



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 23 November, 1999

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. A Bill for an Act to establish a National Order of Precedence of Public Officers in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (HB. 4) — (*Committee of the Whole*) (*Re-Committeed 10 November, 1999*).

Amendments Proposed:

Hon. A. L. Laoshe:

- (i) In Clause 2(1)(a), immediately after item (xiv) "the Ministers of Cabinet Rank of the Federal Republic of Nigeria" to *insert* a new item (xv) as follows "Ambassadors of Foreign Nations".
- (ii) In Clause (5)(1), to *leave out* all the words, and to *insert* the following instead thereof:
"If any public officer of the Federal Republic of Nigeria or any person to which this Act applies acts in contravention of the provisions of Section 2(1)(a) of this Act, either through its disobedience or disregard or abuse or neglect, he be liable to an official reprimand made in writing to such public officer or person by the Secretary to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, after at least one public officer noticing such contravention and who are, as it were, placed above the offender in the National Order of Precedence of Public Officers and Other Persons of the Federal Republic of Nigeria have reported such contravention, in writing, to the Secretary to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria".
- (iii) In Clause (5)(3), line 2, immediately after the word, "contravened", to *leave out* all the words, and to *insert* the following instead thereof, "by either the same person or any other person to which this Act applies".
- (iv) To *insert* a new Clause 5(4)(c) as follows:
"Any public officer or any other persons to which this Act applies whose name has been published three times in the official Gazette as having contravened the provisions of this Act shall not be entitled to any National Honour or National Merit Award after the third contravention unless such a person has received an official pardon by the President".

2. A Bill for an Act to amend the Legal Education (Consolidated etc.) Act and for Purposes Connected Therewith (HB. 7) (*Second Reading*) — (*2nd Allotted Day*).

MOTIONS

1. Public Hearing on Ajaokuta Steel Complex (HM. 61):

Hon. Umar Tanko	Hon. Mudashiru Husain	Hon. Femi Onimole
Hon. Bewaji Wunmi	Hon. Abioye Oyetunji	Hon. Ohepo A. Ejiga
Hon. Abubakar B. Bwari	Hon. Adeyemi Oluwole	Hon. J. H. O. Agoda
Hon. F. D. Aya	Hon. Aliyu M. Kachako	Hon. Shehu H. Lamba
Hon. Olabode Mustapha	Hon. Mohammad Hussain	Hon. K. A. Oduntan
Hon. A. Matori	Hon. Awwal D. Tukar	Hon. Graham Ipiansi
Hon. Adams Jagaba	Hon. Chubi Offodile	Hon. Andie Clement:
Hon. Musa Elayo	Hon. Moh'd S. Daggash	

WHEREAS the Federal Government of Nigeria has expended substantial sums of money on the construction of the Ajaokuta Steel Complex;

WHEREAS the Ajaokuta Steel Complex has remained uncompleted inspite of substantial sums expended therein;

WHEREAS the Ajaokuta Steel Complex has been associated with numerous scandals involving allegations of impropriety and corruption;

WHEREAS it has become necessary that Nigerians be truly informed on the facts and matters relating to the Ajaokuta Steel Complex;

WHEREAS numerous Nigerians, including experts have expressed divergent opinions regarding the viability of the Ajaokuta Steel Complex;

WHEREAS numerous Nigerians have expressed a preference for a public hearing wherein every facet of the Ajaokuta Steel Complex would be examined and subjected to scrutiny, this House do resolve that:

The Committee on Judiciary and Power and Steel be directed to investigate and hold a public hearing on all aspects of the Ajaokuta Steel Complex with particular reference to the following areas:

- (a) the reason for the non-completion of the Complex and the failure to commission the same;
- (b) whether or not the technology at the Ajaokuta Steel Complex has become obsolete;
- (c) whether or not the entire Ajaokuta Steel Complex is commercially viable and sustainable in the Nigerian context;
- (d) the exact sum of money expended at the Ajaokuta Complex from the inception of the project to the present and the additional sums, if any needed for the completion;
- (e) all issues and persons concerned and related to the alleged \$2.5 billion debt by-back matter. The welfare of the workers of the Ajaokuta Steel Complex;
- (f) alternative avenues of funds, such as privatization, venture capital and leverage, etc;
- (g) all auxiliary and incidental matters as may arise in the course of the hearing.

2. Re: Liquidation of 26 Banks on 16th January, 1999 (HM 62):

Hon. Terngu Tsegba	Hon. Gabriel Suswam	Hon. Cletus Upaa
Hon. Moh'd S. Daggash	Hon. Tachia Jooji	Hon. Moses A. Gbande:
Hon. Peter Jiya		

That in view of the fact that the last Liquidation Exercise involving 26 banks on 16th Jan., 1998 among them Commercial and Merchants banks was fraught with IRREGULARITIES and INCONSISTENCIES by the regime of Late Gen. Sani Abacha; and considering the fact that this exercise has adversely affected the Economy of the Nation, the Lives of the people, both in terms of Deposit losses, Investment losses, Job Losses, and has brought great pains to Owners/Depositors in these banks, this House do authorise the Committees on Banking & Currency and Finance to:

Review the last liquidation exercise to determine among others;

- (i) The causes of the distress in the Banking system that led to the Massive liquidation of 26 banks, on 16th January, 1998
- (ii) Ascertain person or persons directly or indirectly responsible for the cause(s) of these banks' failure.
- (iii) Determine the role of CBN/NDIC in the arbitrary liquidation of some of these banks.
- (iv) Determine the cost of liquidation of these banks viz the amount required for resuscitating them.
- (v) Look into the Assets Disposal of the distressed/Liquidated Banks.

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- (vi) invite person/persons whom they consider necessary in the discharge of their assignment.
 - (vii) call for memoranda from members of the public, the organised private sector, trade unionists, Committee of Bankers, the Chartered Institute of Bankers, and other interest groups.
 - (viii) Ascertain the losses incurred by the government in these banks and recommend the person/persons responsible for necessary sanctions.
 - (ix) Recommend economic compensation where it becomes apparent that these banks were arbitrarily liquidated either to settle personal scores or cover up fraud perpetuated in these banks by officials of the regulatory agencies in connivance with customers of the banks.
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COMMITTEES

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 23 November, 1999	4.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Information	Tuesday, 23 November, 1999	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 04 Assembly Complex
3.	House Rules Review	Tuesday, 23 November, 1999	7.30 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
4.	Solid Minerals	Tuesday, 23 November, 1999	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 01 Assembly Complex
5.	Public Petitions	Tuesday, 23 November, 1999	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 07 Assembly Complex
6.	States and Local Government	Tuesday, 23 November, 1999	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 15 Assembly Complex
7.	House Services	Tuesday, 23 November, 1999	2.30 p.m.	Committee Room 10 Assembly Complex
8.	Foreign Affairs	Tuesday, 23 November, 1999	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 09 Assembly Complex
9.	Communications	Tuesday, 23 November, 1999	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 24 Assembly Complex
10.	Aviation	Tuesday, 23 November, 1999	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 17 Assembly Complex
11.	Aviation (<i>Sub Committee FAAN & FMA</i>)	Tuesday, 23 November, 1999	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 17 Assembly Complex