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5. Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1418) (*Hon. Dalhatu Shehu*) – *First Reading*.

6. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1419) (*Hon. Kafilat Ogbara*) – *First Reading*.
 7. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1421) (*Hon. Kafilat Ogbara*) – *First Reading*.
 8. Federal College of Nursing and Midwifery Egbu, Owerri North, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1395) (*Hon. Tochukwu Okere*) – *First Reading*.
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 10. Integrated Agro-Industrial Park Nekede, Owerri West, Imo State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1397) (*Hon. Tochukwu Okere*) – *First Reading*.
 11. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1410) (*Hon. Babajimi Benson*) – *First Reading*.
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 13. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1412) (*Hon. Babajimi Benson*) – *First Reading*.
 14. Federal College of Entrepreneurship and Skills Acquisition, Ingawa, Katsina State (Establishment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1416) (*Hon. Abubakar Yahaya Kusada*) – *First Reading*.
 15. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Sixth Alteration) Bill, 2024 (HB.1422) (*Hon. Kafilat Ogbara*) – *First Reading*.
 16. Federal Colleges of Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (HB.1433) (*Hon. Miriam Odinaka Onuoha & Hon. Canice Moore Nwachukwu*) – *First Reading*.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Domesticate and Enforce in Nigeria the International Convention against Doping in Sport, Establish Nigeria Anti-Doping Centre to Implement Nigeria's obligations to World Anti-Doping Code, International Standards and for Related Matters (HB.1441) (*Leader*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act to Establish Federal Medical Centre Atan-Ota, Ogun State and for Related Matters (HB. 349) (*Hon. Olatunji Akinosi*) – *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide for the determination of all Appeals arising from Election Petition Tribunals prior to swearing in of President-Elect, Vice President-Elect, Governor-Elect, Deputy Governor-Elect, Members-Elect of the National and State Assemblies and for Related Matters (HB. 1154) (*Hon. Mansur Manu Soro*) – *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Character Commission Act 2004 and for Related Matters (HB.721) (*Hon. Obuzor Victor*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

**5. Oil Exploration Activities in Gombe and Bauchi States:
Hon. Inuwa Garba:**

The House:

Notes that the oil exploration in Kolmani Oil Field between Gombe and Bauchi States commenced in 2016 leading to the inauguration of Kolmani Integrated Development Project by former President Muhammadu Buhari in collaboration with President Ahmed Bola Tinubu in November 2022 after the discovery of about 1 billion barrels of crude oil and 500 billion cubic feet of gas in the licensed area categorized as Oil Prospecting Lease (OPL) 810 and 809;

Also notes that Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL) attracted over 3 billion dollars investment including Petro-chemical refining site, oil refinery of 120,000 bpd, a gas processing site of about 500 million cubic feet per day, a fertilizer plant and a 300mw power plant, in addition, it is expected to afford the country with the opportunity of re-drawing hydrocarbon map and exit from speculative optimism to crystallized definitive prospects in the oil and gas sector;

Notes that the news of this discovery elicited excitement across Nigeria emanating from government's charge to NNPCL to re-strategize and expand oil and gas exploration to Anambra, Benue and Bida basins resulting benefits of additional volume of crude oil, foreign exchange, employment and development;

Worried that after the inauguration of the project, production activities declined under unexplained circumstances, thus creating apprehension and disappointment in the polity, especially in the face of current oil and gas market realities;

Disturbed that the lack of a periodic progress report on such a lucrative project has led to speculation and despair due to the expectations of wealth creation, employment, and significant development;
Cognizant of the need to expedite action on the project considering its benefits to national development;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Downstream, Upstream, and Midstream), Gas Resources, and North-East Development Commission to investigate the oil exploration activities of the Kolmani Integrated Development Project and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**6. Call to Establish Nigeria Correctional Centres, Armed Security Guards and Correctional Data Security Across the Country:
Hon. Kabiru Alhassan Usman Rurum:**

The House:

Notes that the incessant attacks on custodial facilities of the Nigerian Correctional Service and frequent escape of inmates convicted and awaiting trial have become dangerous trend as they portend grave danger to society and has become an embarrassment to the country's security architecture;

Also notes that the recent rainstorm incident in Niger State which resulted in the escape of one hundred and eighteen (118) inmates has again brought attention to the worrisome state of the nation's correctional centres security architecture and the looming danger ahead;

Aware that from September 2015 to July 2023, there have been reported cases of about seventeen jailbreaks across Nigeria, resulting in over 7,000 escapees;

Cognizant that prison officials are not properly trained to be infantry and confrontational, making it difficult to repel such attacks, hence the need to put in place upgraded prison facilities with better security armed guards, walls, perimeter fences, and solid gates, and the installation of modern equipment to easily detect security breaches and curb further attacks;

Worried that the grave implication of the jailbreak is the fact that the criminals have returned to society and their refusal to go back to prison indicates that they will continue to perpetrate more atrocities, leading to further breakdown of security across the country;

Believes that prison break constitutes a threat to national security and stringent actions must be taken to avoid further incidents;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to immediately set up a judicial panel of inquiry on prison attacks in the country and ensure that such assaults on the entire security apparatus of Nigeria do not recur; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Interior and Reformatory Institutions to interface with the relevant federal government agencies to constitute threat management in correctional centres across the country and collate data of inmates by enrolling them in the National Identity Number system and reporting back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**7. Need to Tackle the Dropping Standards of Education in Nigeria:
Hon. Ayodeji Alao Akala:**

The House:

Notes that the introduction of Western education changed the education landscape in Nigeria and placed educated Nigerians on a level playing field globally;

Also notes that Nigerians have demonstrated educational prowess and capability globally, earning admirable seats in positions that only education provided;

Observes that the Nigerian educational sector is facing a continuous decline in standards due to poor funding, inadequate facilities, insufficient teachers, corruption, insecurity, poor supervision, poor policy implementation and poor attitudes towards schoolwork, while the rise of social media has exposed young children to unsupervised orientation, leading to misplaced priorities and neglect of school work;

Worried that the Nigeria school system is plagued with numerous social vices such as examination malpractices, cultism, hooliganism and corruption;

Alarmed that despite constant reduction in cut-off marks, secondary school leaving students struggle to meet average marks, highlighting the importance of education in societal development, industries, and moral regeneration;

Believes that Education is considered the foundation of societal development, moral regeneration, and people's revival, serving as the lifeline of the society;

Convinced that government must take practical steps to address identified problems in the educational sector and foster the development of youth;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to adequately fund the Educational sectors of Nigeria;

- (ii) also urge the Ministry of Education to review and apply stringent policies to the standards of education in Nigeria at all levels;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Education and the Universal Basic Education Commission to work with the Teachers Education Council of Nigeria (TRCN) and other relevant Bodies to monitor the accreditation and strictly regulate the Continued Professional Development (CPD) of teachers in Nigeria; and
- (iv) again urge the Federal Ministry of Communications to develop measures to limit social media usage for children below 16 years in Nigeria.

8. Need to Complete the Abandoned Dredging of the Calabar Seaport:

Hon. Alex Egbona

Hon. Michael Etaba

Hon. Inyang Emil Lemke

Hon. Abang Victor Bisong

Hon. Bassey Joseph

Hon. Akiba Bassey Ekpenyong

Hon. Peter Akpanke

Hon. Godwin Offiono:

The House:

Notes that Calabar Seaport is the oldest seaport in Nigeria shipping goods such as palm oil to Europe and other parts of the world as far back as the sixteenth century;

Also notes the port was privately administered and operated by various shipping companies, including John Holt, until December 1969, when the Federal Government took over the port facilities from the erstwhile operators and vested them in the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA);

Further notes that the modernization and expansion of the port complex were embarked upon under the 3rd National Development Plan of 1975–1980 and commissioned by General Olusegun Obasanjo on 9 June 1979;

Recalls that the refurbishment generated a considerable level of attention and activity, but for obvious reasons not unconnected to sabotage, the usage of the port did not last and has failed to live up to its full potential over time;

Aware that there have been diverse government proclamations on the dredging of the port dating back to the regimes of General Ibrahim Babangida and General Sani Abacha, but no tangible work has been done to rehabilitate the port;

Also aware that in 2006, President Obasanjo awarded \$56 million dredging contracts to Dutch companies Jan De Nul and Van Oord, but both companies absconded without completing the task, leaving the port in a severe state;

Further aware that in 2014, the administration of former President Goodluck Jonathan, with a renewed sense of optimism, initiated Calabar Channel Management (CCM), a joint venture company between the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and a consortium of companies led by Niger Global Engineering and Technical Company Limited with a mandate to dredge the port;

Concerned that CCM was reported to have commenced work on the dredging, the current reality is that the port is yet to be dredged;

Cognizant that completion of the Calabar Seaport would decongest the Lagos Ports and reduce the hardship of waiting longer hours to clear goods;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the the Ministry of Transport to re-award the dredging of the seaport to a reputable company with a mandate to complete the project within a specific time frame;
- (ii) also urge the Nigerian Ports Authority to supervise the project to ensure a standard depth is established to enable larger vessels to berth in line with best global practices;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Ports and Harbour to investigate the contracts awarded in 2006 and 2014, respectively, to determine why the contracts were abandoned by the contractors and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Rehabilitation of Failed Section of Yashe – Kusada–Ingawa–Dutsi–Shargalle road:

Hon. Abubakar Yahaya Kusada:

The House:

Notes that Yashe-Kusada-Ingawa-Dutsi-Shargalle Road is in a dilapidated condition, posing a great risk to commuters and potentially leading to fatalities, destruction of properties through accidents, and frequent attacks by hoodlums, thus affecting motorists' valuable time spent on transportation;

Worried that the state of the road has been causing untold suffering to the people who are predominantly farmers, as socio-economic activities in the affected communities have been hampered because of the attendant risks of transporting farm produce to markets via the dilapidated road;

Disturbed that during the rainy season, the road becomes a nightmare for the inhabitants of the communities, who are trying to access their farms, schools, and marketplaces;

Cognizant of the need to rehabilitate the road to ameliorate the hardship encountered by road users;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Works and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to rehabilitate failed sSection of Yashe–Kusada–Ingawa–Dutsi–Shargalle road to ease commuter's hardship; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to include the road construction in the 2025 budget estimates.

10. Need to Investigate Investments in Renewable Energy Sector and Foreign Grants received from 2015 till Date:

Hon. Jesse Okey Joe Onuakalusi:

The House:

Notes that Electricity is a crucial factor in the economic and social development of every nation;

Aware that poor electricity generation and distribution pose a great challenge to the country's economic development and living conditions of its people;

Cognizant of the fact that successive governments since 2015, in an effort to address electricity supply challenges made huge investments and attracted multimillion-dollar foreign grants to the renewable energy subsector of the Power Industry in Nigeria to energise a viable and sustainable alternative energy and supply;

Recalls that in December 2023, the World Bank approved 750 million dollars facility to boost Renewable Energy in Nigeria, with the objective of providing over 17.5 million Nigerians with improved access to electricity through distributed Renewable Energy solutions;

Also recalls that in 2023 the Rural Electrification Agency reported in the media that in the past decade attracted over 2 billion dollars in renewable energy with no visible evidence of improvement;

Further recalls that in 2020 the federal government launched a 200 million dollars renewable energy project tagged “Nigeria Electrification Project (NEP)”, to provide off-grid energy to over 500,000 people across 105,000 households in rural communities in Nigeria with facilities sourced from the African Development Bank (AfDB);

Worried that inspite of the huge investments and foreign grants to develop the renewable energy sector and contribute meaningfully to the public grid with the intention to improve electricity supply and boost the economy, no visible contribution from the renewable energy mix to the national grid has been recorded;

Alarmed that the dysfunctional electricity generation and supply system remain abetted, contrary to the objective behind the purpose-driven government investment and grants attracted and received to develop the renewable energy sector;

Resolves to:

mandate the Committee on Renewable Energy to investigate Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) of the government associated with investment, procurement, and receipt of grants meant to develop the renewable energy sector from 2015 till date and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Illegal Unbundling, Stripling and Misappropriations of Assets in Nigerian Postal Services:
Hon. Dabo Ismaila Haruna **Hon. Ademorin A. Kuye:**

The House:

Notes that the Nigeria Postal Services (NIPOST) is 100% federally owned and responsible for providing postal services, regulating couriers, and setting standards in the speed post economy, with movable and immovable assets in the seven hundred and seventy-four (774) Local Government Areas of the Federation and six (6) Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory;

Also notes that the Ministry of Communication and Digital Economy, in collaboration with the Bureau of Public Enterprises in 2021, unbundled NIPOST and incorporated three companies, namely:

- (i) NIPOST Properties and Development Company Limited;
- (ii) NIPOST Transport and Logistics Ltd; and
- (iii) NIPOST Microfinance Bank;

Aware that NIPOST Properties and Development Co. Ltd has taken over NIPOST properties and lands, for profit, while NIPOST pays rent in all the properties, while the NIPOST Transport and Logistics Services Limited manages NIPOST Fleet, cargo haulage and relocation services within and outside Nigeria;

Also aware that the company was incorporated without proper legislation in the 9th Assembly, violating the NIPOST Act, Cap. 127 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, which does not allow the entity to establish a subsidiary;

Informed that inspite of this illegality of the unbundling the incorporation document of these entities revealed that Isa. A. Ibrahim, who was the former minister of communication and digital economy, Alexander Ayoola Okoh, the current Director General of the Bureau of Public Enterprises, Alexander

Musa Adeyemi, who was recently appointed to the board of Transcorp and listed as a board member of trustee of the failed Nigeria Air Project and Maimuna Yaya Abubakar, former Chairperson of the NIPOST Governing Board, are all directors of these companies, making them private companies owned by these individuals;

Also Informed that in 2022, the Minister allegedly paid ten billion naira, only from the Ministry of Communication and Digital Economy to the accounts of these entities in the guise of startup funds;

Disturbed that the unbundling of NIPOST is deemed as a violation of the NIPOST Act, potentially leading to the destruction of the main NIPOST and job loss for 12,000 staff;

Also disturbed that NIPOST's assets in 774 Local Government Areas and 6 Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory have been shared among private citizens, leaving the main NIPOST vulnerable;

worried that NIPOST assets, valued at 3 trillion naira are being stolen by unscrupulous individuals in the guise of unbundling, similar to NITEL's theft of staff pension funds and bank balances in 2015;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Ministries of Communications and Finance to give the necessary cooperation to achieve the needed results in the exercise; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Public Assets to investigate the registered subsidiaries to unravel the level of pilfering and asset diversion by private individuals and audit of all NIPOST assets throughout the Federation and provide a comprehensive register of NIPOST assets;

**12. Need to Employ the Use of Modern Technology to Secure the Nation's Borders:
Hon. Oby Lilian Orogbu:**

The House:

Notes that there are over three hundred and twenty (320) illegal routes into Nigeria that serve as horrendous channels for the influx of inadmissible aliens and goods;

Also notes that Nigeria at the moment lacks sufficient security personnel to safeguard the existing illegal routes across the borders;

Further notes that the unmanned routes provide avenues for insecurity, proliferation of arms, and dumping of unwholesome goods into the country;

Concerned that the porous borders have provided an impetus to the thriving drug and human trafficking routes all over the country;

Aware that border policing has since shifted from the mundane use of only human beings to the deployment of sophisticated electronic based equipment for potency;

Also aware that the deployment of technologies like electronic sensors, video monitors, and night vision scopes to detect illegal entries has proved more effective in western countries than human security;

Further aware that more advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, (drones) and dark fighter cameras are available to further enhance border controls;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigeria Customs service to beef up the nation's border security with modern technological gadgets;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on National Security, Intelligence and Customs and Excise to interface with the relevant agencies of the executive arm to ensure implementation and report to within four (4) weeks for further legislative action; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 13. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Postgraduate College of Medical Laboratory Science to Conduct Professional Postgraduate Examination for Candidates into Various Specialties in Medical Laboratory Science; and for Related Matters (HB.310) – *Committee of the Whole: 10/10/2023.*
- 14. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of Budget Management of the Federation and to Provide a Legal Framework for Budget Process Management in the Federal Government of Nigeria to Ensure Effective Regulation of Budget Preparation, Presentation, Implementation and Auditing; and for Related Matters (HB.698) – *Committee of the Whole: 9/10/2023.*
- 15. A Bill for an Act to Establish National Rice Production, Processing and Research Institute, Igbemo-Ekiti, Ekiti State and for Related Matters (HB.584) – *Committee of the Whole: 20/12/2023.*
- 16. A Bill for an Act to provide for Establishment of Federal University of Environment Technology, Koroma/Saakpenwa, Tai Ogoni and for Related Matters (HB.1040) – *Committee of the Whole: 6/3/2024.*
- 17. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Food Safety Council and National Food Safety Management Committee for the Official Control of Food and Feed Safety, the Obligations of Food and Feed Business Operators and Define the Functions and Powers of Institutions of Government with the Objective of Ensuring that Food and Feed Safety Risks are Effectively Managed; and for Related Matters (HB.613) – *Committee of the Whole: 9/11/2023.*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Thursday 23 May 2024	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
2.	Finance (<i>Quarterly Revenue Monitoring Exercise</i>)	Wednesday 22 May 2024	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 107 (New Building) Assembly Complex