



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 10 January, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Banking and Currency:

Hon. Jones Chukwudi Onyereri:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Banking Currency on the Need to Investigate the Alleged Undervaluation and Purchase Price Racketeering of Eligible Bank Assets by the Assets Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) (HR. 216/2016)" (*Referred: 19/11/2015*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. **Consolidation of Bills:**
 - (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Labour Act, Cap L1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Further Provisions for the Compulsory Registration of all Foreign Employers of Labour in Nigeria by the Ministry and for Other Related Matters (HB. 434) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*);
 - (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Labour Act, Cap L1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Strengthen and Review the Fines and Punishment Stipulated in the Act, and for Other Related Matters (HB. 339) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*).

2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna to provide Technical Training for Personnel of the Nigeria Air Force and other Services of the Nigerian Armed Forces, and Other African Countries and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 313) – *Third Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of the Surgeon General of the Federation (SGFGN) for the Purpose of Providing Professional Advice on Issues of Public Health, Medical and Health System to the President, Minister of Health, National Assembly and Other Officials in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 786) (*Hon. Abiodun Dada Awoleye*) – *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the City Technical University, Kaduna and for Other Related Matters (HB. 768) (*Hon. Tijjani Jobe Abdulkadir*) – *Second Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Administrative and Political Structure of Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory and for Other Related Matters (HB.30) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta and Hon. Zephaniah Jisalo*) – *Second Reading*.
6. A Bill for an Act to Harmonize the Functions of the National Manpower Board and the National Planning Commission and Empower the National Planning Commission to Determine and Advise the Federal Government of Nigeria on the National Manpower Needs in all Occupations and for Other Related Matters (HB. 285) (*Hon. Davematis David Emmanuel Ombugadu*) – *Second Reading*.
7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Wages Boards and Industrial Councils Act, Cap W1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review Upwards the Fines Stipulated for Offences under the Act and for Other Related Matters (HB. 282) (*Hon. Peter O. Akpatason*) – *Second Reading*.
8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Commission for Museums and Monuments Act, Cap. N19, LFN 2004 to Increase the Amount to be Paid as Fine for the Commission of an Offence under the Act; and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 146) (*Hon. Chukwuemeka Ujam*) - *Second Reading*.
9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Productivity Centre Act, Cap N70, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 in order to Empower the Centre to Design, Set Up and Operate Productivity Guidelines for Training, Certification of all Certificated Artisans and Technicians and to Establish a Registry for the Registration of Qualified Members and for Other Related Matters (HB 387) (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi*) – *Second Reading*

MOTIONS

10. **Call to Improve Health Care Services in the Rural Communities:**

Hon. Oladipupo Olatunde Adebutu:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria’s rural communities serve as the source of agricultural products which place them favourably in the quest to assure national food sustainability and security and about 80 per cent of those responsible for ensuring sustained agricultural output reside in the rural areas;

Also notes that agricultural development is pivotal to the diversification of Nigeria’s economy, hence in August 2016, the Federal Government launched an Agricultural Sector Roadmap: The Green Alternative Policy 2016-2020 in order to “position agriculture as the arrowhead of Nigeria’s economic recovery” and the policy is targeted at growing the agricultural sector at the rate of between six per cent and twelve percent yearly as well as raising the agricultural share of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to 23% with the aim of assuring national food security;

Further notes that the rural farming communities are key to government’s agricultural expansion plans and this in turn is largely predicated on the farmers’ maintenance of good health for productivity given that the health status of an adult underpins his ability to work, hence one of the critical factors to ensure that the rural populace sustain the work pace in the agricultural sector is the provision of qualitative healthcare facilities and services in the rural communities;

Aware that the right to health is a basic human right and is fundamental to social and economic development and that the growing knowledge of the impact of good health of farmers to sustainability of agricultural production such as that expressed in the Federal Government's Green Alternative Policy 2016-2020, has prompted numerous studies on linkages between rural farmers' health and the implications on agricultural productivity on cycle of food production;

Also aware that several studies have highlighted that poor health condition is a serious constraint to agricultural productivity; while some other studies have also shown that there is an unequal distribution of health facilities between the urban centres and the rural areas;

Concerned that poor social and health indices of accessibility (for example geographical and financial), low life expectancy, high maternal and infant mortality, high under-five malnutrition etc, remain high, due to lack of equity in planning and distribution of healthcare facilities in the rural communities and this is further compounded by the preponderance of abandoned health facilities in the rural areas across the country;

Also concerned that the desired sustainability of agricultural production and agriculture-induced development will be threatened if the government does not review its healthcare implementation strategies as it relates to rural healthcare facilities and services to both the peripheral and core rural areas to ensure that the rural farming communities have unhindered access to healthcare services;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Rural Development and Healthcare Services to investigate the lack of healthcare facilities and services in the rural communities in Nigeria with a view to ensuring adequate provision of affordable healthcare facilities and services in those communities and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Call for an End to the Practice of Commuters Hanging on Moving Trains:

Hon. Abdulraheem Olajide Jimoh:

The House:

Notes with concern the growing and dangerous practice of commuters sitting or hanging on moving trains which is becoming trendy among many young commuters;

Also notes that the practice, which has led to loss of lives of some of the commuters, is a clear evidence of failure to enforce the laws;

Acknowledges that rail transportation is one of the most efficient and cost-effective means of transport and is germane to economic growth and development, especially for a country with a population of 180 million people;

Concerned that movement of people, goods and services will continue to be a challenge that cannot be met efficiently and effectively by road transportation alone, and as long as the Railway system remains undeveloped, the pressure on the roads will remain;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Nigeria Police Force and the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps to maintain presence in trains and organize mobile and functional stations along train routes so as to prevent commuters from sitting or hanging on moving trains;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to work in collaboration with other States that are cosmopolitan in nature, such as Lagos, Kano, Kaduna and Rivers, to provide alternative transportation systems to ease movement of people and goods;
- (iii) Mandate the Committee on Land Transport to interface with officials of the Federal Ministry of Transportation and the Nigerian Railway Corporation on the matter with a view to evolving measures to eliminate the practice and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for legislative action.

12. Need for More Air Ambulances:
Hon. Saheed Akinade Fijabi:

The House:

Notes that the qualitative standard of living of the citizens of any nation is directly related to the availability of effective and efficient health care delivery services;

Concerned about the deteriorating state of healthcare infrastructure in the country which deprives the citizenry of access to quality healthcare services;

Recalls that when the United Nations Office Complex in Abuja was bombed sometime ago, the country had to request for an air ambulance from South Africa to airlift the injured to hospitals abroad, given that Nigeria has just one (1) air ambulance for a population of over 170 million people;

Aware that Egypt and South Africa, whose populations, put together is less than that of Nigeria, have forty (40) and twenty five (25) air ambulances respectively;

Also aware that the rendering of air ambulance services can generate millions of naira annually to augment the dwindling revenues from oil and other sources;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to initiate a programme that would lead to the procurement of more air ambulances to enhance the healthcare delivery system and earn revenues for the country;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Healthcare Services to ensure implementation and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

13. Need to Encourage Multi-National and Other Companies to Undertake Corporate Social Responsibilities:
Hon. Samaila Suleiman:
The House:

Notes the existence of multi-national, and privately owned companies located all over the Federation and undertaking various economic activities ranging from production and processing of goods, manufacturing, drilling, agriculture, solid minerals excavations and explorations of oil and gas etc. in appreciable capacities;

Aware that the practice of Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) to Communities at a scale that a company can afford is a charitable way of promoting peaceful relationship between various companies and their host communities and also a way of showing gratitude for income generated and profit made with the co-operation of the host communities;

Also notes that the responsibilities to be undertaken by such companies may include students scholarships schemes, manpower development training, construction and renovation of schools and hospitals, provision of bore-holes, rural electrification, tackling ecological problems and provision of other social amenities which will positively affect the lives of people in those areas, thereby reducing hardships and providing direct and indirect employments;

Observes that in recent years, the performance of wonderful acts of CSR by companies is no longer visible as only few companies are left to undertake these charitable acts;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Multi-National and other Companies to resume undertaking of Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) as a way of fostering good relationship with host communities;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Special Duties to monitor the undertaking of charitable acts by the companies to their host communities and also undertake studies on the

technicalities and model of corporate social responsibilities in the developed countries of the world for possible adoption by Nigeria.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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| 1. | Rules and Business | Tuesday, 10 January, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
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