



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 19 January, 2017

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. Consolidation of Bills:

- (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, Cap. E1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Quick Recovery Procedures for Stolen Assets; Implement Active Pursuit of Cases, Build Capacity and Improve Trust and Co-operation with Foreign Counterparts; Ensure Adequate Funding of the Commission, Establish the Economic and Financial Crimes Court; a Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act to make the Commission more Independent and Effective in the Enforcement of Economic and Financial Crimes and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act and for Other Related Matters (HBs. 393, 326 and 617) (*Hon. Bede Uchenna Eke, Hon. Bassey Eko Ewa, and Hon. Oladipupo Olatunde Adebutu*);
 - (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission Act, Cap. E1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Enhance Effectiveness of the Act and for Other Related Matters (HB. 871) (*Hon. Kolade Oladele*).
2. A Bill for an Act to make it Mandatory for Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies to Give Priority to Local Manufacturers and Indigenous Companies in the Procurement of Goods, Works and Services and to Prohibit the Exclusion of Locally Produced Goods in the Procurement Process and for Other Related Matters (HB. 828) (*Hon. Umar Buba Jibril*) – *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for Act to Amend the Piers Act, Cap. P17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Increase some Penalties and for Other Related Matters (HB. 678) (*Hon. Prestige Ossy*) – *Second Reading*.
 4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Legislative Houses (Powers and Privileges) Act, Cap. L12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make more Stringent the Offence of Failure to Attend Investigative Hearings of Legislative Houses and for Other Related Matters (HB. 413) (*Hon. Karimi S. Sunday*) – *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to provide for Adequate Parking Spaces for Buildings meant for Public Use and for Other Related Matters (HB. 783) (*Hon. Olufemi Fakeye*) – *Second Reading*.
 6. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Agency for Albinism and Hypo-Pigmentation (NAAH) and for Other Related Matters (HB. 837) (*Hon. Linus Okorie*) – *Second Reading*.
 7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Business and Technical Education Board Act, Cap. N12, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 to Establish a Steering Committee to be Vested with the Responsibility of Centralizing the Management of the National Business and Technical Examinations Board (NABTE), the Senior School Certificate Examinations (SSCE) and the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME) and the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME) under a Single ICT Platform to Reduce the Costs of taking the Examinations and for Other Related Matters (HB. 850) (*Hon. Mohammed A. Mahmud*) – *Second Reading*.
 8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Commissions (Privileges and Immunity) Act, Cap. F9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Immunity from Civil Proceedings for Members of the Commissions Established by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for the Privileges of the Documents of such Commissions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 659) (*Hon. Idris Ahmed Wase*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

9. **Receipt and Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) to Empower, Develop and Provide Alternative Empowerment for the Youths, to Facilitate Peace, Community Service, Nation Building and for Other Related Matters:**

Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba:

The House:

Notes that the Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) to Empower, Develop and Provide Alternative Empowerment for the Youths, to Facilitate Peace, Community Service, Nation Building and for Other Related Matters was passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives with differences;

Aware that a Conference Committee was constituted by both Chambers to harmonize the areas of differences in the Bill as passed;

Also aware that the Committee met in conference on Thursday, December 8, 2016 and harmonized the two versions of the Bill;

In view of the importance of the Bill in providing alternative empowerment for Nigerian Youths, to facilitate Peace and Community Service;

Resolves to:

Receive and Adopt the Report of the Conference Committee Report on the Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Peace Corps (NPC) to Empower, Develop and Provide Alternative Empowerment for the Youths and Facilitating Peace, Community Service, Nation Building and for Other Related Matters.

10. *Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly; Order Twelve (12), Rule 16, Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:*
Passport (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 638):
Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi.

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve (12), Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence were made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence were made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced de-novo;

Also notes that Passport (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill was passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 638 and read the first time on Wednesday 8 June, 2016.

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

11. *Devastating Landslides at Okoloba Community in Kolokuma/Opokuma LGA of Bayelsa State*
Hon. Diri Douye
The House:

Notes that three devastating landslides occurred at Okoloba community on January 9, 2017 at the hours of 8:00am, 1:00pm and 6:00pm respectively, destroying houses, farm produce and other properties worth millions of Naira;

Aware that farming is the only source of livelihood for the inhabitants of Okoloba community, given that oil pollution has made fishing business no longer attractive, save for subsistence;

Observes that this is the third time over the years that the community would be experiencing landslides resulting in destruction of properties and farm produce of the people;

Concerned that if urgent steps are not taken to assist the people to alleviate their sufferings which was caused by landslides, there could be hunger and social crisis within the community;

Cognizant of the need to take measures to forestall a re-occurrence of the landslides and thus protect the community from being completely washed away;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to, as a matter of urgency, include the construction of shore protection in Okoloba community in particular and other landslide-prone communities in the 2017 budget;
- (ii) Call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently provide relief materials for the affected victims;
- (iii) Mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat, Appropriations and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure implementation and report back to the House within two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

**12. Need to Encourage the Establishment of Creche Facilities in Government Offices:
Hon. Sergious Ose Ogun:**

The House:

Notes that the importance of a mother's love and attention to a new born baby cannot be over emphasized and a plethora of scientific studies have confirmed this fact, including those which advocate that babies be fed only with breast milk for the first few months after delivery;

Also notes that no Nation can strive to really develop if it fails to take into cognizance the importance of its female workforce and the physical/mental development of infants and children;

Informed that very few government agencies have made provisions for crèche facilities for babies in their offices which greatly hampers the ability of female staff who are nursing mothers to juggle both their professional and maternal responsibilities;

Cognizant of the need to correct this anomalous situation by ensuring that various Ministries, Departments and Agencies are directed to establish crèche facilities in their offices to enable nursing mothers in their workforce to take proper care of their newly born babies during the work period in order to avert the adverse impact of lack of attention to the newly born babies in their growth processes;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Executive Arm of the Federal Government to provide crèche facilities in all government buildings with a view to supporting nursing mothers in its employment and by so doing, set a proper example for the private sector employers to emulate;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Governmental Affairs to ensure implementation and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

13. Urgent Need to Investigate the N100 Billion Naira (USD 625 Million Dollars) Released by the Central Bank of Nigeria for the Construction of Modern Mini Ranches across the Nation:

Hon. Karimi S. Sunday:

The House:

Notes the recurring conflicts, attacks and counter attacks and killings between herdsmen and local farmers all over the country in the last five years over the grazing of cattle and other ruminants on farmlands;

Aware of a Committee set up by the Federal Government in 2014 on Grazing Reserves under the Chairmanship of the former Governor of Benue State, Mr. Gabriel Suswan which identified issues causing the conflicts between herdsmen and farmers to include struggle for land and water and uncontrolled influx of nomadic herdsmen, and thus noted that grazing reserves and cattle routes already gazetted had been encroached upon and such routes should be recovered and improved upon, taking into consideration present day realities;

Also aware that as a result of the above findings, the Committee recommended the release of ₦100 billion through the Central Bank of Nigeria as seed funding to all the States for the construction of ranches;

Recalls that the National Economic Council approved the release of the ₦100 billion naira to various States of the Federation for the construction of modern mini ranches in a bid to boost agricultural yields and put an end to the conflicts arising from the traditional method of grazing;

Believes that the approval for the release of the money is a contravention of section 80 (4) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 which provides that no moneys shall be

withdrawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund or any other Public Fund of the Federation except in the manner prescribed by the National Assembly;

Concerned that despite the release of the money without parliamentary approval, there has not been any ranch constructed anywhere in the country to account for the expenditure of the money, and as a result, the conflicts they were intended to cure have exacerbated, leading to more killings which are scaring farmers in most parts of the country from going to the farms for fear of their lives;

Cognizant that sections 88 and 89 of the 1999 Constitution empowers the National Assembly to investigate the utilization of public funds in order to curb waste;

Resolves to:

Set up an Ad-hoc Committee to investigate the disbursement and utilization of the N100 billion released for the construction of mini ranches across the country and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

14. Call on the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to submit a Report on the Total amount Collected as Stamp Duty Charges in 2016:

Hon. Henry Nwawuba:

The House:

Recalls that in January 2016, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) issued a circular to all deposit Money Banks and other financial institutions to commence the collection of N50 per transaction from their customers and clients as Stamp Duty for money received into the customers' accounts through electronic transfers, cash or cheques;

Also recalls that the (CBN) gave a further directive that each bank should open an account designated as NIPOST Stamp Duties Account into which all charges collected shall be paid and while the banks shall transfer the balances in such accounts monthly to the CBN NIPOST Stamp Duty Collection Account, other financial institutions were instructed to remit their collections to any deposit money bank of their choice;

Notes that the introduction of this form of tax was greeted with a huge outcry by Nigerians who demanded for clarification and better information on the policy and the Federal Executive Council assured Nigerians of transparency, accountability and effective communication on the policy;

Concerned that since the imposition of the levy on current account holders in banks and clients of other financial institutions, no information has been disseminated by the Federal Government on the effectiveness of the collection, the total amount that has so far been collected and how it has been disbursed;

Convinced that there is a need for the Federal Government to properly account for the money so far collected from Nigerians under this policy and provide information that could help in making projections for the 2017 budget estimate;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency to interface with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to obtain the total amount so far collected as Stamp Duty Charges and report back to the House within (4) weeks for further legislative action.

15. **Appeal for Intensification of Search and Unconditional Release of Teachers, Workers and Students Kidnapped from the Nigerian Turkish International College, Isheri, Ogun State:**
Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka:
The House:

Notes with shock the news that a group of armed men, at about 9:30 pm on January 13, 2017 broke into the premises of the Nigerian Turkish International College (NTIC) Isheri and kidnapped three female supervisors, a female cook, a Turkish female teacher and three students whom they took away through a very dangerous route and have held hostage ever since;

Worried that this unfortunate incident, happening barely few days after the resumption of schools from holidays, has left the parents, guardians, relatives and indeed the entire nation anguished, not to imagine the trauma that the kidnapped people must be suffering;

Concerned about the developing trend of the kidnappings of school children and their teachers given the recent incident of a similar action at the Lagos Model College, Epe about three months ago where gunmen kidnapped four students, the Vice Principal and a teacher;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Security Agencies to intensify the search for the rescue of the abducted students and their teachers;
- (ii) Call on the Federal Government to adopt a holistic approach of engagement to tackle the menace being unleashed on vulnerable School Children by involving local vigilance men and community development associations in intelligence gathering and crime fighting;
- (i) Mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Interior, Army, Navy and Police Affairs to advise on required Parliamentary intervention to tackle the menace of kidnappings in the country and report back to the House within three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

16. **Urgent Need to Intervene in the Imminent Nationwide Strike Action By the Non-Academic Staff Unions of Universities:**
Hon. A. D. Abiante:
The House:

Notes with concern the recurring incidence of strike actions in the Nation's Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education which became common place in the early 1990s, resulting in loss of academic sessions, poor quality and low turnover of graduates and has by extension adversely affected the socio-economic development of the country;

Also notes the notice by the Non-Academic Staff Unions of Nigerian Universities comprising the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), the Non-Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU) and the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT) of their intention to embark on a five (5) day warning strike with effect from 16 January 2017;

Aware that the reasons given by the Unions for the strike action include the inability of the Federal Government to implement the Agreement they reached in 2009, poor funding of Universities, shortfall in the payment of staff salaries, poor infrastructure and abandonment of projects which have reduced the capacity and output of their members;

Also aware that the primacy of Education in the development of any nation cannot be over emphasized, hence section 18(1) of the 1999 Constitution provides for the educational objectives of the State towards its citizens while Section 13 enjoins all organs of Government to conform to, observe and apply the educational objectives;

Concerned about incessant strike actions in the tertiary institutions and the seeming incapability of the Federal Government to provide a lasting solution beyond the mere palliative measures that are usually adopted whenever a Union threatens a strike action, a situation that has left students, parents and other stakeholders despondent and helpless;

Also concerned that if the issues raised by the Unions for the planned strike action are not addressed, it could lead to a full blown nationwide strike action that would again ground academic activities at the institutions and further compound the sufferings of the students, to the charge of their parents and guardians;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Non-Academic Staff Unions of Universities to suspend the warning strike action pending the intervention of the House;
 - (ii) Also urge the Federal Ministries of Education and Labour and Employment to commence negotiations with the Unions in order to settle the issues in contention to avert another round of strike action that would disrupt academic activities in the Universities;
 - (iii) Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to interface with the parties to resolve the issues raised and report back to the House within three (3) weeks for further legislative action.
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CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

17. Committee on Privatization and Commercialization:

Hon. Ahmed Yerima:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Privatization and Commercialization on the Investigation into the Sale of Eleme Petrochemical Company to Indorama Corporation by the Bureau of Public Enterprises and approve the Recommendations therein” (**HR. 62/2016**)” (*Laid: 3/11/2016*).

- (i) that the House do commend the Bureau of Public Enterprises (BPE) for enforcing due process, transparency and adopting international best practices during the entire sale process of EPCL and also urge the BPE to adopt and apply such procedures in further privatization exercises;
- (ii) that the House do commend INDORAMA, the core investor in EPCL for successful turnaround and revitalization of EPCL and further completion of a world class fertilizer plant as part of their expansion strategy with a total investment of 1.5 billion USD; based on the request by EPCL for the release of the additional land as part of their future expansion plan, a further investigation with the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) should be carried out to find out the reason for NNPC withholding assent as it was not part of the terms of reference;
- (iii) the EPCL should be removed from the Post Privatization Monitoring by BPE as approved by NCP immediately;
- (iv) BPE post-acquisition function be carried out in line with efficacy and efficiency to encourage the core investors.

18. Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity:

Hon. Ezenwa Francis Onyewuchi:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity on the Urgent Need to Curb the Unwholesome Practices of Foreign Companies in Nigeria and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 14/12/2016*).

- (i) that the Relationship between the host country and investing countries should be mutually symbiotic; no country will accept foreign investments that leave its citizens at disadvantage. Relevant Regulatory and Monitoring MDAs should ensure that they effectively carry out their statutory functions without fear or favour and also ensure strict compliance and adherence by all parties involved;
- (ii) that every foreign party willing to invest in Nigeria should henceforth be ready to abide by all existing Labour Laws and Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) signed;

- (iii) that the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary as well as all their organs should ensure that their hands remain on deck in order to enforce and maintain best practices by foreign investors to Nigerian employees in their folds;
- (iv) that strict adherence to the stipulated ten (10) years for knowledge transfer from expatriate workers to Nigerians in their employment mentioned in the submission of the Federal Ministry of Interior be maintained. This is pertinent not just for the advantage of the Nigerian worker, but so that rule of law is maintained by respecting and adhering to afore signed contractual agreements and MOUs;
- (v) that Labour laws need to be strengthened to ensure that any proven violation of the rights of a Nigerian worker by a foreign employer will be met with the full weight of the laws. It is regrettable that some of these erring foreign companies do not even have relevant permits and licenses to do business in Nigeria, as well as to cover some or indeed all their foreign members of staff;
- (vi) that Foreign investment is aimed at, among other things, providing employment and wealth creating opportunities for Nigerians but the situation is unfortunately not so currently, instead they are faced with demeaning working conditions in the hands of those foreign employers. This has to be squarely addressed;
- (vii) that the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment should be better funded and adequately staffed to ensure it effectively carries out its supervisory and inspectorate functions, especially towards foreign owned factories where these ills are most prevalent;
- (viii) that the process of procuring expatriate work permits should be more thorough and the terms strictly effected, especially for Asian company owners who were fingered most as being the worst violators by public participants at the Hearing;
- (ix) that the Federal Ministry of Labour and Employment should ensure open and transparent public employment exchange' in order to promote the right quota of local content employments in foreign organizations;
- (x) that the enforcement of the expatriate quota should have government interagency cooperation and enforcement to check all emanating lapses;
- (xi) that Labour disputes are always emanating, hardly has one perceived set of injustice been settled when another set springs up. Resolutions and agreements need to be binding on all firms with the same kind of issues. There do not have to be deliberations on the same kinds of issues for different cases and organizations as this tends towards wastage of manpower, resources, time and energy.

19. **Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity:**

Hon. Ezenwa Francis Onyewuchi:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity on the Call for a State of Emergency and Legislative Intervention in the Unemployment Crisis in Nigeria and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 14/12/2016*).

- (i) That MDAs and private organizations need to be alive to their corporate social responsibilities that they need to ensure that the resources at their disposal are employed to ensure they contribute their quota in fixing the crisis;
- (ii) The committee promised effective oversight to ensure no one is found culpable;
- (iii) Those in the labour markets should shift their interests to entrepreneurial and self-employment options with the mentality of helping themselves and creating jobs for others;

- (iv) That sectors of the economy with the capacity of employing large numbers of individuals such as agricultural sector, extractive industries and the textile sector have to be expanded into all encompassing sectors in order to fulfill their potentials;
- (v) All Government institutions as a point of necessity need to ensure they do not renege on their principal functions of providing decent means of existence for the citizenry;
- (vi) The best way to create the much needed jobs is to accelerate Government policies in order to encourage existing businesses and social responsibility of the corporate organisations;
- (vii) To reduce unemployment, crimes and social unrest in the country, Government must fix and reform the power sector and provide other critical infrastructure.
- (viii) Government should make provisions for bailout fund for distressed public and private sectors;
- (ix) Government should plan comprehensive programmes on social security so that it can integrate the unemployed.
- (x) The relevant agencies of Government with statutory responsibility in the area of employment should have their capacity boosted to effectively lead the effort of creating employment;
- (xi) That serious attention should be placed on industrial sectors with mass employment capacity. Also a programme of industrial restructuring and investment should be put in place;
- (xii) That a Bill on vocation be structured in a manner that it evolves to reform our school curriculum system to encourage vocational and technical skills. The Bill should also incorporate apprenticeship system that is supported by entrepreneurs and business;
- (xiii) That existing vocational centres be properly equipped and made functional in tune with curriculum and programmes.
- (xiv) Policies of government have to begin to portray the direction of creating mass employment through the means of manufacturing and industrialization and to desist from the nature of importation and dependency for which the country has become known for.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 19 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Gas Resources	Thursday, 19 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Alleged Case of Harassment	Thursday, 19 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 2.20 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Transport and Railway	Thursday, 19 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Sport (<i>with the Hon. Minister of Sports and the Sporting Federations</i>)	Thursday, 19 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Police Affairs (<i>with the Inspector-General of Police</i>)	Thursday, 19 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

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| 7. | Works (with the Executive Director, RECTAS and the Ag. Rector, Federal School of Survey, Oyo) | Thursday, 19 January, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 357
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 8. | Federal Character (with National Pensions Commission, National Social Insurance Trust Fund, EFCC) | Thursday, 19 January, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 247
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 9. | Ad-hoc Committee on \$17 Billion Stolen from Undeclared Crude Oil and Liquefied Natural Gas | Thursday, 19 January, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 1.41
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |