



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 10 December, 2009

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1. Prayers
 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
 3. Oaths
 4. Announcements (*if any*)
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PRESENTATION OF BILL

Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2009 (HB. 348) (*Executive*) — *First Reading*.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes:

Hon. Rabir Nasir:

"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Financial Crimes on the Petition by 71 disengaged staff of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency".

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. New Form of Imperialism through Land Acquisition in Africa and Nigeria:

Hon. Samaila Abdullahi Mohammed:

The House:

Notes that enormous tracts of land on the African continent have been bought or leased by countries and trans-national companies under the guise of agricultural development;

Further notes that markets access has been denied to African and Nigerian Agricultural products in developed countries;

Aware that Agricultural subsidies in developed countries have serious and negative impact on African agriculture and accentuated poverty and underdeveloped our countries;

Further aware that the use of food plant as biofuel has resulted in unprecedented increase in food price creating food insecurity in many African countries including Nigeria;

Worried that those large tracts of fertile farm lands in Nigeria are being targeted by these trans-national companies;

Further worried that this new form of imperialism driven by agro-business in the name of development threatens livelihoods, endanger ecological balance and portends new forms of resources conflict and crisis in Nigeria and Africa as a whole;

Cognizant that the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 has made the security and welfare of the people to be the primary purpose of government;

Appreciates that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has sent a Bill to the National Assembly which is expected to liberalize land acquisition throughout Nigeria;

Aware that these rich countries and trans-national companies generally rely on diplomatic immunities and privileges to take over community and public lands;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to draw the attention of the African Union to this new form of imperialism and to take measures which will protect our lands and Societies from these predators;
- (ii) further urge Federal, State and Local Government in Nigeria to devise proactive measures against this land grab by rich countries and Trans-national Companies;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Governmental Affairs to liaise with all tiers of Governments in Nigeria to resist the temptation to donate public lands to foreign interest under any guise whatsoever.

2. The State of Sanitation in the Federal Capital City, Abuja:

Hon. John Halims Agoda:

The House:

Notes the deteriorating state of sanitation in the Federal Capital City, Abuja and its Satellite towns;

Concerned that the general descent of the Nation's capital city to a state of slum is an indictment on the nation's ability to evolve a value re-orientation that emphasizes the culture of cleanliness, order and civility;

Worried that the incremental despoliation of the sanitation of Abuja is a contradiction of the well-intentioned objective of government at all times, be guided by the master-plan of the Federal Capital Territory;

Further worried that the resurgence of filth and destitutes on the Abuja environment, motor cycle, taxis otherwise known as "Okada" or "one-chance" are re-surfacing in the metropolis, thereby giving the impression that there had been a public reversal to allow them return to Abuja streets when indeed the contrary may be the case;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT) to take all necessary steps in its oversight functions, to obtain explanations from the Minister and other stakeholders why filth, destitutes and Okada riders are gradually returning to the streets of the Abuja Metropolis.

3. Violation of the 1999 Constitution and the Appropriation Act of 2009 as Passed by the National Assembly:

Hon. Leo O. Ogor:

The House:

Notes the circular issued by the Head of Civil Service of the Federation, stating guidelines for processing of all local and foreign travels;

Further notes that the circular directed all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to aggregate and domicile all travel votes to the office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation by creating travel vote;

Aware that this directive takes effect from 31st December, 2009;

Worried that this directive is an abuse of Section 81 (2) of the 1999 Constitution, which states that Heads of Expenditure contained in the estimates shall be included in a Bill to be known as an Appropriation Bill;

Further worried that this action is an usurpation of the powers of the National Assembly and modification of the Appropriation Act as passed by the National Assembly;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation to suspend circular HCSF/061/S.I/111/245 dated 30 November, 2009;
- (ii) mandate the House Committee on Appropriation to investigate this alleged violation of the Appropriation Act and report to the House within one week.

BILLS

4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory Education Resource Centre and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 (HB. 256) — *Third Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Boundary Commission (Amendment) Act, 2006, No. 12 so as to make Appointment of some Members of the Commission to be full time and as Commissioners, and for Matters Related Thereto, 2009 (HB. 153) — *Third Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Certified Secretaries and Reporters of Nigeria for the Registration and Discipline of Certified Secretaries and Reporters and Provide for a Governing Board Charged with the Responsibility, among Other Things, for Formulation of Policies for the Institute, and for Related Purposes, 2009 (HB. 250) — *Committee of the Whole: 28/10/2009*.
7. **Joint Committee on Gas Resources and Justice:**
Hon. Igochukwu N. Aguma:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Gas Resources and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Associated Gas Re-Injection Act, No.99 of 1979, Cap. A25 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, 2008 (HB. 112) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 22/7/2009*).
8. **Joint Committee on Science and Technology and Defence:**
Hon. Akinlade Isiaq Abiodun:
"That this house do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Science and Technology and Defence on a Bill for an Act to Prohibit Chemical Weapons and Establish the National Authority for the Effective Implementation of Chemical Weapons Convention in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 (HB.92) and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 28/4/2009*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 10 December, 2009	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Aviation (<i>Meeting with Hon. Minister of Aviation on 2010 Budget</i>)	Thursday, 10 December, 2009	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Environment	Thursday, 10 December, 2009	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 07 Assembly Complex
4.	Privatization and Commercialization (<i>Meeting with DG, BPE</i>)	Thursday, 10 December, 2009	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 436 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Commerce	Thursday, 10 December, 2009	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 03 Assembly Complex
6.	Petroleum Resources (Upstream) (<i>Budget defence with NNPC/ Joint Venture Partners, NAPIMS/ NNPC Subsidiary</i>)	Thursday, 10 December, 2009	1.00 p.m.	Committee Room 120 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Public Procurement	Thursday, 10 December, 2009	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 19 Assembly Complex