



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 18 January, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on National Security and Intelligence:

Hon. Aminu Sani Jaji:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on National Security and Intelligence on the Terror Attacks Leading to Loss of over 145 Lives and Destruction of Properties in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue State (HR. 59/2016)" (*Referred: 25/2/2016*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Import (Prohibition) Act, Cap. 13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Introduce Mental Element under the Act in the Offences and for Related Matters (HB. 673) (*Hon. Bukar Lawan Goni*) — *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Customs and Excise Management Act, Cap. C45, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 631) (*Hon. Akpatason Ohiozogh Peter*) — *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Export (Prohibition) Act, Cap. E22, LFN, 2004 to remove the Restrictions placed on Exportation of Agricultural Produce from Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 671) (*Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok*) — *Second Reading*.
 4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Industrial Property Commission of Nigeria, Repeal the Trademarks Act, Cap. T13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Patents and Designs Act, Cap. P2, LFN, 2004 and make Comprehensive Provisions for the Registration and Protection of Trademarks, Patents and Designs, Plant Varieties, Annual Breeding and Farmers Rights and for Other Related Matters (HB. 640) (*Hon. Chime Oji*) — *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Weights and Measures Council for Retail Commodities, to make Provision for Monitoring and Implementation of Standardized Measures of Consumables Products and for Other Related Matters (HB. 629) (*Hon. Abdulraheem Olajide Jimoh*) — *Second Reading*.
 6. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Weights and Measures Act, Cap. W3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review Upwards the Fines Stipulated for Offences under the Act and for Other Related Matters (HB. 265) (*Hon. Gabriel Onyenwufe*) — *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

7. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly; Order Twelve (12), Rule 16, Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:**
Proceeds of Crime Bill, 2016 (HB. 872):
Hon. Kayode Oladele.

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 negated or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence were made or negated 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 the Proceeds of Crime 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. 872 and read the first time on Wednesday, 7 December, 2016;

Resolves to:

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

8. **Urgent Need to Rehabilitate the Lekkitaba-Gembu Road in Sardauna LGA of Taraba State:**
Hon. D. C. Hosea:

The House:

Notes that the Lekkitaba-Gembu Federal road which links other parts of the country to Gembu town is in a very deplorable condition as a result of heavy rain fall which has almost washed away large portions of the road;

Concerned that the deplorable state of the highway is causing enormous danger to lives and also giving opportunity to men of the underworld to rob natives and travelers at will, a situation that has adversely affected the economic activities of the people;

Also concerned that if the erosion is allowed to cut off the Road, there would be adverse consequences as work on the Hydro Electric Power Project at Barup after Gembu town would come to a halt as there is no alternative road to reach it;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include the reconstruction of the Lekkitaba-Gembu Road in the 2017 budget in order to alleviate the hardships of residents and commuters plying the road; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to ensure implementation and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Need for Dependent Relatives of over Three Thousand Police Personnel who Died in Active Service to be Paid Their Entitlements:

Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh:

The House:

Notes the revelation by the Nigeria Police Force that the entitlements of over three thousand police personnel who died in active service over the years have not been paid to their dependent relatives;

Also notes that the reason for the non-payment of the entitlements is that the Insurance Companies were not paid premium to cover the police personnel;

Concerned that the dependent relatives of the deceased personnel have been suffering immense hardships as a result of the non-payment of the entitlements leading to their inability to pay their rents and school fees for their children, difficulties to feed and provide for other necessities of life in the face of the harsh economic situation in the country;

Conscious of the demoralizing effects of the non-payment of entitlements of personnel who died in the line of duty on those still in active service who are ready to put their lives on the line to protect lives and properties of fellow citizens;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Police Service Commission and the Inspector-General of Police to investigate the matter with a view to ensuring the payment of the entitlements within the shortest possible time; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to ensure implementation and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

10. Killings Along the Disputed Ebonyi-Cross River States Boundary and Urgent Need to Demarcate the Boundary between the Two States:

Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:

The House:

Notes the series of crisis that had arisen between communities living along the boundary of Ebonyi and Cross River States for over twenty (20) years now over ownership of land;

Recalls that in 1984, the crisis was between the Edda Community axis of Ebonyi State and Oshopong of Cross River State, in 2006, it was between the Igbeagu people of Ebonyi and Ukele/Yala of Cross River and in 2010, it was between the Ikwo people of Ebonyi and Adadama people of Cross River, all over farmlands;

Informed that on 13 January, 2017, the people of Ogurude/Oshopong of Cross River State attacked the Edda Community of Ebonyi State over the killing of a man whose body was found at the boundary and whose killer was not identified, an incident that led to the death or missing of over fifty (50) persons, the rendering of thousands homeless and destruction of properties worth millions of Naira;

Aware that the effects of the crisis of 2006 between the Igbeagu/Ukele-Yala are still lingering as there are still displaced persons from the Igbeagu Community scattered in neighbouring communities as the area is now being manned by the military and neither of the States is permitted to provide social amenities in the secluded area while schools, markets, churches, health facilities, etc have all been put on hold;

Concerned that all the efforts of the Governments of Ebonyi and Cross River States in the last fifteen years to get the National Boundary Commission to demarcate the boundary have not yielded any result;

Worried that the failure to demarcate the boundary has led to loss of lives, destruction of properties, the souring of cordial relationship that existed between the communities which used to intermarry and socialize, and if the boundary is not urgently demarcated, the friction will remain, thereby leading to increased rancour and smeared neighbourhood;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials for the people of Edda Community of Ebonyi State;
- (ii) observe a minute silence for the people that lost their lives in the attack;
- (iii) commend the quick intervention of Ebonyi State Governor, the Cantonment Commander of the Nigerian Army and the Commissioner of Police, Ebonyi State on the matter;
- (iv) urge the National Boundary Commission to, as a matter of urgency, conclude the demarcation of the boundary between Ebonyi and Cross River States; and
- (v) mandate the Committee on Special Duties to ensure implementation and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Urgent Need for the Intervention of the Federal Government in the Recent Killings, Maiming and Wanton Destruction of Properties in Oku Iboku at Itu Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State by Unknown Assailants from Ikot Offiong in Cross River State:
Hon. Henry Okon Archibong:

The House:

Aware that there had been crisis between the Ibibio ethnic group in Itu LGA of Akwa Ibom State and the Efiks in Odukpani LGA of Cross River State since the 1970s and 1980s which became rampant in the late 1990s;

Also aware that the inter-communal conflicts between the two communities had, between 1998 and 2005, resulted in loss of lives, including those of women and children, with houses and markets burnt down, while vehicles traveling along the Calabar-Itu highway were set ablaze and properties along that corridor also razed to the ground;

Believed that by August 2005, the crises between the warring communities had been resolved amicably following the intervention of Akwa Ibom and Cross River States Governments;

Worried that on 17 December, 2016, armed men with sophisticated weapons, chanting war songs and shooting sporadically launched an unprovoked attack on the people of Oku Iboku, causing panic and fear in the villagers, many of whom have now fled their homes;

Also worried that 27 speedboats and outboard engines belonging to indigenes of Oku Iboku, its environs and the riverine communities have so far been stolen by those unknown assailants, thereby incapacitating and denying the indigenes access to their main sources of livelihood which are farming and fishing, while Mben Inyang, a village near the foot of the bridge was completely burnt down;

Informed that no fewer than 38 persons from Oku Iboku were killed in the unprovoked attack by the assailants who, again on 12 January, 2017 attacked, overpowered and disarmed some police officers drafted on patrol in the area, killing one and severely wounding another;

Observes that the attacks appear to be criminally-motivated as they occurred at a time when the people of Oku Iboku and the adjoining villages were about to harvest their crops but after scaring away the indigenes, the assailants have continuously been stealing farm produce belonging to the people of Oku Iboku;

Worried that if these attacks, which have paralyzed social and economic activities in the affected communities are not quickly brought under control, it might lead to a retaliation by the indigenes with the prospect of a breakdown in law and order and extensive loss of lives;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to beef up security in and around Oku Iboku, Ikot Adakpan, Mben Inyang, Ayadehe, Mbiabo, Head bridge and their environs to forestall further attacks on the communities;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the affected communities as there are now thousands of internally displaced persons; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on North East to ensure resettlement of the internally displaced persons in the affected communities.

12. Need to Condemn the Twin Bomb Blasts by Suspected Boko Haram Suicide Bombers at the University of Maiduguri on 16 January, 2017:

Hon. Ayuba Mohammed Bello:

The House:

Notes that the University of Maiduguri Community was attacked by two suicide bombers that killed Aliyu Mani, a Professor of Veterinary Medicine and two others, with seventeen other persons sustaining various degrees of injuries;

Aware that the University of Maiduguri and other tertiary institutions in Borno State had never been attacked and academic activities have been going on at the institutions since the beginning of the insurgency in 2009;

Concerned that this attack happened even after the Nigerian Armed Forces had practically won the war against the Boko Haram insurgents by overrunning the Sambisa forest;

Also concerned that this ugly incident may lead to disruption of academic activities in the University and other tertiary institutions if intensified intelligence gathering and proactive measures are not put in place in the institutions to prevent future occurrence;

Recalls that as a result of similar attacks in the past, academic activities in the post primary schools were disrupted for quite a long time in Borno State until recently when some of the schools resumed normal academic activities;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the attack in strong terms and observe a minute silence as a mark of respect to those who lost their lives;
- (ii) urge the security agencies in the State to intensify intelligence gathering operations and put adequate proactive measures in place around tertiary institutions in Borno State to avoid the occurrence of a similar attack;
- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to pay the medical expenses of the injured persons; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on National Security and Intelligence to ensure implementation.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

13. Committees on Finance, Appropriations, National Planning and Economic Development, Legislative Budget and Research, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management:

Hon. Ibrahim Babangida:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Finance, Appropriations, National Planning and Economic Development, Legislative Budget and Research, and Aids, Loans and Debt Management on the 2017 - 2019 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 17/01/2017*):

- (i) That the Joint Committee recommends an oil Output level of 2.2mpbd for the 2017 Budget.
- (ii) That the Joint Committee recommends the adoption of \$44.5 per barrel as benchmark price for 2017 Budget.
- (iii) That the Joint Committee recommends the adoption of ₦305/US Dollar as proposed by the executive for the 2017 Budget. However, the CBN should initiate measures that will close the gap between the parallel market and the official exchange rate.
- (iv) That the Joint Committee recommends the adoption of the projected ₦5.122 trillion for non-oil revenue in 2017. In addition, revenue generating agencies should intensify their revenue collection drive in order to boost the non-oil components of the revenue.
- (v) That the Joint committee recommends the adoption of ₦807.57 billion for Federal Government Independent Revenue for 2017. It further recommends the review of the legal framework of relevant MDAs and Government owned enterprises. This will ensure that agencies pay operating surplus and remit appropriately their gross revenues into the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) This step may also include repealing of the existing Acts of some agencies which currently allow them to utilize their revenues outside the CRF.
- (vi) That the Joint Committee recommends the adoption of the 2017 borrowings but insist that the new borrowings should be on project-tied basis. In borrowing more, Government must remain focused and ensure it is used to fund critical projects that will increase productivity and also contribute to financing such debt.

- (vii) That the relevant Committees of the National Assembly should constantly oversight the MDAs on the implementation of these programmes to ensure an effective, and result-oriented targets of the beneficiaries.
- (viii) That the Joint Committee recommends that Government should implement drastic measures to achieve self-sufficiency and become an exporter of certain agricultural and mining products. In addition, increase in the local production of maize, soya, poultry and livestock, etc. must be emphasized so as to achieve self-sufficiency as well as attracting investments into the solid minerals; tourism and entertainment sectors.

14. Committee on Public Procurement:

Hon. Wole Oke:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Procurement on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, 2007 by Adding a New Member to the Council, Amending the Procedure for Appointing the Director General of the Bureau and Extending the Application of the Act to Defence Procurement and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 475) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 8/12/2016*).

15. 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 Extortion of Employment Seekers by Government Agencies and Recruitment Firms (HR. 52/2015)” (*Laid: 14/12/2016*):

- (i) that Ministries, Departments and Agencies and private organizations found culpable of this crime should be made to face the full wrath of the Law to serve as a strong deterrent to others who might want to continue with the trend;
- (ii) that the directive by the relevant authorities that Organizations with high financial responsibilities involved in their recruitment exercises should have such cost built into their budget proposals should be enforced in its totality;
- (iii) that such exploitation, especially for those who do not eventually secure the employment should therefore be treated as a case of financial crime and advance fee fraud;
- (iv) that Government Agencies with the mandate of overseeing recruitment exercises like the Federal Ministry of Labour, Employment and Productivity, Federal Civil Service Commission and the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) should be alive to their responsibilities of protecting the interests of job seekers;
- (v) that on no account should job seekers be compelled to deposit any sum of money into or buy scratch cards to enable them access web portals, fill on-line application forms or submit same;
- (vi) that all recruitment processes, including the publication of the names of successful candidates to the issuance of appointment letters should be conducted within one month from the date of the interview;
- (vii) that the Federal Government should urgently provide a regulatory framework in line with International best practices for employment and recruitment Agencies, whether in the public or private sectors of the economy;
- (viii) that effective regulation, licensing, supervision, moderation and registration of recruiting agencies should constitute a major part of any regulatory system so established in order to check impunity in the Industry and the growing incidents of exploitation of employment seekers;

- (ix) that to make up for the proposed stoppage of the use of private consultants in the Public Service, the Human Resources Departments of all relevant Government Agencies should be strengthened and have their capacities enhanced;
- (x) that the Federal Character Commission's role should be expanded to include the role of equal-opportunities facilitator in order to ensure equal opportunities and protection against discrimination in recruitment and employment on the basis of race, ethnicity, age.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 18 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Niger Delta Ministry	Wednesday, 18 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on the Alleged Huge Debts and Criminal Acts of Sabotage by the Oil Marketers	Wednesday, 18 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Automobile Industry's Non- Access to FOREX from Central Bank of Nigeria	Wednesday, 18 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Environment and Habitat	Wednesday, 18 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 357 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Tertiary Education and Services	Wednesday, 18 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on \$17 Billion Stolen from Undeclared Crude Oil and Liquefied Natural Gas	Wednesday, 18 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 1.41 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Wednesday, 18 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
9.	Aviation	Wednesday, 18 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 324 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
10.	Federal Character (<i>with Federal Polytechnic, Damaturu, FCE Technical, Potiskum and FCE Technical, Gombe</i>)	Wednesday, 18 January, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex