



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday 18 September, 2019

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Admittance into the Chamber:

Hon. Garba Alhassan Ado:

"That the House, pursuant to Order 19, Rule 8 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, do admit into the Chamber, the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Air Peace Airline for the purpose of commending him for air lifting Nigerians from South Africa, following the Xenophobic attacks on them".

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Nigerian Film Corporation Act (Repeal and Enactment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 324) (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun*) – *First Reading*.
2. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2019 (HB.325) (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun*) – *First Reading*.
3. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2019 (HB.326) (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun*) – *First Reading*.

4. Firearms Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.327) (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun*) – *First Reading*.
 5. Chartered Institute of Management Information Technology of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB.328) (*Hon. Gideon Gwani*) – *First Reading*.
 6. Chartered Institute of Public Administration of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2019 (HB.329) (*Hon. Gideon Gwani*) – *First Reading*.
 7. Nigerian Press Council Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.330) (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun*) – *First Reading*.
 8. Fiscal Responsibility Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.331) (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun*) – *First Reading*.
 9. National Broadcasting Commission Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB.332) (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun*) – *First Reading*.
 10. Border Communities Development Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 333) (*Hon. Kolawole Lawal*) – *First Reading*.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Export Prohibition Act, Cap. E22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 29) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno, Hon. Benjamin O. Kila*) – *Second Reading*.
 2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Sustainable Development Fund charged with Responsibility for Imposing, Operating and Managing the Fund for the Attainment of Sustainable Development Goals in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 133) (*Hon. Abdulrazak Sa'ad Namdas*) – *Second Reading*.
 3. A Bill for an Act to Regulate Commodities Future Trading in Nigeria to Provide for Establishment of the Commodities Future Trading Commission; and for Related Matters (HB. 40) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) – *Second Reading*.
 4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission Act, Cap. R7, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for Sanctions to Punish Earning Revenue Generating Agencies, to enhance the Revenue Profile and Remittance into the Federation Account to facilitate National Development; and for Related Matters (HB. 111) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

5. **Activation of the Tractorization and Mechanization Policy for Agricultural Revolution in Nigeria:**
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

The House:

Notes that the oil boom in Nigeria ensured that the petroleum sector overtook agriculture as the main stay of the nation's economy, hence, coupled with abundant food and cheap labour at the time, successive governments became complacent in the requirement to move agriculture from a subsistence level to mechanized large scale farming stages;

Also notes that the volatility of the oil sector all over the world means that oil rich nations are beginning to move towards replacing the product as the major driver of the economy;

Aware that only high-tech agricultural mechanization which replaces human and animal farming methods can restore the agricultural sector as the main driver of the Nigerian economy as well as ensure increased agricultural productivity particularly in the face of a rapidly growing population;

Also aware that countries like Pakistan and India, with similar agrarian prospects like Nigeria, have initiated and are implementing deliberate tractorization policies attendant with series of success stories in their bid to achieve full scale agricultural mechanization;

Concerned that a country that seeks to diversify its economic base from oil to agriculture for over a decade or more still accounts for the least amounts of tractors and power tillers (considering that the mission to reach 75, 000 tractors in present time is blur) in comparison to India which had moved

from 9,500 power tillers and 146,000 tractors in 1970 to 100, 000 power tillers and 2.6million tractors by the year 2000;

Also concerned that efforts to provide tractors through the government tractor hire service have failed as farmers are confronted with challenges of untimeliness of services due to shortage of tractors and its operators, irregular supply of diesel oil in the rural areas, frequent breakdown of tractors and equipment coupled with a shortage of spare parts as decision-making processes by the Management of those services are cumbersome and the policies are not effectively pursued;

Cognizant that the inability to mechanize agriculture via the least form of tractorization and the use of power tillers, so as to migrate from subsistence farming by 2019 portends danger to food security and indicates an indefinite time period to successfully diversify our economic base to agriculture;

Desirous to evolve a pragmatic and deliberate policy on tractorization and the use of power tillers to aid agricultural mechanization in the country;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to investigate and assess the agricultural mechanization policy in Nigeria, with emphasis on the provision of tractors and power tillers with a view to initiating a deliberate tractorization policy for the agricultural sector in Nigeria and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

6. Humiliation and Poor Treatment of Nigerians and Other Nationals at Nigerian Missions Abroad:

Hon. Aniekan Umanah:

The House:

Notes that the primary duty of the 1 Nigerian Diplomatic Missions abroad is to represent the government and people of Nigeria in the receiving States, serve as liaison for information, communication, immigration and other relevant services for Nigerians and other Nationals;

Aware of reported cases of poor service delivery and humiliating treatment, unwarranted delays, extortion of Nigerians and other Nationals, including Students seeking Immigration services;

Cognizant that while violent means of self-expression is condemnable, it is important to pay attention to the harrowing experiences of Nigerians and other Nationals at various Nigerian missions abroad;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission and other relevant agencies to be mindful of the plight and concerns of Nigerians and other nationals in the host countries and uphold their dignities;

- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs to regularly organize training and retraining of staff of foreign missions to ensure they comply with acceptable global standards;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Diaspora to interface with the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission on the poor service delivery of Nigeria Missions abroad with a view to putting in place measures to ensure proper treatment of Nigerians and other nationals seeking consular services at those missions and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

7. Need for Federal Government MDAs to Urgently Transmit all Treaties to the National Assembly:

Hon. Nicholas Ossai:

The House:

Notes that a country's local statutes are not always sufficient to address issues of man's existence, hence the undoubtedly need for international laws;

Also notes that international law arguably remains a major source of Nigeria's law, which in principle is fundamentally binding upon nations;

Observes that presently, there is no accessible, comprehensive and up-to-date record of a published compendium of Treaties to which Nigeria is a signatory;

Aware that the United Nation's records show that Nigeria has ratified over 400 Treaties, both Bilateral and Multilateral, on different subject matters, out of which less than 40 can be identified as having been recorded locally by the Federal Ministry of Justice;

Also aware that on 21st August 2017, the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Mr. Abubakar Malami, SAN, was reported to have identified a major challenge to domestication of Treaties in Nigeria as non-arrangement for early involvement of the National Assembly in the negotiation;

Concerned that non-involvement of the National Assembly adversely affects facilitation on domestication and full protection of the country's International Agreements;

Cognizant that some of the undomesticated Treaties could have a direct positive impact on the advancement of the fundamental rights of our citizenry and the nation's economic growth;

Worried that the non-involvement of the National Assembly and the failure to transmit all signed copies of Treaties and International Instruments to the National Assembly by the Executive arm of government has affected the rate of domestication of the Treaties and has also denied citizens the benefits associated with such international documents;

Also cognizant that the intention of Section 12 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) which vests the National Assembly with power to implement Treaties, is not a clog in the wheel of Executive progress, but a sword in the hands of the Legislature to defend Nigeria's sovereignty and its territorial integrity;

Further cognizant that an urgent engagement by the Legislature and the Executive will create a synergy that will lead to a collaboration between both Arms of Government for proper realization of the objective of Section 12 of the Constitution;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call all Federal Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to transmit all signed, ratified and domesticated Treaties and other International Agreements both Bilateral
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and Multilateral to the Register of Treaties in the Federal Ministry of Justice and to the National Assembly within Two (2) weeks;

- (iii) also call on the Registrar of Treaties in the Federal Ministry of Justice to transmit the list of all copies of ratified and domesticated and all signed Treaties and International Agreements to the National Assembly within Three (3) weeks for further legislative activities;
- (iv) urge the President to ensure that all signed Treaties are presented to the National Assembly within Thirty (30) days for domestication;
- (v) also Urge the President to ensure early engagement and involvement of the National Assembly in the Negotiation Team of any Treaty and International Agreements to which Nigeria is interested;
- (vi) further urge the President to ensure that all signed Treaties and other International Agreements are initiated and presented to the National Assembly as an Executive Bill and to stop all counterpart funding of all agreements and protocols with financial implications until such Agreements and Protocols are domesticated by National Assembly;
- (vii) Mandate the Committee on Treaties, Protocol and Agreements to, as a matter of urgency, commence the reviews of all Treaties, Agreements and Protocols signed and ratified by Nigeria.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Orientation Agency Act, Cap. N64, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for an Operational Framework for the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps in Order to Promote Inter-Ethnic Integration, Mediation, Peace-Building, Mutual Understanding, Patriotism for Peaceful Co-existence; and for Related Matters (HB.12) - (*Committee of the Whole: 16/7/2019*).
- 9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Ear Care Centre, Kaduna for the Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Diseases, Co-ordination of Research in Ear, Nose and Throat, and other Supporting Fields; and for Related Matters (HB. 13) - (*Committee of the Whole: 16/7/2019*).

COMMITTEE MEETING

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
<i>Ad-hoc Committee on the Non-remittance of Contribution into the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) by the Federal, States, Local Governments and Parastatals</i>	Wednesday 18, September, 2019	4: 00 pm	Committee Room 144 <i>New Building (House) Assembly Complex</i>