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1. Federal Polytechnics Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.1904) (*Hon. Uduak Alphonsus Odudoh*) – *First Reading*
2. Federal University of Tropical Medicine, Irrua, Edo State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.1925) (*Hon. Marcus I. Onobun*) – *First Reading*
3. Criminal Code Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.1994) (*Hon. Muktar Tolani Shagaya*) – *First Reading*
4. Penal Code Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.1995) (*Hon. Muktar Tolani Shagaya*) – *First Reading*
5. Council for the Regulation of Travel and Tour Management Companies of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2008) (*Hon. Daniel Asama Ago*) – *First Reading*.
6. Chartered Institute for Tourism and Hospitality of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2009) (*Hon. Daniel Asama Ago*) – *First Reading*.

7. Robbery and Firearms (Special Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2011) (*Hon. Obiageli Lilian Orogbu*) – *First Reading*.
 8. Free Childbirth and Medicare for Children 0–12 Years Bill, 2025 (HB.2012) (*Hon. Obiageli Lilian Orogbu*) – *First Reading*.
 9. Theophilus Yakubu Danjuma Federal University of Agriculture and Solid Minerals, Jalingo (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2076) (*Hon. Sadiq Abbas Tafida*) – *First Reading*.
 10. Federal Vocational and Skill Centre, Okurike (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2077) (*Hon. Emil Leke Inyang*) – *First Reading*.
 11. Federal Colleges of Agricultural Act (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (HB.1805) (*Hon. Marcus I. Onobun*) – *First Reading*.
 12. Nigerian Insurance Industry Reform Bill, 2025 (SB.393) (*Senate*) – *First Reading*.
 13. Federal University of Mining and Geosciences, (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (SB.12) (*Senate*) – *First Reading*.
 14. Federal University of Entrepreneur and Business Management, Ekinrin, Adde, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2088) (*Hon. James Faleke*) – *First Reading*.
 15. Federal University of Health Sciences, Dawakin Tofa (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2086) (*Hon. Abdulkakir Tijjani Jobe*) – *First Reading*.
 16. Federal University of Livestock and Development Studies, Tofa, Kano State (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2087) (*Hon. Abdulkakir Tijjani Jobe*) – *First Reading*.
 17. Federal University of Medical Laboratory Science and Technology, Jos (Establishment) Bill, 2025 (HB.2089) (*Hon. Daniel Asama Ango*) – *First Reading*.
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Health Institutions:**

Hon. Patrick Umoh:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend Federal Medical Centres Act and Establish Federal Medical Centre, Saki, Oyo State for the Provision of Tertiary Healthcare Services, Medical Education and for Related Matters (HB.1356)” (*Referred: 30/10/2024*)

2. **Committee on Health Institutions:**

Hon. Patrick Umoh:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Establish Federal Medical Centre, Achi, Enugu State and for Related Matters (HB.1220)” (*Referred: 18/7/2024*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the National Assembly Infrastructure and Property Agency to take over the Operation, Management, Development, Maintenance and Preservation of the National Assembly Complex and all Properties of the National Assembly anywhere in Nigeria and for Related

Matters (HB. 2072) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, Hon. Daniel Amos and Hon. Daniel Asama Ago*) – *Second Reading*.

2. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) to Provide for Establishment of an Electoral Offences Tribunal and ensure that all electoral matters are determined before swearing in of the Elected Office Holders and for Related Matters (HB.1290) (*Hon. Bamidele Salam*) – *Second Reading*.
 3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Establishment of Federal College of Education (Special), Port Harcourt, Rivers State and for Related Matters (HB.835) (*Hon. Blessing Chigeru Amadi*) – *Second Reading*
 4. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Technology, Rimi, Kastina State and make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (HB.1800) (*Hon. Murtala Usman Banye*) – *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Army Colour (Prohibition of Use) Act, and for Related Matters (HB. 975) (*Hon. Uduak Alphonsus Odudoh*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

6. **A National Call to Halt Homicidal and Femicidal Acts in Nigeria:**
Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante **Hon. Faleke James Abiodun**
Hon. Ogah Amobi Godwin **Hon. Manu Soro Mansur**

The House:

Notes that the right to life is a fundamental human right guaranteed by the Constitution while homicide cases including murder, manslaughter, and other violent crimes leading to the termination of life have been on the rise across the country, provoking public demand for justice;

Also notes that Femicide, the intentional killing of women and girls due to their gender, has become a significant concern, with several reported cases in recent years;

Disturbed by the following tragic cases:

- (i) February 2020: Patience Adibe was killed by her boyfriend in Benin after a brief argument;
- (ii) May 2020: Vera Uwaila Omozuwa, a 100 Level Microbiology Student of the University of Benin, was raped and murdered in a church, Collins Ujebulem, one of the suspects, claimed that a woman paid them to kill her for ritual purposes;
- (iii) June 2020: Barakat Bello, an 18 years old Student in Ibadan, was raped and stabbed to death;
- (iv) September 2020: 11 years old Favour Okechukwu was gang-raped and killed by four men in Lagos;
- (v) April 2021: Iniobong Umoren, a fresh graduate, was raped and murdered by a man posing as a job interviewer in Uyo;
- (vi) December 2021: Hanifa Abubakar, a 5 years old girl, was kidnapped, poisoned, and murdered by her school proprietor in Kano;
- (vii) February 2022: Fashion designer Bamise Ayanwale was murdered after boarding a BRT Bus in Lagos;
- (viii) April 2022: Ifeanyi Njoku killed his girlfriend for money rituals;
- (ix) July 2022: Eunice Chioma Igweike was abducted, killed, and butchered by human parts dealers;

- (x) July 2023: Benjamin Best murdered his girlfriend, Augusta Osedion, a 300 Level Student at the University of Port Harcourt;
- (xi) August 2023: Oghenefejiro Regha was killed by her boyfriend for ritual purposes;
- (xii) October 2023: Okoligwe Damian Chinemere killed Justina Otuene Nkang, a fellow student at the University of Port Harcourt;
- (xiii) May 2024: Elisha was arrested for killing his lover, Edima, in a ritual murder;
- (xiv) June 2024: Glory Adekolure was raped and killed in Benin;
- (xv) August 2024: Fatai Mogaji stabbed his ex-girlfriend to death, while Mojisola Awesu was murdered in a hotel;
- (xvi) September 2024: Jeremiah Samson killed Abigail Damilola, a University Student, and buried her body;
- (xvii) January 2025: the recent killing of Salome Adaidu, a National Youth Corps Member, in Nasarawa State is a continuation of the trend; and
- (xviii) alarmed by the killing of Chioma Nwana, who was set ablaze by her husband in Anambra after a heated argument.

Distraught by the delays in the prosecution of homicide cases, which have caused prolonged pre-trial detentions which is overcrowding the correctional facilities, and loss of crucial evidence, eroding public faith in the judicial system.

Concerned that the slow and ineffective justice system allows perpetrators to gain media attention while trials for serious crimes like homicide are prolonged, an example is the case of Chidinma Ojukwu, under trial for the murder of Usifo Ataga, continues to gain publicity, and the notorious kidnapper Evans, facing trial for murder, has been awarded scholarship;

Aware that the National Judicial Council (NJC) is responsible for overseeing the Judiciary and improving the efficiency of the judicial process;

Convinced that establishing Special Divisions within existing courts with exclusive jurisdiction over homicide and related cases will expedite justice, reduce backlogs, and restore public confidence in the legal system;

Also convinced that ethical enlightenment through public awareness campaigns focusing on instilling ethical values and respect for human life and the integration of emotional intelligence programs to help young people develop non-violent problem solving skills, could help curb this menace.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Judicial Council to facilitate the designation of special Divisions within existing Courts at all levels to expeditiously handle homicide, femicide and related cases;
- (ii) also urge relevant law enforcement agencies to prioritize homicide investigations and ensure thorough prosecution of offenders;
- (iii) further urge religious organizations, the National Orientation Agency, and other advocacy groups to initiate public awareness campaigns focusing on instilling ethical values and respect for human life, and to promote programs that educate young people on the dangers of ritual killings, murder, and manslaughter;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Judiciary and Human Rights to liaise with the NJC and other relevant stakeholders to monitor the implementation of this resolution and report progress within a stipulated timeframe.

7. Call on the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to Conduct Bye-Elections for Vacant Seats in the National and State Assemblies:

Hon. Jafaru Leko:

The House:

Notes that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), established pursuant to Section 153(f) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended), is the sole body vested with the responsibility of conducting elections for the federal States, Federal Capital Territory and Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory;

Also notes that Sections 47 and 90 of the Constitution, (as amended), outlines the Establishment of the National Assembly and the State Houses of Assembly, ensuring the right of citizens to be represented in the federal and state legislative bodies;

Further notes that since 2023 general and subsequent elections, there have been instances of resignations, deaths, appointments, or appointments of former members of both the National and State Assemblies to executive positions;

Aware that section 68 of the Constitution provides for the cessation and vacation of seats of the National Assembly, whereas section 76(2) stresses the need for a bye-election to be conducted not later than one month after the vacancy occurs;

Also aware that upon the declaration of these seats as vacant, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) is obligated, under the provisions of Section 76(2), to conduct bye-elections to fill the vacant positions and ensure proper representation of the affected constituencies;

Worried that Nigeria practices a constitutional democracy that the continued vacancy of these seats, without the holding of timely Bye-elections results in the disenfranchisement of the affected, citizens, which constitutes a violation of the constitutional principles of representation and deprives the electorates of their right to adequate representation;

Also worried that the delay in conducting the bye-elections for the vacant seats is a contravention of constitutional provision, a breach of the due process and denial of the affected constituencies' proper representation;

Concerned that this Electoral inaction from the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) violates the principles of democracy and representative governance, leaving citizens unrepresented, and also obstructs legislative activities, as Committees and Plenary Sessions lack full participation from duly elected members;

Also concerned that this Electoral inaction sets a dangerous precedent, where compliance with the Constitution and electoral laws become optional rather than mandatory;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Electoral Matters to investigate the issue of electoral inaction and invite the leadership of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to provide a detailed explanation of the reasons behind the delay and the steps taken to rectify the situation; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

8. Need to Enhance Security Operations against Killings and Kidnapping by Bandit in Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency:

Hon. Mohammed Aminu Ibrahim:

The House:

Notes the increase in banditry activities resulting in the killing and kidnapping of innocent citizens in Malumfashi/Kafur Federal Constituency of Katsina State;

Also notes that the incessant banditry in Malumfashi town, Marabar Kankara, Na Alma, and other villages in the Malumfashi Local Government Area, including Yari Bori, Gidan Kaura, Kuringafa, and other villages in the Kafur Local Government Area, has led to the displacement of most Communities and migration of influential and rich people due to fear of being kidnapped or killed by bandits;

Worried that the victims are mostly young women, children between three to four years, and the security personnel, a DPO of Kafur Local Government Area is still under admission in the Federal Medical Centre, Katsina after receiving gunshots from the bandits in one of their operations to rescue a community;

Also *worried* that the banditry activities have become a regular pattern in these Local Government Areas as a result of the limited presence of the Army in Malumfashi and Kafur which has encouraged criminal activities by bandits due to lack of Military presence;

Cognizant of the need to implement security measures and increase the number of Military Personnel to complement the efforts of the Police, Civil Watch Corps, and the Vigilante in the areas;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Chief of Army Staff and Inspector General of Police to jointly launch a special operation to flush out the bandits in these areas and Katsina State in general;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector General of Police (IGP) and the National Security Adviser (NSA) to expedite the deployment of more security personnel to tackle the Killings and Kidnapping by Bandit in Kafur/Malumfashi;
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Army, Police, and National Security to ensure compliance.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 9. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture and Entrepreneurship, Bama, Borno State make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration and for Related Matters (SB. 186) (*Leader*) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) – *Committee of the Whole: 6/2/2025.*
- 10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Medical Centres Act, 2022 to Provide for Establishment of Federal Medical Centre, Dadin-Kowa, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 644) (*Leader*) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) – *Committee of the Whole: 26/10/2023.*
- 11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provision for Establishment of Federal College of Education Tudun Wada Dankadai, Kano State and for Related Matters (HB. 645) (*Leader*) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere, Owan Federal Constituency*) – *Committee of the Whole: 26/10/2023.*
- 12. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Coastal and Inland Shipping (Cabotage) Act, No. 5, 2003 to restrict the use of Foreign Vessels in Domestic Coastal and Inland Commercial activities, to Promote the Development of Indigenous Tonnage and Establish a Cabotage Vessel Financing Fund and for Related Matters (HB.1593) – (*Leader*) (*Hon. Julius Ihonvbere*) *Committee of the Whole: 19/11/2024.*
- 13. **Report of the Conference Committee:**
Hon. Babajimi Benson.
 Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Prohibit the Exportation of Maize in Large Commercial Quantities out of Nigeria and for Related Matters (*Laid:13/2/2025*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

14.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
15.	Rules and Business	Tuesday 18 February 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
16.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Tuesday 18 February 2025	3.00 p.m.	Conference Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex
17.	Federal Polytechnics and Higher Technical Education	Tuesday 18 February 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 201 (New Building) Assembly Complex
18.	Nigeria/United States of America Parliamentary Friendship Group	Tuesday 18 February 2025	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 107 (New Building) Assembly Complex