



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 27 February, 2020

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## PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Chartered Institute of Health Insurance and Managed Care of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 749) (*Hon. Ndudi Elumelu*) – *First Reading*.
2. Federal University of Agriculture, Jalingo (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 750) (*Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata*) – *First Reading*.
3. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (HB. 751) (*Hon. Akin Alabi*) – *First Reading*.
4. Criminal Code Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 752) (*Hon. Akin Alabi*) – *First Reading*.
5. Electoral Offences Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.753) (*Hon. John Dyegh*) – *First Reading*.

## PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. ***Ad-hoc Committee on Investigation of the Non-Remittance of Contributions to the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF):***  
**Hon. Sada Soli:**  
Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Investigation of the Non-Remittance of Contributions to the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) by the Federal, States and Local Governments, Parastatals, Public Corporations and Companies (HR.41/07/2019) (Referred:18/7/2019).
2. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
***Petition by International Recruitment Services:***  
**Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:**  
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by International Recruitment Services against the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP) on the unlawful Arrest, Detention, Maltreatment and Threat to life” (Referred: 17/9/2019).
3. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
***Petition by Chidi Henry Onyiuke and Co:***  
**Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:**  
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Chidi Henry Onyiuke and Co against the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) on the unexplained, deliberate, oppressive and continued withholding of Master Akachukwu Mathew Onyiuke’s 2019 JAMB result” (Referred: 17/9/2019).
4. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
***Petition by Ayuba Dantoro:***  
**Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:**  
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ayuba Dantoro against the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) on wrongful dismissal from the service of National Space Research and Development Agency” (Referred: 2/7/2019).
5. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
***Petition by International Trading and Contracting Limited and Others:***  
**Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:**  
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by International Trading and Contracting Limited, Federal Ministries of Transports and Finance, Green Stratos Consulting Firm, the Managing Director of Infrastructure Concession and Regulatory Commission, the SSG, Anambra State Government and the Managing Director, Esylum Company Limited against the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) on the Onitsha Sea Port Concession” (Referred: 26/9/2019).

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Youth Service Corps Act, Cap. N84, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and for Related Matters, (HBs. 239, 360 & 488) – (Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha, Hon. Halims Abdullahi and Hon. Samuel Chinedu Onwuaso) – Second Reading.

2. A Bill for an Act to Provide Special Financial Support, Training and Modern Security Equipment for the Revamping of the Nigerian Armed Forces; and for Related Matters (HB.742) (*Hon. Babajimi Benson*) – *Second Reading*.
  3. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of Federal University of Sports, Afuze, Edo State and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB.628) (*Hon. Julius O. Ihonvbere*) – *Second Reading*.
  4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Medical Centre, Mubi, Adamawa State; and for Related Matters (HB.679) (*Hon. Jaafar Abubakar Magaji*) – *Second Reading*.
  5. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Bida, Niger State for the Purpose of Providing Qualitative Education in Medicine and Health Sciences; and for Related Matters (HB.411) (*Hon. Saidu Musa Abdullahi*) – *Second Reading*.
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## MOTIONS

6. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly:**  
**Hon. Abubakar Hassan Fulata:**

- (i) *Chartered Institute of Auctioneers of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB. 702);*
- (ii) *Nigeria French Language Village (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.737) ;*
- (iii) *Nigeria Arabic Language Village (Establishment) Bill, 2020 (HB.738) ; and*
- (iv) *Federal Polytechnics Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (HB.711).*

### **The House:**

*Notes* that pursuant to Order Twelve (12), Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced de-novo;

*Also notes* that the aforementioned Bills were passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

*Aware* that the Bills were re-gazetted as HBs. 702, 737, 738 and 711 respectively and read the first time;

### *Resolves to:*

Commit the Bills to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

7. **Need to Assess the Quality of Work on the Abuja-Lokoja Dual Carriageway:**  
**Hon. Hassan Abdullahi:**

### **The House:**

*Notes that* the contract for reconstruction of Abuja-Lokoja Expressway was awarded to Messrs Dantata and Sawoe, RCC Nigeria Ltd, Bullentine Construction Company Nigeria Ltd and Gitto

Construzioni Generalli Nigeria Limited in 2006 with some of the contractors having completed their sections while others appear to be experimenting;

*Also notes* that the dual carriageway has become dangerous for thousands of Nigerians that ply the very busy road with strange folds, contours and potholes that have continued to frighten drivers and passengers, thus leading to harrowing travelling experiences with the stretches between Giri junction to the main Gwagwalada town and between Abaji and Lokoja being the worst sections;

*Further notes* that the 196 kilometers highway is one of the most critical roads in the country, being the major link between the North and South for the movement of people and goods through vehicular transportation;

*Equally notes* that the road has turned to a death trap as a result of heavy traffic and badly constructed portions which have led to daily multiple accidents resulting to deaths and destruction of properties worth several millions of naira;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Hon. Minister of Works and Housing to carry out an evaluation of the contract for the reconstruction of Abuja-Lokoja dual carriageway to assess the quality and durability of the construction and ascertain its conformity with the architectural and engineering designs in line with the contract specification;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to liaise with the Minister of Works and Housing and stakeholders to review the conflicting issues on the construction of the Abuja-Lokoja Expressway with a view to balancing information on the state of reconstruction of the road and report back in four weeks for further legislative action.

**8. Urgent Need to Complete the Abandoned Owena Multipurpose Dam Project:  
Hon. Tajudeen Adeyemi Adefisoye:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Six (6) Local Government Areas of Akure South, Akure North, Idanre, Ifedore, Ondo East and Ondo West that make up Ondo Central Senatorial District of Ondo State are being unfairly denied access to potable water and other associated benefits due to the long abandonment of the Owena Multipurpose Dam Project which rehabilitation is however, ongoing;

*Recalls* that the Federal Government, in partnership with Ondo State Government embarked on the wholesale rehabilitation of Owena Dam more than a decade ago through the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and the Benin/Owena River Basin Development Authority;

*Aware* that the dam, which has one of the biggest reservoirs in the South West region of Nigeria, had since been converted to a multipurpose use in line with the functions of the River Basin Development Authorities;

*Also aware* that the Owena Multipurpose Dam located at Igbara-oke in Ifedore Local Government of Ondo State with a capacity for 60,000 cubic meters per day can provide potable water for almost 2,000,000 persons and industries in the six local government areas on a daily basis and aside the supply of potable water, the multipurpose dam is also designed to serve the purpose of hydropower generation, irrigation, fishing, recreation, tourism and ecosystem protection;

*Informed* that the construction of the dam and the water treatment plant are basically the responsibility of the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Benin/Owena River Basin Development Authority while the responsibility of reticulation from the water treatment plant to the beneficial communities and towns making up the six local government areas is that of Ondo

State Government;

*Concerned* that the dam rehabilitation project, which had attained 70% completion, has remained abandoned for more than a decade now, despite the enormous resources already committed to the project;

*Further concerned* that while the proposed beneficial communities area still struggling to obtain their drinking water and water for other uses from unhygienic sources, the roads leading to the dam have already succumbed to destructive impacts of erosion and the entire project site has also been taken over by weeds and all sorts of harmful reptiles;

*Also concerned* that Owena Multipurpose dam, which has the potential to effectively irrigate 5,000 hectares of land, is at best now only able to irrigate a meager 300 hectares of land with the use of center pivot irrigation system;

*Cognizant* of the need to ensure the completion of abandoned Owena Multi-Purpose Dam project in order to save the hapless citizens from needless miseries;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committee on Water Resources to investigate the reasons for the abandonment of the Owena Multi-Purpose Dam Project and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

**9. Provision of Adequate Road Traffic Signs on Federal Highways:**

**Hon. Victor Mela:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that Nigeria has about 194,394 kilometres of road network which is the largest in Sub-Saharan;

*Aware* that most of those roads were built more than 40 years ago and are not being properly maintained over the years, as a result some of the signs put up on the roads have been destroyed or blocked by trees and shrubs;

*Also aware* that one of the most integral elements of smooth flow of traffic on the highways is the proper posting of and visibility of road signs which indicate the condition of the highways to the drivers;

*Worried* that most dangerous areas on the highway such as sharp bends, uphill, downhill and blind spots do not have adequate warning signs and construction of site a situation that has resulted in many avoidable accidents;

*Also worried* some of the Armed Forces check points on the federal highways don't have caution traffic signs from 50 meters away to the barricade indicating the existence of road blocks, and this has caused many avoidable accidents;

*Concerned* that the rate at which accidents occur in Nigeria dying is very alarming, especially during festive periods with no fewer than 2,598 Nigerians in road accidents between October, 2017 and March, 2018 according to statistics by the Federal Road Safety Commission;

*Aware* that physical disability and morbidity from road accidents do affect the young and the economically productive age groups and sometimes those who survive often endure a diminished quality of life from deformities and disabilities;

*Cognizant* that providing adequate road signs will mitigate road accidents on the highways;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to ensure that traffic signs are installed on all Federal highways;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to provide interim measures before permanent signs are put up along the highways;
- (iii) again urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure that all Federal highways do not have trees, shrubs and obstacles close to them;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Works and FERMA to ensure compliance.

**10. Need to Introduce Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) as a subject in Primary and Secondary Schools' Curriculum and Provide them with Basic First Aid and Skills:**

**Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso:**

**The House:**

*Notes* the rampant cases of "sudden death" of adults of various age groups in the country which are medically attributed to cardiac arrests or heart failures;

*Worried* by the dearth of medical emergency services in the country which leaves victims at the 'mercy' of passers-by who often complicate matters by crowding the victim and stifling the much needed fresh air;

*Also worried* by the trauma and hardships most families pass through when they lose breadwinners through sudden death which otherwise would have been prevented;

*Cognizant* of misconceptions and suspicions that arise in families and communities when someone dies suddenly and the crisis the suspicions fuel in those facilities and communities;

*Aware* that in many countries with health emergency-enlightened populace, deaths are preventable because majority of the citizens have basic training in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and other first aid treatment methods;

*Also aware* that Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is a simple medical procedure which involves repeated cycles of compression of the chest and artificial respiration on a victim of cardiac arrest to maintain blood circulation and oxygenation in the victim;

*Further aware* that if CPR is introduced as a subject in primary and secondary schools, it will lead to saving the lives of victims of cardiac arrest in the country as our young ones will automatically become first responders during cardiac related emergencies as well as other life threatening emergencies;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Education to introduce Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) as a compulsory subject in all primary and secondary schools in the country;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Health and the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to undertake public enlightenment campaigns towards educating Nigerians on symptoms that may precede a cardiac-arrest and the need for routine medical checkups;

- (iii) mandate the Committees on Basic Education and services and Healthcare Services to ensure implementation.

**11. Urgent Need to Investigate the unwarranted Extortion of Truck Operators and other Port users by Law Enforcement Agents at Apapa Port:**

**Hon. Olusola Steve Fatoba:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Apapa Port in Lagos has been enmeshed in crisis and traffic gridlock over a long time which led to the establishment of a Presidential Task Team to restore law and order on the roads leading to the nation's seaports;

*Also notes* that a team of law enforcement agents comprising men of the Nigeria Police Force, Lagos State Traffic Management Agency (LASTMA) and others are at the Port to maintain law and order and control vehicular movement in and out of the Port, particularly, movement of trucks going in to load and unload containers at the Port;

*Worried* that the law enforcement agents that are supposed to maintain law and order at the Port have now formed a "cartel" in cahoot with unscrupulous staff of APM Terminals Apapa/Nigerian Ports Authority, extorting money from each truck operator in amounts ranging from ₦200, 000.00 to ₦300, 000.00 to gain entrance into the Port, to load or offload containers and this ugly trend has been going on unabated for years, but became worse after the Naval officers were removed from the operations, as the sum of ₦60, 000.00 to ₦100, 000.00 were extorted when the Naval Officers were in charge of the operation;

*Also worried* that as a result of the activities of the law enforcement agents, a truck may spend up to two months before gaining access into the terminal which is causing a lot of hardships and huge increase in the cost of doing business which may inevitably lead to unrest and break down of law and order by the frustrated and oppressed truck operators;

*Aware* that the Federal Government has been making frantic efforts to facilitate ease of doing business at the Port but it appears that there is a deliberate effort by some people or groups of people to frustrate the efforts of the government because of their selfish interests;

*Concerned* about the general perception, especially, by importers and exporters and exporters, clearing and forwarding agents and truck operators that the problems are lingering because of the belief that the leadership of the law enforcement agencies concerned were benefiting directly or indirectly from the crises, hence, there is no incentive for them to proffer enduring solution;

***Resolves to:***

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Works and Housing to investigate the activities of law enforcement agents and terminal operators at Apapa Port with a view to finding a lasting solution to the suffering of the truck operators at the Port and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action;
- (ii) urge the Nigerian Ports Authority and the concessionaire, APM Terminals Apapa (APMT) to fashion out modalities and processes that will be in conformity with international best practices on truck management at the Port.

**12. Need to Encourage Basic Medical Checkups by Nigerians****Hon. Dozie Ferdinand Nwankwo:****The House:**

Aware that medical checkups are exercises that detect life-threatening health conditions or diseases on time as well as provision of more education about one's own health so as to keep him/her on top of it;

*Also aware* that it is not just hardship and insufficiency that prevents people from going for periodic medical checkups but ignorance and interest since well-to-do individuals in the society also fail to take advantage of this provision to live longer and at the same time stay healthy;

*Notes* that much as medical checkups are very vital to all, public awareness and sensitization of citizens on need to go for medical checkups are still at the lowest level;

*Concerned* that such failures and negligence by citizens have brought about the prevailing health hazards, high rate of untimely deaths, complications in cases that ordinarily would have been effectively managed, had they been handled early enough;

*Also concerned* that the inability to go for basic medical checkups have led to loss of many lives while other cases have become unimaginably complicated with terminal consequences or unaffordable treatment levels;

*Cognizant* that if nothing is done to support some individuals and corporate bodies who have, at various levels, introduced and provided medical checkups, the situation would become unbearable with more severe consequences;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to engage the Federal Ministry of Health, Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) and other stakeholders in the health sector to urgently commence public awareness campaigns to sensitize the citizens on the need to present themselves for periodic medical checkups;
- (ii) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to provide the devices and logistics for basic checkups like obtained in the days of campaign against the spread of Ebola Scourge;
- (iii) encourage all Ministries Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Schools and corporate bodies to facilitate the compliance with basic medical checks by their staff members;
- (iv) also urge the Ministries Departments and Agencies and Corporate bodies to deploy funds raised through National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to provide regular basic medical checks for their staff and family members.

**13. Need to Investigate the Management, Disbursement and Infrastructure Delivery by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund in Public Institutions in Nigeria:****Hon. Emmanuel Ukong-Udo:****The House:**

*Notes* that the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria in 2011 and saddled with the responsibility of managing, disbursing and monitoring Educational Tax for Government owned tertiary institutions in Nigeria;

*Also notes* that Government institutions were poorly funded and the scheme was designed to improve on management of funds disbursed to those institutions and to engage in the rehabilitation, restoration and consolidation of tertiary Education in Nigeria;

*Aware* that the funds are made available to public institutions to provide focused and transformative interventions in public tertiary institutions, especially in areas of infrastructure and equipment;

*Concerned* that even with TETFUND, the rate at which Nigerian Universities are fast decaying is alarming due to the fact that all the resources needed for educational production processes; hostels, library space, well ventilated and conducive lecture halls, equipped laboratories, updated students books and journals, office spaces, among others, are in short supply;

*Worried* that the condition of learning in Nigerian tertiary institutions are demeaning and retrogressing at a very fast rate;

*Desirous* that a pragmatic approach be taken in the utilization of funds already released to the institutions;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to investigate projects delivery in government institutions, with regard to TETFUND funding and also identify core needs and areas in different institutions that require urgent attention and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislation action.

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## CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

14. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Agriculturists and to make Provisions for Establishment, Function and Administration of Nigerian Institute of Agriculturists; and for Related Matters (HB.104) (*Hon. Munir Babba Dan-Agundi*) (*Committee of the Whole: 9/10/2019*).
  15. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Sabon Gida, Langtang to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 291) (*Hon. Ben Lar*) (*Committee of the Whole: 5/11/2019*).
  16. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria (ICCON) Act, Cap. I.112, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Role of Chemists, the Regulation of Practicing Fees by Members of the Institute; and for Related Matters (HB180) (*Hon. Muhammad Umar Jega*) – (*Committee of the Whole: 5/11/2019*).
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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| S/N | Committee          | Date                        | Time      | Venue                                                  |
|-----|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Rules and Business | Thursday, 27 February, 2020 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06<br>(White House) Assembly<br>Complex |

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| 2. Federal Character ( <i>with Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta, ICPC, National Insurance Commission of Nigeria and University of Abuja</i> ) | Thursday, 27 February, 2020 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 247<br>( <i>New Building</i> ) Assembly Complex |
| 3. Public Petitions ( <i>Investigative Hearing</i> )                                                                                                    | Thursday, 27 February, 2020 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 427<br>( <i>New Building</i> ) Assembly Complex |
| 4. Foreign Affairs                                                                                                                                      | Thursday, 27 February, 2020 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 201<br>( <i>New Building</i> ) Assembly Complex |
| 5. Mines and Steel Development( <i>with Agencies of the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development</i> )                                           | Thursday, 27 February, 2020 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 244<br>( <i>New Building</i> ) Assembly Complex |