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1. Endangered Species Conservation and Protection Bill, 2024 (HB.1085) (*Hon. Terseer Ugbor*) – First Reading.
2. Gifted and Talented Children's Centre (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1086) (*Hon. Paul Sunday Nnamchi*) – First Reading.
3. Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1103) (*Hon. Rodney Ebikebina Ambaiowei*) – First Reading.
4. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery, Amassoma, Bayelsa State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1118) (*Hon. Rodney Ebikebina Ambaiowei*) – First Reading.
5. Federal College of Health and Sciences, Enewari, Bayelsa State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1119) (*Hon. Rodney Ebikebina Ambaiowei*) – First Reading.
6. Chartered Institute for Medical Dialysis Studies of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1124) (*Hon. Abdulmalik Zubairu*) – First Reading.

7. Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1133) (*Hon. James Faleke*) – *First Reading*.
 8. Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1134) (*Hon. James Faleke*) – *First Reading*.
 9. Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1136) (*Hon. Olamijuwonlo Alao Akala*) – *First Reading*.
 10. Surrogacy Bill, 2024 (HB.1137) (*Hon. Olamijuwonlo Alao Akala*) – *First Reading*.
 11. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2024 (Introduction of New States and Reducing Local Governments) (HB.1138) (*Hon. Olamijuwonlo Alao Akala*) – *First Reading*.
 12. Federal Medical Centres Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1139) (*Hon. Ismail Musa Modibbo*) – *First Reading*.
 13. Nigerian Maritime University, Okerenkoko (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (SB. 75) (*Senate*) – *First Reading*.
 14. Federal University of Technology and Environmental Science, Iyin Ekiti, Bill 2023 (SB.174) (*Senate*) – *First Reading*.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the Federal College of Health Technology, Benisheikh, Kaga, Borno State and for Related Matters (HB.234) – *Third Reading*.
 2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Library Act, Cap. N56, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Library Bill, 2024 to establish and maintain the National Library of Nigeria, strengthen its statutory functions and for Related Matters (HB. 89) – *Third Reading*.
 3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Isialangwa, Abia State and for Related Matters (HB.1074) (*Hon. Ginger Onwusibe Obinna*) – *Second Reading*.
 4. A Bill for an Act to Alter Paragraph 2 of Section 231 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 199 (as amended) to Provide Timeframe for the appointment of Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.907) (*Hon. Sulaiman Abubakar Gumi*) – *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education (Technical), Fufore, Adamawa State and for Related Matters (HB.1018) (*Hon. Aliyu Wakili Boya*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

6. **Need for the Rehabilitation of Orlu – Ihiala Road:**
Hon. Canice Moore Nwachukwu:

The House:

Notes that the importance of road infrastructure in socio-economic development cannot be over-emphasized, hence the need to rehabilitate the Orlu-Ihiala Road through Eziachi-Umuna-Amaifeke-Ihioma-Awo Idemili-Iseke-Ihiala route;

Also notes that the road is the most preferred route for vehicles transporting people, farm produce and processed timber to and from the biggest timber processing plant/market in Imo State and it stretches up to Umuahia in Abia State;

Aware that motorists from Akwa Ibom and Cross River States ply this same road to Umuahia in Abia State, Obowo, Isiala Mbano, Nwangele and Nkwerre in Imo State up to Ihiala in Anambra State, in other

words, the road connects several states and Federal Constituencies in Imo State, South East, and South Southern Nigeria;

Disturbed by the incessant sufferings of the people plying it and the colossal loss of many hours in transit due to the most condemnable and deplorable condition of that road;

Also disturbed that the deplorable state of the road is causing immense inconvenience for road users resulting loss of time during transit;

Worried that road's deterioration would further impede economic activities in the area if not urgently rehabilitated;

Cognizant that the continuous deterioration of the road will further impede economic development in the area and potentially encourage criminal activities, if not urgently rehabilitated;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to develop a comprehensive and efficient method for the timely and efficient rehabilitation of roads;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works and FERMA to liaise with the relevant agencies to initiate the rehabilitation to ensure implementation; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative compliance to ensure compliance.

**7. Need to Rehabilitate and Complete Doma Dam to Increase Agricultural Development:
Hon. Abubakar Hassan Nalaraba:**

The House:

Notes that Dam construction is among other ways in which water is conserved globally for the purposes of flood control, human water supply, irrigation, livestock water supply, energy generation, recreation and others;

Also notes that the Doma dam is a multi-purpose Dam constructed under the defunct green revolution policy of the former General Olusegun Obasanjo/President Shehu Shagari administrations and was initiated along with the Bakolori Dam of Sokoto State in 1995 to provide potable drinking water for households and agriculture;

Aware that the dam which is located about 7 kilometers from Doma town and 31 Kilometers from Lafia, Nasarawa State links several communities of Nasarawa State and runs 16 kilometers in length, structured into three arms measuring over 2 km length and about 3 km wide with the content of over 35 million cubic meter of water;

Also aware that the Doma dam regulates the flows of Ohina River in Nasarawa State for irrigation farming and domestic water supply and also provides a natural habitat for various aquatic life;

Worried that the dam which was constructed to serve as a source of irrigation farming for the hundreds of farming communities in Doma and its environs lies in ruins due to prolonged dryness, water hyacinths, and weeds encroaching into the water body'

Concerned that the dam's construction has been deemed ineffective due to neglect of the irrigation component, resulting in its inability to effectively enhance all-year-round agriculture;

Also concerned that in the face of heightened calls for diversification of the economy from over dependence on oil and the recent emergency on food security, it is alarming that Doma Dam and its potential for agricultural sustainability has suffered neglect by the Federal Government;

Cognizant that Rehabilitating the dam will boost food production in the State and the country as a whole, provide hydropower and employment for trained youths in agro business;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation, and Lower Benue River Basin Development Authority to commence the immediate rehabilitation and completion of Doma Dam; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Water resources to ensure compliance

**8. Need to Investigate the Breach of Community Social Responsibility, Degradation of the Natural Eco System and Environment of Irri Kingdom of Isoko South LGA of Delta State and the Violation of the Petroleum Industry Act by the Nigerian Agip Oil Company Limited (NAOC):
Hon. Ikeagwuonu O. Ugochinyere:**

The House:

Notes that Section 4(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) empowers the National Assembly to make laws for the order and good government of the Federation or any part thereof;

Also notes that Sections 88(1) and (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), empower the National Assembly to conduct investigations into the activities of any authority executing or administering laws made by the National Assembly;

Informed that in 2012, the Nigerian Agip Oil Company Ltd, (NAOC) entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Irri Kingdom in the Isoko South Local Government Area of Delta State (the host community to NAOC) on December 3, 2012, pursuant to the mutual desire of the Irri Kingdom in the Isoko South Local Government Area of Delta State to promote a conducive environment for the development of smooth operations in the community;

Also informed that under the provisions of the MOU, NAOC undertook, among other obligations, to execute and commission six roads totaling 1.5km across Afode, Ekerugbo, Onogie, Link Road, Ugurama, and Jeeno Hotel but failed to execute the project, NAOC only awarded but abandoned midway through the construction of Afode (160km) and Link Road (210 km);

Alarmed that NAOC reneged on the recruitment of qualified indigenous people to fill host community chances by posting foreigners to occupy those slots;

Disturbed that in 2019, after coming up with a proposal for a Global Memorandum of Understanding (GMOU) for all host communities in Isoko, NAOC moved the oil drilling rig into the community and commenced overworking of existing wells and drilling new ones despite the community protest and without prior Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report for such activity;

Aware that by Section 235 and Section 240(2) of the Petroleum Industry Act, NAOC must incorporate Host Communities Development Trusts for the benefit of the host communities, NAOC must remit 3% of their annual operating expenditure for the development of the oil-bearing host communities, respectively;

Disturbed that NAOC has violated mandatory obligations under the PIA and has treated the host communities, who are also Nigerian citizens, with disdain by refusing and neglecting to incorporate the Host Communities Development Trust Fund. It has also failed to conduct a needs assessment of the host community with a view to developing a host community development plan as required by Section 251(4) of the PIA;

Further informed that following the activities of NAOC, which have greatly undermined the social and economic development of the IRRI Kingdom, destroyed biodiversity, irretrievably altered the ecosystem, and endangered the NAOC/host community relationship, NAOC has failed to fulfill its obligations under the Memorandum of Understanding;

Worried that NAOC continuous gas flaring without payment of penalties and compensation, failure to mobilize contractors to the site to execute proposed projects since 2022 for Irri and Oleh communities as contained in the GMOU;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Host Communities to investigate the breach of community social responsibility, degradation of the natural eco system and environment of the Irri Kingdom of Isoko South LGA of Delta State, and violation of the Petroleum Industry Act by Nigerian Agip Oil Company Limited (NAOC) and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Need to Streamline Inspection Activities in Nigeria Ports for Effective and Timely Export of Agricultural Produce:

Hon. Akintunde Rotimi:

The House:

Notes that the Nigeria's agricultural production has been boosted by Federal Government policies and increased incentives to farmers;

Also notes the urgent need to increase the export of Nigerian Agricultural produce to boost foreign exchange earnings for the country;

Aware that farmers and exporters of Agricultural produce are having a herculean task in clearing produce for export due to bureaucratic bottlenecks in Nigerian Ports;

Concerned that the Nigerian businessmen face delays in exporting agricultural produce due to various factors including the Standards Organization of Nigeria, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Customs Service, Police Force, Ports Authority, Export Promotion Council, and Immigration Service which have taken a toll on the business of Agricultural exports from Nigeria leading to an unfavourable balance of trade and colossal loss of perishable goods;

Worried that it takes a minimum of 75 days for a 20ft container of yams to be cleared for export from Nigerian ports;

Also concerned that the activities of the Government Agencies in the Nigerian ports are ruining the governments drive to increase agricultural exports, while neighbouring African countries take shorter days to clear produce, thus undermining Nigerian competitiveness.

Alarmed that these Agencies are imposing multiple taxes and grants on agricultural exports, causing concern and discouraging agricultural export business in the country;

Cognizant that imposing multiple taxes and grants on agricultural exports has negatively affected the nation's economy, thereby leading to the bankruptcy of export businesses in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Minister of Trade and Investment to ensure that the Nigerian Agriculture produce has speedy clearance from the ports;
- (ii) invite the Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON), Nigerian Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Nigeria Customs Services (NCS), Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) and Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) to appear before the Committee on Commerce to streamline and expedite their export clearance procedures for effectiveness and efficiency; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Commerce and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back within two (2) for further legislative action.

10. Need for the Federal Government to Develop a Robust Policy Response to the Country's Rising Food Price Inflation.

Hon. Sani Lawal:

The House:

Notes that the country is currently plagued by an unprecedented increase in food prices due to a combination of insecurity issues, reduced food production and high prices of PMS (Premium Motor Spirit) and Petroleum Products;

Aware that the commitment of Nigeria Government to guarantee food security to its citizens as a fundamental objective under Chapter II of the Constitution must be realized;

Also aware that the Data released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) shows that the Food inflation rate in Nigeria as at December 2023, was 33.93 percent which was 10.18 percent points higher compared to the rate recorded in December, 2022;

Concerned that a report by the National Social Safety-Nets Coordinating Office (NASSOO) confirms that there are over 15 million poor and vulnerable households (PVHS) in Nigeria, and over 62 million individuals' in those household's and more are affected by food inflation;

Also concerned that a reading of the foregoing reports clearly means that the majority of the country's population, particularly poorer households, are most affected by high food prices, as they spend a high proportion of their income on food, making it unaffordable and pushing more people into poverty;

Worried that the continuous rise in food prices would potentially lead to uncontrollable and unpleasant situations such as:

- (a) nation-wide social unrest;
- (b) direct and negative impact on food security, leading to a massive food security crisis; and
- (c) proliferation of food fraud through adulteration and passing off contaminated and inferior food by unscrupulous producers and sellers at cheaper price to lure unsuspecting citizens who are desperate for food.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to, as a matter of urgency, embrace a comprehensive policy response to the soaring food price regime as short-term measures that will support vulnerable households in the form of:
 - (a) releasing public food stock and providing consumer food subsidies;
 - (b) expanding the social safety net program to embrace direct cash transfers, food and employment-based assistance for deserving families;
 - (c) initiating a food for work program;
 - (d) controlling prices through price control bodies, marketing, and commodity boards;
 - (e) increasing public sector wages
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security to guarantee food security in the country;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

11. Need to Investigate the Compliance of Ministries, Department and Agencies (MDAs) to the Discrimination Against Persons with Disability (Prohibition) Act, 2018:

Hon. Lanre Okunola:

The House:

Notes that Sections 3–8 of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Prohibition Act, 2018 specifies that persons with disability has the right to access the physical environment and buildings on an equal basis with others;

Also notes that the WHO (World Health Organization) estimate that about 30 Million Nigerians are Persons with Disabilities;

Further notes that most persons with disability face stigmatization, discrimination, violence, lack of access to physical structures such as Transportation, Health, Education, Housing and other necessity of life;

Aware that the National Assembly passed the Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Prohibition Act and signed into law by former President Muhammed Buhari, but most Ministries Departments and Agencies of Government are yet to implement the Act, which is contrary to section 1-21 of the Disability Act, 2018;

Disturbed that if Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities Prohibition Act is not fully implemented, the challenges faced by Persons with Disabilities will persist and the socio-economic development of Nigeria will remain impaired;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Disabilities to investigate the compliance level of Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government (MDAs) to the Disability Act, 2018.

**12. Need to Adopt Home Grown Technological Solution and Incorporate Domestic Technology Service Providers Agencies in fighting Insecurity in Nigeran:
Hon. Mohammed Omar Bio:**

The House:

Notes that Nigeria is battling with all forms of insecurity ranging from banditry, terrorism and kidnapping;

Also notes that recently in Kogi, Ekiti, Lagos, Zamfara, Kaduna, Taraba, Nasarawa States including FCT citizens were kidnapped, ransom demanded and some killed including the three Kings in Ekiti, Kwara and the young ones in Federal Capital Territory;

Aware that solutions to unravel insecurity are identified to be in tripartite nature of intelligence gathering, surveillance and communication for security agencies;

Also aware that Nigeria as a Country is blessed with individuals and agencies among which are Nigerian Communications Satellite (NIGCOMSAT), National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) and National Technology Development Agency (NITDA) saddled with the responsibility of providing technological products to ensure adequate intelligence gathering, surveillance and effective communication;

Worried that despite the presence of security agencies in Nigeria, all forms of insecurity continue unabated, in the case of kidnapping, contacts are established with the relatives of kidnap victims without instant tracking and apprehending of the criminals and this of course indicates that the products of these agencies are not tapped by the respective security agencies in the Country or strong collaboration in fighting the menace of insecurity in Nigeria are not established between them;

Also worried that non-adoption of home-grown tech products and non-integration of domestic tech service provider agencies by the security agencies fighting insecurity ravaging the country will allow continuation of all forms of crimes in the Country and continue to allow the citizens to live in fear;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Army, Police, Department of State Services (DSS) and the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) to speedily collaborate and adopt tech products of domestic agencies as Nigerian Communications Satellite NIGCOMSAT), National Space Research Development Agency (NASRDA) and National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) to fight insecurity in Nigeria; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Army, Police Affairs and Communications to ensure compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

13. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Igboora and for Related Matters (HB.799) (Leader) – Committee of the Whole:20/12/2023.

14. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Produce (Enforcement of Exports Standards) Act, Cap. P23, Laws of the Federal of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Federal Produce Inspection Service (Enforcement of Exports Standards) (Establishment) Bill, 2024 to Provide for the Inspection and Enforcement of Grades and Quality Standards of Produce and Commodity intended for Export from Nigeria at Ports of Shipment and for Related Matters (HB. HB.616) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole*:9/11/2023.
15. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts (Repeal and Enactment) Act, 2010 and Enact the Federal Capital Territory Abuja Area Courts Bill to, among other things, Expand the Jurisdiction of the Area Courts to Entertain both Civil and Criminal Matters and for Related Matters (HB. 378) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole*:8/2/2024.
16. A Bill for an Act to Establish Traditional Complementary and Alternative Medicine Council of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 473) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole*:10/10/2023.
17. A Bill for an Act to Establish Chartered Institute of Public Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and Promote the Practice of Public Management in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 984) (*Leader*) – *Committee of the Whole*:20/12/2023.
18. ***Ad-hoc Committee on the Need to Investigate the Circumstances Surrounding the Acquisition of OVH Energy by NNPC limited:***
Hon. Hassan Abubakar Nalaraba:
 “That the House do consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Need to Investigate the Circumstances Surrounding the Acquisition of OVH Energy by NNPC Limited on the Need to Investigate the Irregularities and Alleged Corruption in the Nigeria Energy Security Provider, NNPC Retail Limited and the Acquisition of OVH Energy Marketing and approve the Recommendations therein” (HR. 171/07/2023) (*Laid*:4/10/2023).
 - (i) lift the suspension of the House of Representatives’ earlier directive to the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Ltd (NNPCL) to halt the acquisition of OVH Energy Marketing;
 - (ii) urge the NNPCL to sustain its application of principle of corporate governance, which has given rise to the increase in profit of the NNPC Retail from 6.593 Billion naira in year 2021 to 18.4 Billion naira in the first quarter of the year 2023;
 - (iii) also urge the NNPCL to sustain provision of energy for security purposes as provided for in the Petroleum Industry Act, 2021;
 - (iv) further urge the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (NMDPRA) to act in accordance with its mandate by refusing and denying facilities to whose operating license no longer subsist from lifting products and the associated consequences that may apply; and
 - (v) again urge all facilities that operate within the Midstream and Downstream sector of the oil and gas sector, within the regulatory purview of the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority, to obtain and renew their operating licenses, including the NNPCL and it Companies, or face consequences as provided in the NMDPRA regulations.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Tuesday 27 February 2024	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Accounts	Tuesday 27 February 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 (New Building) Assembly Complex
3.	Civil Society and Developmental Partners	Tuesday 27 February 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 (New Building Extension) Assembly Complex

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| 4. | Public Assets | Tuesday 27 February 2024 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 144
(New Building Extension)
Assembly Complex |
| 5. | Agricultural College and
Institutions | Tuesday 27 February 2024 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 436
(New Building)
Assembly Complex |
| 6. | Nigerian–United States of
America Parliamentary
Friendship Groups | Tuesday 27 February 2024 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 348
(New Building Extension)
Assembly Complex |