



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 19 July, 2018

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Emergency Powers Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2018 (HB.1532) (*Hon. Sergius O. Ogun*) – *First Reading*.
 2. Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB .1533) (*Hon. Sergius O. Ogun*) – *First Reading*.
 3. Government Performance and Results (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. .1534) (*Hon. Sergius O. Ogun*) – *First Reading*.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

Consolidation of Bills:

1. (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, Cap. F 19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Introduce Stiffer Penalties for Traffic Offences; and for Related Matters (HB. 1483) (*Hon. Babatunde Gabriel Kolawole*).

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- (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, 2007 to Ensure the Safe Commercial Transportation of Glass Bottled Drinks on Roads and Highways; and for Related Matters (HB. 1450) (*Hon. Olufemi Fakeye*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Offer Legal Protection to People who give Reasonable Assistance and Medical Services or Aid to an ill, Injured or Unconscious Person at the immediate scene of an Accident or Emergency that has caused the Illness, Injury or Unconsciousness; and for Related Matters (*Hon. Abubakar Amuda-Kannike G*) (HB. 601) – *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Gwoza, Borno State to Provide for Equity and Access to Tertiary Education in the Country, make Comprehensive Provision for its due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1429) (*Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir*) – *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University, Omoku and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1458) (*Hon. Uchechuku G. Nnam-Obi*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

5. **Need to investigate the concession of the National Carrier:**
Hon. Dennis Agbo

The House:

Notes that the absence of a national airline in Nigeria has resulted in huge loss of revenue and capital flight from Nigeria whose flying population constitutes the largest air traffic in Africa;

Also notes the recent attempt to revive the national carrier by the Minister of State for Aviation, Hon. Haidi Sirika who has obtained a conditional Certificate of Compliance along with the Outline Business Case (OBC) from Infrastructure Concession and Regulatory Commission (ICRC);

Concerned that as a result of the questionable manner the process was carried out, the arrangement might fail again and bring the nation avoidable losses and embarrassment;

Aware that while the Infrastructure Concession and Regulatory Commission (ICRC), in the conditional Certificate, stated that the process should be at zero investment and zero management interference by government, the Federal Ministry of Transportation of has already indicated an initial requirement of \$8.8 million and another \$300 million for purchase of aircrafts by December 2018, all of which are not included in the budget of 2018 and has equally gone ahead to organize a road show scheduled for today in London;

Concerned that the Ministry has proceeded with the process in such curious, hastened and in complete disregard of the pre-conditions in the Outline Business Case (OBC) by the Infrastructure Concession and Regulatory Commission (ICRC) charged with ensuring the integrity and favourable outcome of any concession of national assets;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the process of concession of the national carrier, and ensure the selection of a credible and capable core investor, with a view to avoiding any failure, losses or embarrassment to the nation, and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

6. Urgent Need to Investigate Over 50 Billion Dollars (8 Trillion Naira) Loss in Gold Tax Revenue and Illegal Mining in the Last 5 years:
Hon. Ehiozuwa Johnson Agbonayinma:

The House:

Notes the need to diversify from reliance on crude oil to alternative sources of revenue to cushion the effects of the nation's dwindling oil revenue;

Also notes that the mining sector is a key driver in National Economic Development as Nigeria has the fourth largest reserve of bitumen in the world and the second largest Iron ore deposits in Africa, as well as abundant coal resources;

Concerned that the Mining industry in Nigeria is under-utilized, leading to importation of minerals that could produce domestically;

Also concerned that from reports in 2016 by Signal One International (SOI), a privately owned United States Company, Nigeria has lost over \$50 billion in gold revenue tax over the last 2 years as a result of illegal mining and exportation of unprocessed Gold;

Aware that the former Minister of Mines and Steel Development, Dr. Kayode Fayemi identified inadequate tracking as key challenges to effective monitoring of revenue leakages in the Nations mining sector;

Worried that reports from the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) indicated that in 2014 and 2015, Nigeria lost about \$9 billion to illegal mining operations and gold exportation;

Also Worried at the current average price of \$1,200 per ounce of gold in the international market, which amounts to an unaccounted sum of \$4,232,400 per day and \$1,544,826,000 per annum, considering that one kilogram is equal to 35.27 ounces, going by international rates;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the revenue leakages in the mining sector and the illegal mining of the country's mineral resources in the last 5 years, as well as the activities of the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development in curtailing and tracking all mineral movement within and outside Nigeria, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further Legislative action.

7. Danger of Pilots Flying under the Influence of Alcohol and Psychoactive Substances:
Hon. Taofeek Abiodun Adaranijo:

The House:

Notes that the practice of pilots or members of crew being under the influence of alcohol or any psychoactive substance is worrisome;

Aware that by the provision of the Nigeria Civil Aviation Regulations, members of crew shall not engage in any use of substances while on duty, and a violation of this provision attracts a suspension of the offending party;

Also aware that in December 2016, the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) suspended the medical certificates of five members of the crew who tested positive to marijuana during a drug-screening test conducted on participants of the Cabin Crew Training Basic Course at the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology (NCAT) Zaria, Kaduna State;

Further aware that when the NCAA in May 2017 conducted random tests on 87 personnel from Air Peace, Med-View and Air Traffic Controllers of the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) as they were about to embark upon flight operations and air traffic control duties, a member of crew was tested positive to a psychoactive substance - Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) which is known to be the chemical responsible for most of marijuana's psychological effects;

Worried that psychoactive drugs work by manipulating the synapses in-between nerves in the central nervous system thereby distorting thought processes and causing a variety of side effects such as anxiety, psychosis, mood swings, depression and sleep problems- all of which are not suitable to the job demands of pilots/members of crew;

Also notes that flying as a pilot or member of crew requires the highest level of sobriety and clear headedness, the use of alcohol or psychoactive substances therefore endangers the lives of passengers on board an airplane;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) to routinely subject members of crew and pilots to various tests before and after flights to determine their fitness or otherwise to fly;
- (ii) Also call on the Airline operators to diligently ensure that only sober pilots/members of crew are allowed to fly their planes and this diligence should also extend to the initial period of employment.
- (iii) Mandate the Committee on Aviation to liaise with the Ministry of Transportation to ensure implementation of the Resolution;

**8. Need for the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to achieve Optimum Registration of Voters before the Deadline of the Ongoing Continuous Registration Exercise:
Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye:**

The House:

Notes that one of the responsibilities of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) is to provide necessary arrangements and ensure that eligible voters are given the required opportunity to register to vote;

Also notes that INEC recently announced that it will suspend the current Continuous Registration Exercise of voters on Friday 17th August 2018;

Cognizant that the implication of the suspension is that any Nigerian, 18 years and above, who does not register by August 2018, would be ineligible to vote in the 2019 General Elections;

Concerned that some people may be shut out from the INEC's Continuous Registration Exercise and will ultimately be denied the opportunity to vote in the 2019 General Elections;

Aware that INEC only runs their Continuous Voters Registration Exercise from Monday to Friday, during the general office hours;

Worried that some Nigerians who resume work between of 7.00am and 8.00am and close between

4.00pm and 6.00pm, having to travel many hours to and from their work place, would most likely not get to the closest INEC registration point to their homes before they closed for the day;

Also concerned that the on-going Continuous Voters Registration has barely thirty (30) days to round up, failure of which some citizens may become ineligible to vote in the forthcoming 2019 General Elections;

Also cognizant that there ought not to be any impediment against any electorate who desires to vote;

Desirous of ensuring that every Nigerian is given adequate opportunity to exercise his or her civic responsibility and be allowed to register to vote in the 2019 General Elections;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to include Saturdays and Sundays (weekends) as part of the days for the current Continuous Voters Registration Exercise, which would be suspended on 17th August 2018;
- (ii) Also urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to give consideration to electorates by removing impediments limiting them from being able to register to vote;
- (iii) Mandate the Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters to ensure compliance and report back within seven (7) days for further legislative action.

**9. Need for the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) to Account for the 3% Translating into Billions of Naira Accrued to it from the 7% Port Development Levy:
Hon. D.C. Hosea:**

The House:

Notes that a Port Development Levy is collected from all shipments and is calculated at 7% of the import duty for Ports reconstruction and development;

Also notes that 3% out of the 7% Ports Development Levy accrued to the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) is for ports development and development of new ones;

Aware that Concession of Ports in Nigeria is in line with International best practices to free government resources for other social services to its citizens.

Also aware that before the Ports Concession Agreement of 2006, the function of the NPA was that of Port Operation (Cargo Operation), replacement of vital equipment, plants and expansion of ports;

Further aware that after the 2006 port concession, replacement of vital equipment and plants, expansion of port infrastructure under the terminal operators that are responsible for ports operation are no longer the responsibility of the NPA;

Worried that despite the huge amount accrued to the Agency from the 3% out of the 7% Port Development Levy, the Agency cannot maintain some internal roads thereby causing serious traffic congestion in Apapa, Tin Can Port and other ports across the country;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to ascertain the amount accrued from the 3% of the 7% Ports Development Levy with a view to determining whether the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) should drop the three percent (3%) development levy it received since the Concession of the Ports in 2006 and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

10. Report of Conference Committee:

Hon. Musa Sarkin Adar:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-Modal Regulator for the Regulated Transport Industry Sectors; and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 7/6/2018*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 19 July, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Maritime Safety, Education and Administration	Thursday, 19 July, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Police Affairs	Thursday, 19 July, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 (New Building) Assembly Complex
4.	Local Content	Thursday, 19 July, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 459 (New Building) Assembly Complex