



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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Wednesday, 1 March, 2017

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#### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
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2. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
*Report on the Petition by Odoh Jude Ifeanyi:*  
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**  
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3. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
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4. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
*Report on the Petition by Mr Ije Ikenna Okemini Ije:*  
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**  
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5. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
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6. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
*Report on the Petition by Akinyemi Olusegun Abimbola:*  
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**  
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Akinyemi Olusegun Abimbola against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) on Alleged Unlawful Termination of Appointment” (*Referred: 21/4/2016*).
7. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
*Report on the Petition by Mr Emmanuel Ajayi and Others:*  
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**  
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8. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
*Report on the Petition by Elias Okorie Chidi:*  
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**  
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Elias Okorie Chidi against the Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund on Wrongful Termination of Appointment” (*Referred: 15/10/2015*).
9. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
*Report on the Petition by Hauwa Ahmed Pategi:*  
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**  
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Hauwa Ahmed Pategi against First Bank of Nigeria Plc on Unlawful Termination of Appointment” (*Referred: 25/5/2016*).
10. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
*Report on the Petition by Akipelai Community:*  
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**  
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Akipelai Community in Ogbia Local Government Area of Bayelsa State against Shell Petroleum Development Company on the Non-Compliance with their Terms of Agreement” (*Referred: 8/10/2015*).
11. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
*Report on the Petition by Mohammed M. Yahaya:*  
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**  
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mohammed M. Yahaya against the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) on Alleged Unlawful Termination of Appointment” (*Referred: 17/12/2015*).

**12. Committee on Public Petitions:*****Report on the Petition by Enoch O. Oyeniyi:*****Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Enoch O. Oyeniyi against the Centre for Management of Development on Alleged Wrongful and Compulsory Retirement from Service” (*Referred: 3/12/2015*).

**13. Committee on Public Petitions:*****Report on the Petition by Olarenwaju Aderemi Obafemi:*****Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Olarenwaju Aderemi Obafemi against the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution on Alleged Dismissal from service” (*Referred: 5/4/2016*).

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**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 in the Offences and for Other Related Matters (HB. 673) (*Hon. Bukar Lawan Goni*) — *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of City Technical University, Yaba, Lagos and for Other Related Matters (HB. 874) (*Hon. Kayode Oladele*) — *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Council for the Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria Act, Cap. C54, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters (HB. 920) (*Hon. Patrick Asadu*) — *Second Reading*.

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**MOTIONS**

4. **Urgent Need to Commence Rehabilitation Work on the Failed Portion of the Road on the Ikpoba River Bridge:**  
**Hon. E. J. Agbonayinma:**

The House:

*Notes* that the Ikpoba River Bridge was constructed over the Ikpoba River connecting Benin City Centre to the Benin-Auchi and Benin-Asaba expressways, and serves the over five hundred thousand residents living in the Ikpoba hill axis of the State Capital;

*Aware* that from statistics, over four thousand vehicles ply the bridge from one end of the ancient city of Benin to another, and from various Eastern, South-South, South-West and Northern States of the country;

*Concerned* that about 25% of the portion of the road has already caved in and the rate is increasing rapidly, thereby endangering the lives of commuters and pedestrians using the bridge daily, already, there are reported cases of vehicles having plunged into the gully;

*Also concerned* that motorists are daily stranded on the road because only one portion of the dual road is in use since the other portion caved in, thereby causing suffocating traffic jam;

*Dismayed* that the relevant government authorities have turned deaf ears to the plight of, and the danger the road portends for commuters and pedestrians;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) call on the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently undertake the rehabilitation of the caved in portions of the road to save the lives of Nigerians and ease the pains of motorists and pedestrians plying the road daily; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure implementation and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**5. Abandonment of the Construction of Bonny-Bodo Road:**

**Hon. Randolph O. Brown**

**Hon. Betty O. J. Apiafi**

**Hon. Nnam-Obi Uchechuku**

**Hon. Boma Goodhead**

**Hon. Gogo Bright Tamuno**

**Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek**

**Hon. Blessing I. Nsiegbe**

**Hon. Chikere K. Anayo**

**Hon. Chinda Kingsley Ogundu:**

The House:

*Notes* with concern the abandonment of the construction of the Bonny-Bodo Road, which when completed will be of strategic commercial importance not only to the people of the locality, but also to Rivers State and Nigeria as a whole;

*Also notes* that Bonny is host to the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (NLNG) which is the single largest oil investment in the country that has so far paid \$1,500,000.00 (one million, five hundred thousand dollars) only as tax and \$5,000,000.00 (five million dollar) only as dividend to the Federal Government, an amount from which some states of the federation had received bailout, and in the recent past, the three tiers of government benefitted from the sum of ₦150,000,000.00 (one hundred and fifty million Naira) from the NLNG and Bonny also plays host to Exxon Mobil which is the largest crude oil export terminal in Africa, to mention but a few;

*Aware* that in 1973, Commander Alfred Diete Spiff, the then Military Governor, proposed the construction of the Bonny-Bodo road and by 1974, the Rivers State Government received a feasibility study and design of the road;

*Also aware* that on 4th December, 2002, the Federal Government awarded the contract for the construction of the road to Gitto Costruzioni Generali Nig. Ltd for the sum of ₦24,045,255,405.86 (twenty-four billion, forty-five million, two hundred and fifty thousand, four hundred and five Naira, eighty-six Kobo) only, out of which ₦10,463,233,981.26 (ten billion, four hundred and sixty-three million, two hundred and thirty-three thousand, nine hundred and eighty-one Naira, twenty-six Kobo) only representing 43.51% of the contract sum, was disbursed but only 19% of the job was said to have been done;

*Further aware* that the construction work was stalled until 3rd December, 2014, when the road was re-awarded to Julius Berger Nigeria Plc for the sum of ₦120,000,000,000.00 (one hundred and twenty billion Naira) only, by the Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan's administration;

*Cognizant* of the fact that the NLNG indicated interest to provide 50% of the contract sum while Julius Berger Nigeria Plc, having signed its part of the contract document, also agreed to proceed to site if 15% of the contract sum was paid upfront by the Federal Government;

*Also cognizant* that the Federal Government appropriated ₦1,000,000,000,000.00 (one billion Naira) only in the 2015 budget for the project estimated to be completed in 54 months;

*Concerned* that out of the 54 months period given for the completion of the project, over 24 months have already lapsed due to the Federal Government's lack of commitment with regard to the disbursement of the mobilization funds;

*Also worried* that unless urgent steps are taken to maximally utilize the remaining period of the estimated time for the project, take advantage of the offer by the NLNG to provide 50% of the contract sum and avoid the inevitable likelihood of mounting inflation, the primary aim of the project will be defeated, and expected increase in the commercial, social and economic lives of the residents of the area will remain a mirage;

*Further worried* that the huge (almost 500%) extra cost expended on operational logistics of doing business for companies and individuals alike when compared to other areas, is most likely to increase drastically with inflation as well as the fact that the inevitable constant loss of lives and property via boat mishaps owing to the nature of the only easily affordable access route for the average resident to the area, will become a norm as very few residents can afford to be flown by air or ferried via NLNG large boats to the island;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to include the requested mobilization fee of ₦18,000,000,000.00 (eighteen billion Naira) only, in the 2017 appropriation budget and disburse same to Julius Berger Nigeria Limited for immediate commencement of the project; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**6. Call for Upgrade of the Federal College of Education (Technical), Bichi to the Status of a University of Technical Education:**  
**Hon. Ahmed Garba Bichi:**

The House:

*Notes* that the National Universities Commission was established by an Act of the National Assembly which vests upon the Commission, amongst others, the power to grant approval for the establishment of all higher educational institutions offering degree programmes;

*Also notes* the role of the Federal Ministry of Education in recommending and justifying the need for the establishment of Federal Universities in the country;

*Further notes* that the Federal College of Education (Technical), Bichi was established alongside other Colleges to, among other things, provide full-time courses of teaching, instruction and training in technology, applied science, commerce, arts, social sciences, humanities and management and to carry out research in the development and adaptation of techniques;

*Observes* that there is no Federal University of Technical Education in the country to help galvanize government's plan of enhancing job opportunities and employment through self-sustained educational policies that promote vocational training and technology;

*Also observes* that by virtue of existing technical colleges and institutions awarding National Certificate of Education as well as the need to encourage job creation via vocational, trade and skills development and technical education in the country, has provided the need to establish Universities that would absorb the surge of preliminary graduates and provide higher qualifications such as Bachelor of Technology Education, B.Tech (Edu) in these fields of endeavor;

*Aware* of the potentials of the Federal College of Education (Technical), Bichi, if it is upgraded to Federal University of Technical Education, given its existing facilities which include amongst others, 6 Schools, 27 Academic Departments, 6 furnished Lecture Theatres and Lecture Halls with 2,900 sitting capacity, 15 fully equipped laboratories with 1,110 sitting capacity, over 10 workshops as well as 66 classrooms to accommodate 13,450 students and 670 hectares of land for New Site Development;

*Desirous* of improving the aspiration of the present administration to diversify the economy and equip the teeming unemployed population with self-sustaining skills and also eliminate the current perceived inferior status of polytechnics and technical colleges which cannot award degree equivalent grades;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Education and the National Universities Commission (NUC) to initiate the process of upgrading the Federal College of Education (Technical), Bichi to a Federal University of Technical Education and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

**7. Need to Rehabilitate the Museum of National Unity, Ibadan:**  
**Hon. Adedapo Lam-Adesina:**

The House:

*Aware* that in 1973, three years after the civil war that lasted from 1967-70, the Federal Government, as part of efforts to enhance unity among Nigerians, proposed to establish museums of National Unity (MNU) in Ibadan, Enugu, Maiduguri and Sokoto in Southwestern, Southeastern, Northeastern and Northwestern Nigeria, respectively;

*Also aware* that the Ibadan Museum of National Unity was opened on April 4, 2002, thus becoming the first of the four National Museums proposed in 1973 and has four (4) galleries, namely Unity, Masquerade, Pottery and Yoruba homes, which boast of many antiquities that attract tourists from within and outside the country, thus promoting the socio- cultural values of the Nation and also aiding educational research and entertainment;

*Concerned* that the museum lacks standard conservation laboratory, research tools, modern storage system for antiquities, well-equipped library a functional amphitheater, an alternative source of power supply, potable water, modern furniture/equipment, and following years of neglect, nearly all the buildings within the complex are dilapidated and require urgent rehabilitation;

*Cognizant* that the museum has not received running costs for the maintenance of the complex since 2014, coupled with the fact that the contractor in charge of cleaning and clearing of weeds within the complex has not been paid for the last two years;

*Concerned* that the dilapidated state of the museum will discourage potential tourists from visiting it, thus negating the goal of using tourism as a means of economic diversification currently being pursued by the Federal Government;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) call the attention of the Federal Ministry of Information and Culture to the deplorable state of the Museum of National Unity, Ibadan and urge for its rehabilitation; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Culture and Tourism to monitor the state of compliance with this resolution, and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

**8. Need to Investigate the Dumping of Toxic Waste in Koko Community of Warri Federal Constituency of Delta State.**

**Hon. Reyenieju Daniel O.:**

The House:

*Recalls* that in June 1988, a national phenomenon of toxic waste dumping with massive sludge, slurry and carcinogenic occurred in Koko community, Warri North in Delta State which resulted into illnesses, including stomach upset, headache, failing sight and death, apart from the environmental damage to the aquatic life of the people;

*Notes* that nearly three decades after the above infamous toxic waste dumping in Koko, another toxic and carcinogenic waste dump has occurred in the same Koko community this year 2017;

*Also notes* that the toxic waste was found to be laden with Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH), Oil and Grease, Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) and BETEX (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene and Xylene) and some heavy metals with values higher than acceptable by the Department of Petroleum Resources and the World Health Organization standards;

*Aware* that while Sections 25 and 26 of the Petroleum (Drilling and Production) (Amendment) Regulations Act, 2006, on the one hand regulate the production and discharge of sludge and accidental spills from oil and gas production installations within the territory and territorial waters of Nigeria, sections 20 and 21 of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency Act of 1988 and the Harmful Waste (Special Criminal Provisions) Act of 1988, on the other hand specifically regulate hazardous wastes management in Nigeria;

*Also aware* that the Environmental Guidelines and Standards for the Petroleum Industry in Nigeria issued in 1991 by the Petroleum Industry which was reviewed in 2002 prohibit the discharge of harmful wastes and pollution of inland waterways, rivers, watercourses of Nigeria or sea by oil;

*Concerned* that about 80% of oily sludges are considered hazardous because of the presence of toxic organics such as aromatics, Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) and complex compounds with very high molecular weight, such as asphaltenes;

*Also concerned* that carcinogenic wastes contain substances or agents that can cause cells to become cancerous by altering their genetic structure so that they multiply continuously and become malignant;

*Worried* that consumption and/or absorption of toxic and carcinogenic contaminants by plants and lower animals will ultimately lead to bioaccumulation in humans from food chain in nature which will result in failure of organs and ultimately death;

*Also worried* that during the rainy season, surface and underground water which is the source of drinking water for the people is gravely contaminated through seepage of toxic and carcinogenic substances into aquifer;

*Disturbed* that the area around the dump site is residential and a Primary School, with its numerous pupils and teachers, also shares a common perimeter fence with the waste dump site facility;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat, Petroleum Resources (Downstream) and Gas Resources to investigate the dumping of the toxic waste and extent of its environmental impact on the community and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

9. **Call for Investigation of Allegations of Abuse, Breach and Violation of the Public Procurement Act of 2007 in the Engagement of Consultants for Pre-Shipment Inspection and Monitoring of Crude Oil and Gas Exports from Nigeria:**  
**Hon. Babatunde Gabriel Kolawole:**

The House:

*Notes* that the Pre-Shipment Inspection of Exports Act, Cap. P26, LFN, 2004, empowers the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to appoint inspecting agents to carry out pre-shipment inspection;

*Recalls* that in June 2015, the President mandated the Federal Ministry of Finance to commence the process of engaging pre-shipment inspectors and monitoring agents and based on the approval of the Bureau for Public Procurement (BPP), selective tendering was adopted;

*Also notes* that in December 2015, after the selection of sixty-five (65) companies to participate in the bidding stage, the Honourable Minister of Finance, ordered the immediate cancellation of the tendering process on the grounds of lack of transparency, accountability and on the basis of a formal complaint from the BPP;

*Further notes* that in furtherance of the above, the Federal Ministry of Finance initiated a fresh tendering process in February, 2016;

*Observes* that the ongoing tendering process has been fraught with allegations of abuses by vested interests in the Federal Ministry of Finance who are selecting non-responsive companies that do not meet basic statutory requirements like possession of valid PENCOT Certificates as required by the Public Procurement Act;

*Concerned* that if urgent steps are not taken to investigate the allegations, non-responsive and incompetent consultants would be engaged which will undermine the entire pre-shipment inspection and monitoring exercise, thus leading to significant revenue losses;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committee on Public Procurement to investigate the above allegations and report back to the House within five (5) weeks for further legislative action.

10. **Urgent Need to Fully Subscribe to the Share Capital of the Bank of Agriculture for Optimal Contribution to Nigeria's Ailing Economy:**  
**Hon. Femi Fakeye:**

The House:

*Notes* that the Bank of Agriculture (BoA) is a wholly-owned development finance institution of the Federal Government and is therefore a key and strategic institution whose mandate is to facilitate the financing of agricultural projects, thereby boosting agricultural production to meet the food industrial and export needs of Nigeria;

*Aware* that the Federal government's shares in BoA are vested 60% in the Ministry of Finance Incorporated (MOFI) and 40% in the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN);

*Also aware* that in consideration of this crucial mandate, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, effective December 5, 2001, approved that the Bank of Agriculture be capitalized to the tune of 50 billion to be subscribed in four equal installments of 12.5 billion annually, within four years of that date by both shareholders; meaning that the Federal Government expected the shareholders to have fully paid up their respective subscriptions by December 2005;

*Also notes* that in line with the 60:40 ownership structure, the equity contributions of the shareholders by December 2005 should have been as follows:

| <i>Shareholder</i> | <i>Shareholding</i> | <i>Amount in Naira</i> |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 60%                | MOFI                | 30 billion             |
| 40%                | CBN                 | 20 billion;            |

*Cognizant* of the fact that successive managements of BoA had made several efforts, most of them documented, appealing to both shareholders to pay their respective subscriptions in full in order for the Bank to fulfill its mandate but those efforts did not yielded the expected results;

*Informed* that the paid-up portions of the shareholdings are only as follows:

| <i>Shareholder</i> | <i>Amount paid-up</i> | <i>Amount outstanding</i> | <i>Percentage outstanding</i> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MOFI               | ₦27,707,546,176       | ₦2,292,453,824            | 7.64                          |
| CBN                | ₦4,026,922,000        | ₦15,973,078,000           | 79.9;                         |

*Concerned* that even though the Federal Government of Nigeria is a signatory to the Maputo Declaration, which recommends that each African country do allocate a minimum of 10% of its annual budget to its agricultural sector in order to feed its citizens and fast-track industrialization as well as the economic transformation of each country, by extension, and the entire African continent, Nigeria has proposed a merger 1.7% of the 2017 budget to the agricultural sector;

*Appalled* that a cursory review of the financial statements of BoA shows a distressed company with a net loss of ₦2.2 billion in 2014 and a net loss of ₦4.8 billion in 2015 (both accounts audited) and unless urgently recapitalized, BoA faces some dwindling fortunes in the immediate future;

*Also concerned* that even as the Federal Government has made it a declared objective to revamp the agricultural sector of the economy to contribute to the national income/gross domestic product, boost employment generation and sectoral contribution to export proceeds to replace the dwindling income from the oil and gas sector, the economy as a whole is currently in dire straits and on proverbial life-support;

*Pleased* to realize that the Central Bank of Nigeria has, over the years, operated in such a profitable manner that it has led the pack among the parastatals operating under the Fiscal Responsibility regime in remitting part of its operating revenues to the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation;

*Worried* that the same CBN, which has failed to fully pay its required contribution to BoA's share capital, continues to administer, through commercial and other specialized banks, billions of Naira in various intervention funds for several development finance activities, including Agriculture;

*Mindful* of the fact that the only pragmatic way to strengthen the value of the naira which is currently at its historic lowest, is to reduce the country's imports while at the same time increasing her exports, the agricultural sector is the most realistic option to achieve increased export activities;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to investigate and determine the causes for the unwillingness of both shareholders to pay their subscriptions in full and report back to the House within four (4) weeks the steps considered necessary to ensure compliance by both shareholders.

**11. Broadcast of Unethical Reality Show Called the Big Brother Naija:  
Hon. Adekola Adesegun Abdel-Majid:**

The House:

*Notes* that a television reality game show, known as Big Brother Naija is currently running a series on the DSTV/Multichoice Satellite Television across the country and beyond;

*Aware* that the reality game show is a franchise originally broadcast in the Netherlands and subsequently syndicated internationally, including Nigeria;

*Also aware* that in the show, contestants who are called “Housemates” live together in specially constructed house that is isolated from the outside world, and continuously monitored by live television cameras as well as personal audio microphones;

*Informed* that reality television is a genre of television programming that documents supposedly real life situation and often features an otherwise unknown caste of individuals who are typically not professional actors;

*Observes* that the Big Brother Naija show which is on live satellite television and involves the internet is used to broadcast unacceptable sexuality explicit content and nudity in a country where children and youths have easy access to satellite television and web video streaming;

*Also observes* that since participants are placed in an artificial situation to play for a prize money, the general content of the show thereby promotes/encourages intrigues, deception and manipulation as against the national ethics of discipline, integrity and self-reliance;

*Acknowledges* that by virtue of the existing laws, broadcasting in the country is expected to promote Indigenous cultures, morals and community life and not to encourage values corrosive of these national ethics;

*Worried* that in the absence of professional consideration for determining winners, such reality shows have the potentials to make a stars out of either untalented people unworthy of fame, infamous personality or both, while at the same time glamorizing vulgarity and materialism;

*Concerned* that the continued airing of such amoral, immoral and depraved television programme to the Nigerian public has potentials to worsen the already endangered socio-cultural values of the country;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation to immediately take steps to cause the discontinuance of the television reality game show otherwise known as Big Brother Naija;
- (ii) also urge the Nigerian Broadcast Commission (NBC) to investigate the programming content of the show, the producers and the Broadcast station for possible necessary sanctions; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to ensure implementation and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

## CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

12. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars to Regulate and Control the Practice of Share Registration and for Other Related Matters (HB. 79) (*Committee of the Whole*: 14/6/2016).
13. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
*Report on the Petition by ASP Anthony Mgbeo Jirikwe:*  
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**  
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by ASP Anthony Mgbeo Jirikwe against the Nigeria Police Force on his Unlawful Suspension from Service and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid*: 13/12/2016):
- (i) urge the Police Service Commission and the Inspector General of Police to immediately reinstate ASP Anthony Mgbeo Jirikwe;
  - (ii) also urge the Nigeria Police Force to pay all the arrears of his salaries, allowances and other entitlements from 4 November, 1994 to date;
  - (iii) further urge the Nigeria Police Force to promote him to the present level his counterparts are enjoying in the service
14. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
*Report on the Petition by Kingdom Human Rights Foundation International:*  
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**  
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Kingdom Human Rights Foundation International against the Federal Housing Authority for Defrauding Unsuspecting Imo People using the Federal Housing Scheme and approve the recommendation therein” (*Laid*: 13/12/2016):
- Urge the Federal Housing Authority to provide a housing unit each for Mrs Caroline Alozie and two others equivalent to the current price of the ones they had paid for in any area of their choice in Nigeria, except in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.
15. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
*Report on the Petition by Effiom Edem Effiom:*  
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**  
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Effiom Edem Effiom against the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) on Alleged Unlawful Termination of Appointment and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid*: 13/12/2016):
- (i) adopt the amicable resolution of the matter by the Parties, John Ikong and Effiom Edem Effiom and the Bureau of Public Procurement;
  - (ii) that since the petitioner has been reinstated, on no account should the Bureau of Public Procurement re-visit the matter again.
16. **Committee on Public Petitions:**  
*Report on the Petition by Late Colonel Simon Daniel Ganya and Twenty-Nine (29) Others:*  
**Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**  
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Late Colonel Simon Daniel Ganya and Twenty-Nine (29) Others against the Nigerian Army on Alleged Wrongful Retirement from Service and approve the recommendation therein” (*Laid*: 13/12/2016):
- Urge the Chief of Army Staff and the Honourable Minister of Defence to recall the retired Army Officers with immediate effect as a result of lack of credible evidence by the Army to retire them.

**17. Committee on Public Petitions:*****Report of the Petition by Egwu Arua Okoro:*****Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Egwu Arua Okoro against the Nigeria Customs Service for wrongful termination of his appointment and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 28/9/2016*):

- (i) reinstate him into the Nigeria Customs Service unconditionally;
- (ii) restore him to what would have been his substantive rank as at 2001 when he would have statutorily retired;
- (iii) pay him all his arrears of salaries, entitlements and retirement benefits;
- (iv) reprimand the Nigeria Customs Service for abuse of due process in treating cases involving officers of the organization, especially ones that involve dismissal or termination of appointments.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

|    | <i>Committee</i>                                     | <i>Date</i>              | <i>Time</i> | <i>Venue</i>                                                   |
|----|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Rules and Business                                   | Wednesday, 1 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 06<br>(White House)<br>Assembly Complex         |
| 2. | Public Petitions<br>( <i>Investigative Hearing</i> ) | Wednesday, 1 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 429<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 3. | Nigeria-USA Relations                                | Wednesday, 1 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 244<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 4. | Poverty Alleviation                                  | Wednesday, 1 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 231<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 5. | Federal Capital Territory                            | Wednesday, 1 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 327<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 6. | Basic Education and Services                         | Wednesday, 1 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 141<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 7. | Local Content                                        | Wednesday, 1 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 244<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 8. | Public Accounts                                      | Wednesday, 1 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 446<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |