



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 28 February, 2006

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Joint Committee on Banking and Currency and Justice: Hon. Clever Ikisipko

"That this House do receive the Report of the House Committee on Banking and Currency on A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Deposits Insurance Corporation Act, 1988 and to Re-Enact the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act . 2005; and for Matters Connected Therewith".

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **Ratification of Treaty:**
Hon. Abdul Ningi:
"The House, having adopted the Report of the Committee of Whole on A Bill for an Act to Enable Effect to be given in the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Statute of the West African Central Bank and Matters Connected Therewith, 2006, do advise and consent to the Ratification of the Treaty in the form agreed to".

BILLS

2. A Bill for An Act to make Provisions for the Control of Noise Pollution in the Country, and for Related Matters (HB. 189), 2005 — *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal Cap, P29 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to make Comprehensive Provisions for the Administration of Prisons in Nigeria; and for Related Purposes (HB. 186), 2005 — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

4. **Committee on Housing and Urban Development:**
Hon. Osita Izunaso:
"That this House do resume consideration on the Report of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development on the Investigation into the Violation of the National Housing Fund Act 3 of 1992 and approve the Recommendations Therein" (*Adjourned debate: 15/2/2006*).

Recommendations:

- (1) The management of the Fund by the FMBN should be more democratized and be more transparent to ensure the representation of all key stakeholders.
- (ii) Loan Recovery Consultant need be appointed by the FMBN to pursue the collection and enforcement of compliance by the Employers.
- (iii) Advocacy Consultants are necessary to sensitize employers and employees on modalities for accessing NHF facilities.
- (iv) There is need to liberalize the methodology for accessing the fund by the employees and the PMI's should provide a system to encourage more contributors to come forward to obtain the facilities.
- (v) The CBN is to license more PMIs to ensure wider coverage of Nigeria or on the alternative the existing ones should open more branches in many state capitals.
- (vi) The PMIs are to be recapitalized just in line with the commercial banks to position them adequately to confront the realities of Modern Mortgage challenges.
- (vii) The Land Use Act be subjected to amendment to ensure the continuous availability of land to the benefit of Nigerians to access the NHF Act.
- (viii) Part of the amendments to the Act soon to commence should seriously consider the increase in the ceiling of loanable fund available to contributors.
- (ix) There is urgent need to amend the NHF Act 3 to take into consideration all the lapses noticed in the existing Act and also reposition it for the challenges ahead.

5. Committee on Foreign Affairs:

Hon. Usman Bugaje:

"That this House do consider the Report of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on the Investigation into the 2005 Hajji Operations and approve the Recommendations therein. (*Laid: 17/1/2006*).

Recommendations:

- (i) Legislation be put in place establishing a permanent body for co-ordinating and management of Hajj operations. This should be in the form of a Commission with regulatory power. The Commission should be in form of a body with regulatory powers. The Commission should be independent and autonomous body empowered to take over the coordination and management of Hajj operations. A Bill for permanent Hajj Commission is already under the consideration of this Honourable House.
- (ii) The Commission should have the technical capacity to examine the aviation industry and see how best the airlifting of pilgrims could be structured and addressed in order to avert the current scenario and the lack of clear line of authority on handling of aviation matters.
- (iii) The Directorate of Pilgrim Affairs should be made to account for what has been collected and expended of the U.S. \$30.00 charge.
- (iv) Further investigation is needed to establish the financial dealings on the excess budgetary expenditure for the Amirul Hajj delegation should refund the sum in issue to the Federal Government of Nigeria.
- (v) The Auditor General of the Federation should, in compliance with constitutional stipulations for audit of public bodies, appoint an independent auditor to audit the financial transactions for the 2005 Hajj operations and a report be submitted to the National Assembly in 3 months from the date the House endorses this recommendation.
- (vi) Considering the obstruction of investigation, dereliction of duty and sheer incompetence of the Directorate of Pilgrim Affairs (DPA) and Ministry of Foreign, the current officials i.e. Director, Directorate of Pilgrim Affairs and the Accountant should be immediately suspended to allow free access to records.
- (vii) That this Honourable House mandate the Committee to proceed to probe further and conclude the outstanding actions on the investigation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	<i>Committee</i> Rules and Business	<i>Date</i> Wednesday, 28 February, 2006	1 <i>Time</i> .3 0 p.m.	<i>Venue</i> Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Joint Committee on Electoral Matters & Justice	Wednesday, 28 February, 2006	2 .00 p.m.	Committee Room 20 Assembly Complex
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3.	Rural Development	Wednesday, 28 February, 2006	2 .00 p.m.	Committee Room 21 Assembly Committee Room 22
4.	Housing & Urban Dev. (<i>Meeting with Mgt. of Federal Ministry of Housing & Dev.</i>)	Wednesday, 28 February, 2006	2.00 p.m.	
5.	House and Senate Committees on NDDC	Wednesday, 28 February, 2006	1.00 p.m.	Senate Hearing Rm. 2 Assembly Complex