you will see that one part has taken the advantage of what supposed to come to us, or the earnings to boost our economy is not coming to us, rather going to that part which has the advantage.

We are blocked and always our level of poverty is becoming higher in the Northern Nigeria. Therefore, we are calling on the State Government to call on the Federal Government to re-open Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport to its standard position, so the International Wing will start functioning again.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, does the House agree with this motion?

Several Hon. Members: *Ayes!*

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: *That the House call on the State Government to further call on the Federal Government to re-open Mallam Aminu Kano International Airport for International Flight.*

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, I will now call on the Majority Leader to move for adoption.

Labaran Abdul Madari: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand to move that this

Hon. House do now adjourn its sitting to tomorrow Wednesday, 23rd December, 2020 (8th Jumadah Ula, 1442 A.H.). I beg to move.

Ali Ibrahim Isa Shanono (Bagwai/Shanono): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to second.
Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: *That the House stand adjourn till tomorrow Wednesday, 23rd December, 2020 (9th Jumada Ula, 1442 A.H.) at 10.00 a.m. The House adjourned accordingly with prayers at 11:15 a.m. and to reconvene tomorrow Wednesday, 23rd December, 2020 (9st Jumada Ula, 1442A.H) by 10:00 a.m.*