



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 17 December, 2009

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1. Prayers
 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **House Delegation on Visit to Westminster, United Kingdom:**
Hon. Emeka Ihedioha:
"That this House do receive the Report of the House Delegation on Visit to Westminster, United Kingdom on the invitation of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) United Kingdom Branch."
2. **Committee on Environment:**
Hon. Duro Faseyi:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Environment on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chemical Waste Management Commission charged with the Responsibility for Providing for the Safe Disposal and Management of Industrial, Toxic and Chemical Wastes and for Related Matters, 2008 (HB. 137)".
3. **Joint Committee on Environment and Emergency Preparedness:**
Hon. Duro Faseyi:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Environment and Emergency Preparedness on a Bill for an Act to Establish Environmental Disaster Control Agency and to be vested with the Responsibility for the Control and Management of Decertification, Deforestation, Drought, Erosion, Flood Ocean Surge, Coastline Erosion and for Other Ecological Related Matters, 2009 (HB. 109), (HB. 31) and (HB. 144) (*Consolidated*)".
4. **Committee on Public Procurement:**
Hon. Yusuf Maitama Tuggar:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on the Investigation into a Petition by Tilone Nigeria Limited against Total Upstream Nigeria Limited on Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) Services Contract on Akpo Field Development Project".

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

1. **Conference Report of the Virement Proposal for some provisions in the 2009 Appropriation Act:**
Hon. Ayo Adeseun:
The House on Wednesday, 25 November, 2009 approved the 2009 Virement proposal for some Ministries, Departments and Agencies of government;

Senate considered and approved same with some differences.

The two chambers met in Conference on Wednesday 16 December, 2009 and harmonised the differences in the Virement Proposals,

Resolves to;

Receive and adopt the Conference Report of the Virement Proposals for the Ministries, Departments and Agencies named in the virement proposals, schedule hereto and pursuant to section 3 of the Appropriation Act, 2009 and the Standing Orders of the House.

BILLS

2. A Bill for an Act to Establish a National Order of Precedence of Public Officers and Other Persons in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 2009 (HB. 249) — *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Safety Professional of Nigeria (ISPON), 2009 (HB. 252) — *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Agency for Foreign Assistance (NAFFA); and for Related Matters, 2009 (HB. 253) — *Second Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency (Establishment, etc.) ACT, 2003 (as Amended), 2009 (HB. 241) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6. Committee on Finance: Hon. John Owan Enoh:

"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Finance on the investigation into Revenue Generation and Non-remittance by Government Ministries, Department and Agencies and Statutory Corporations into the Federation Account and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid 5/3/2009*).

Recommendations:

- (i) That the different Statutes that create funds and make financial provisions should be amended to comply with Section 162 (1) of the Constitution.
- (ii) That in the short term, Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) with such enabling laws should be compelled to immediately submit before the National Assembly quarterly reports of their revenues and remittances.

Operating Surplus.

- (iii) That estimates of yearly revenue must be based on scientific facts and information, i.e. there must be specific basis for arriving at revenue estimates and assessments and this must be easily verifiable.
- (iv) That all expenditures incurred by Agencies of Government must be appropriated and under no circumstances whatsoever must any Government Agency spend its internally generated revenues without appropriation from the National Assembly.

Unappropriated Expenditure.

- (v) That the Committee recommends sanctions for revenue diversion, failure to remit collections, delayed remittance and revenue consumption without appropriation. There should also be sanction for low revenue collection without justification and budgetary allocation should henceforth be tied to revenue performance.
- (vi) That the budgeting process must be strengthened to be all-inclusive and timely particularly in the release of allocation. Social services like hospitals and educational institutions cannot deliver in the absence of secured budgetary provisions.

Unremitted Tax.

- (vii) That the Committee recommends that Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) be mandated to urgently recover the ₦5.37 billion arrears of Withholding Tax (WHT), VAT and PAYE and that FIRS should develop a mechanism for tracking down unremitted taxes by ensuring that the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) pay these taxes as at when due.

Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF).

- (viii) That the office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF) should be authorised to deduct at source all outstanding arrears of Withholding Tax (WHT), VAT and PAYE standing in the name of any Agency of Government.
- (ix) That the office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF) should be empowered to extend its revenue monitoring machinery to include other high income yielding Agencies not presently covered, e.g. Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), etc.
- (xi) That revenue accounts should be non-chequing while arrangement should be reached with commercial banks to mop up all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) current account balances into the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF). The mopping up should be done monthly for revenue accounts;
- (xii) That Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) should be mandated to make proposals to the Budget Office on how they can increase revenue from their existing sources as well as how they can raise new sources of revenue;
- (xiii) That the office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF) should be authorised to deduct at source revenue collected by a Ministries, Department and Agency (MDA) which is not remitted on time. Authority should similarly be given to the office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF) to request Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to debit the account of any collecting bank that failed to remit monies collected by it on behalf of government.

Concessions and Collectables

- (xiv) That previous executive grant of exemptions on duty should be reviewed and the process made more transparent in future. It is also recommended that every future grant must be for a definite period.

Unlegislated Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

- (xv) That urgent steps be taken to pass enabling laws for those Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) which are currently operating without legal backing.

Outstanding Debts.

- (xvi) That all Government agencies with substantial public debts be mandated to urgently recover these debts and that they additionally be compelled to draw up a recovery plan and submit quarterly reports to the National Assembly on the progress made.

Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), payments to Federation Account/ Confirmation of crude oil Exports.

- (xvii) That the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) should be compelled to firstly remit the totality of revenues arising from its crude oil take without the usual deduction of subsidy at source since the only agency statutorily charged with the responsibility for determining and payment of subsidies for the purpose of transparency in the Administration of the Petroleum Support Fund (PSF) is Petroleum Product Pricing and Regulatory Agency (PPPRA).
- (xviii) That the House Committee on Customs should be mandated to ensure that the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) fully discharges one of its primary mandate of independently recording the quantity of crude oil that is exported from the different terminals.

Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) and Port Concessioning.

- (xix) That the House Committee on Marine Transport should be mandated to undertake a study of the number and nature of port concession agreements to determine Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) remaining financial responsibilities in the country's Ports.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 17 December, 2009	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Culture & Tourism (Budget defence)	Thursday, 17 December, 2009	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 04 Assembly Complex

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| 3. | Pensions (<i>Budget defence with Dept. of State Security Services, National Intelligence, Agency, Nigerian Railway Corporation, Nigeria Ports Authority and Nigeria Maritime Administration and Safety Agency</i>) | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 312
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 4. | Ethics & Privileges | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 18
Assembly Complex |
| 5. | Aviation
(<i>Meeting with DG NIMT & Rector NCAT on 2009 performance 2010 proposal</i>) | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 437
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 6. | Housing & Habitat
(<i>Public Hearing on Fire Service Act (Repeal) HB. 129</i>) | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 1.00 p.m. | Conference Room 231
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 7. | HIV/AIDS, TB & Malaria Control (<i>Budget defence with National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA)</i>) | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 22
Assembly Complex |
| 8. | Petroleum Resource (Upstream) (<i>Budget defence with (PTDF) Officials</i>) | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 120
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 9. | Niger Delta (<i>Budget defence with Hon. Minister, Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs</i>) | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 11.00 a.m. | Committee Room 327
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 10. | Education | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 1.00 p.m. | Hearing Room 01
Assembly Complex |
| 11. | Interior (<i>Budget defence</i>) | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 1.30 p.m. | Committee Room 14
Assembly Complex |
| 12. | Sports | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 1.30 p.m. | Committee Room 14
Assembly Complex |
| 13. | Works | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 1.00 p.m. | Hearing Room 02
Assembly Complex |
| 14. | Judiciary | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 08
Assembly Complex |
| 15. | Environment
(<i>Budget defence</i>) | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 1.00 p.m. | Hearing Room 01
Assembly Complex |
| 16. | Labour and Productivity
(<i>Budget defence with Hon. Minister, DG, NDE, DG Michael Imodu Institute of Labour Studies, DG National Productivity Centre, Chairman IAP</i>) | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 1.00 p.m. | Committee Room 437
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 17. | Health
(<i>Budget defence with Hon. Min. Parastatals/Agencies</i>) | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 1.00 p.m. | Committee Room 313
New Building (House)
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| 18. | Public Petitions
(<i>Budget defence with
Public Complaints Commission</i>) | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 1.00 p.m. | Committee Room 439
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 19. | Water Resources
(<i>Budget defence</i>) | Thursday, 17 December, 2009 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 23
Assembly Complex |