



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER**

Tuesday, 7 March, 2017

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY
BILLS**

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Act, Cap. N117, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Payment of all Monies Received by the Commission into the Federation Account in Accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 895) (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Act, Cap. I31, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for Forfeiture to be made to the Original Sources of the Crimes and for Other Related Matters (HB. 819) (*Hon. Edward Pwajok*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

3. **Urgent Need for Federal Government's Intervention to Tackle Gully Erosion Challenges in Emu Town, Esan South East Local Government Area of Edo State:**

Hon Sergius Ose Ogun:

The House:

Notes that it is an unassailable fact that the protection of lives and properties of citizens is the most important function of government;

Also notes that the Ecological Fund Office has as one of its core mandates the reduction of ecological problems, such as erosion to the barest minimum;

Informed that in recent years, Emu town in Esan South East Local Government Area of Edo State has been consistently plagued with gully erosion which has destroyed properties worth millions of naira, led to the loss of over forty five lives and continues to endanger the lives and wellbeing of residents, some of whom have been forced to abandon much of the town due to the devastating effects of the gully erosion which has crippled agricultural and other economic activities;

Concerned that if urgent action is not taken to address the issue, the people of Emu will continue to suffer the devastating consequences of the gully erosion which is worsening by the minute and threatening the very existence of the town;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Ecological Fund Office to urgently intervene and save Emu town from complete destruction;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to ensure implementation.

4. **Call for Reconstruction/Rehabilitation of Oni and Ero Dams:**

Hon. Olamide Oni:

The House:

Notes that water is vital for human existence and sustenance and forms an indispensable aspect of human life, without which survival is impossible;

Also notes that item 13C, Part II, Second Schedule of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 confers concurrent jurisdiction on both the States and the Federal Government on the provision of water for the citizens;

Observes that Oni River Dam in Efon Alaaye, Efon Local Government Area of Ekiti State is currently pumping far below its installed capacity while indigenes of Efon and surrounding towns and villages are left to source for water from streams and wells with its adverse implications on the health of the people;

Concerned that Ekiti State, which is an agrarian State with a large number of peasant farmers, suffers from inadequacy of pipe borne water;

Aware that Ero Dam in Ikun-Ekiti, Moba Local Government Area which occupies over eleven kilometres of landmass supplies water to only three Local Government Areas, whereas it has the capacity to supply the whole State if upgraded and maintained;

Believes that if these Dams are upgraded to their full capacity, it will enhance the development and sustenance of agricultural practice which is one of the goals of the present Administration.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Water Resources and Appropriations to include the reconstruction/rehabilitation of the Oni and Ero River Dams in the 2017 budget to ensure the provision of pipe borne water for the people of Ekiti State.

5. Need to Investigate the Resettlement and Compensation Activities of the Federal Capital Territory:

Hon. Golu Timothy Simon.

The House:

Notes that the federal government adopted the relocation and compensation policy in order to resettle indigenous people from the Federal City Centre (FCC) to designated locations;

Also notes that the policy was aimed at decongesting the City Centre to allow for development of structures in the new Federal Capital Territory, FCT;

Concerned that since the adoption of the resettlement and compensation policies, not much have been achieved because the government could not resettle the indigenous population to marked areas and provide them compensation as agreed upon;

Also concerned that due to the delay, a lot of distortions have taken place across most of the areas and no compensation has been paid;

Worried that the recent efforts by the FCT administration to relocate villages of Garki, Apo and Akpajenya to Apo resettlement centre has been enmeshed in irregularities;

Also worried that the department of resettlement/ compensation allegedly abused the process by allocating land to people against ministerial procedures and denying the intended beneficiaries;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Area Councils and Ancillary Matters to investigate the entire process of resettlement and payment of compensation to the original inhabitants of the FCT and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

6. Menace of the Use of Mobile Phones While Driving:

Hon. Abdulraheem Olajide Jimoh:

The House:

Notes that the use of mobile phones while driving, whether it is hand held or hands free, is prohibited and punishable with a fine of four thousand naira (N4000) under the second schedule, item 33 of the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, Cap F 19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004;

Aware that despite the prohibition of the practice, the menace is still widespread and accounts for nearly thirty (30) percent of causes of road accidents in Nigeria out of which about twenty five (25) percent of the victims die;

Concerned that despite the concerted efforts of the Federal Road Safety Commission to contain the menace, it appears to have become a fad for drivers to use mobile phones while driving;

Convinced of the need for extra measures beyond the current efforts of the FRSC to contain the menace;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) to partner with the media, both print and electronic, to sensitize drivers on the dangers of using mobile phones while driving;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Land Transport to interface with the FRSC and other stakeholders to device more workable measures to stamp out the menace, particularly by deploying technology to track down offenders and impose the prescribed punishment to serve as a deterrent and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

7. Need for a Clear Cut Policy Frame Work on Deregulation of Kerosene to Avert the Current Challenges faced by the Poor Masses in the Acquisition of Kerosene:

Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola.

The House:

Notes with concern that the Dual Purpose Kerosene(DPK) that serves as a common domestic product for the average Nigerian has become a scarce commodity and even when available, remains unaffordable for the lower class who depend largely on it;

Also notes that the stark reality is that the effect of the rising price of kerosene is being felt by the average Nigerian who has to resort to liquefied petroleum Gas (LPG) for their cooking purposes, with retail prices of gas rising from ₦2,500 for 12.5kg to over ₦5,500.00;

Observes that kerosene, which is the only crude oil product accessible to poor Nigerians in the rural areas has become so expensive that a litre is now sold for between ₦400.00 - ₦450.00; thus forcing many households to resort to using charcoal, sand dust and wood for cooking with their hazardous effects;

Also observes that the scary prognosis from analysts is that it could get worse unless the Federal Government ends its economic flip flops and embraces a market driven, private sector led jobs and growth agenda and adopting a definite, clear cut policy direction on kerosene to alleviate the problems being faced by the poor masses;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to come up with a policy framework on the deregulation of kerosene as applied to diesel and PMS to avert the current challenges and scarcity;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Down Stream) to liaise with the Department of Petroleum Resources and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to ensure that mechanism is put in place to make the product affordable.

8. Incessant Labour Disputes of the Federal Polytechnic, Auchi:

Hon. Johnson E. Oghuma:

The House:

Observes that for some time now, there have been concerns at the Federal Polytechnic, Auchi over matters of promotions, welfare, payment of pensions, salaries and wages;

Notes that this has led to disruptions in academics pursuits and several closures of the school due to strike actions by the local chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Polytechnics (ASUP);

Aware that this situation is bringing untold hardships on the students who would have to either stay back in the school without receiving lectures or risk their lives traveling back to their homes only to be called back shortly and then to be asked again to return home as a result of another strike action;

Concerned that on 15 February, 2017, the entire staff of the Polytechnic embarked on another indefinite strike action and determined not to allow this ugly trend to continue any longer in the Polytechnic;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge Academic Staff Union Polytechnics, (ASUP) Auchi Polytechnic Chapter and the entire staff of the Federal Polytechnic, Auchi to call off the strike action in order to give room for dialogue; and
- (ii) Mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services and Labour, Employment and Productivity to invite Principal Officers of the Academic Staff Union of Federal Polytechnic, Auchi, the Management Staff of Federal Polytechnic Auchi, Student Union Leadership of the School and the relevant Departments of the Federal Ministry of Education, for a discussion to ascertain the causes of the incessant disputes in the Polytechnic, recommend lasting solutions and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**9. Gruesome Murder of Aba Residents and Need to Strengthen the Security Structure in Aba, Abia State:
Hon. Prestige Ossy.**

The House:

Informed that practically the entire security structure in Aba, has collapsed and this unfortunate turn of event has left the commercial city at the mercy of daredevil criminals, kidnappers and ritualists;

Aware that in the last couple of months, these undesirable elements who have infiltrated the city in large numbers have been ceaselessly unleashing mayhem and inflicting pains and untold sufferings on the people;

Concerned that on Friday 24th February, 2017 Chief Kalu Mang Dieke was kidnapped and gruesomely murdered by suspected kidnappers with his body dismembered and dumped around the notorious Oriji Uzor bridge and on that same day, one Elezue Ireke, businessman was also abducted and his whereabouts is still unknown;

Recalls that on Monday 27th February, 2017, eight (8) members of Abia State vigilante group were murdered in cold blood by suspected bandits who ambushed them along Aba-Owerri Road while returning from a town hall meeting in Umuahia;

Notes that Emmanuel Ejiofor, Henry Michael, Ikechukwu Ijioma, Johnson Uwa of Ihieorji unit and Stanley Obi, Ifeanyi Azubuike, Azubieke Alozieiwe and Ikechukwu Osuigwe of Ogbor Hill unit were murdered in cold blood on that same faithful day;

Also recalls that on 24th January, 2017, one Adamu Abdullahi was killed in his room at pound road by George's in Aba while an Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) official, Chief Mba Abali Mba was kidnapped on 29 January, 2017 and his car has not been recovered till date;

Concerned that despite the visible presence of the Police, the Department of State Services, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, Nigerian Army and other Security agencies in Aba, the activities of these daredevil criminals are on the rise largely because they carry more sophisticated weapons, when compared to those of the security agents and there is also insufficient personnel, patrol vehicles and communication gadgets;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Inspector-General of Police, the Director-General of the Department of State Services, Commandant-General, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps and the Nigerian Army to deploy more personnel to Aba to ensure the security of lives and properties of the residents;

- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Police Affairs and National Security and Intelligence to conduct an investigation into the proliferation of killings and kidnappings at Aba, and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

10. Need to Ascertain the Dumps and Take an Inventory of the Forfeited Assets in Possession of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC):

Hon. Babajimi Benson:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Section 20(1) of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission's Establishment Act 2004, a person convicted of an offence shall forfeit to the Federal Government all the assets and properties which may or are the subject of interim order of the court;

Also notes that Section 26 of the Act provides that the Commission may seize any property subject to forfeiture after an attachment of such property;

Aware that acting under these provisions, the EFCC, since its establishment in 2003, has seized several movable and immovable properties and assets under interim orders of Courts in order to preserve the properties/assets and prevent them from being disposed of by the suspects while cases were being investigated or tried;

Also aware that the EFCC maintains dump sites in various parts of the country where it keeps the movable assets while immovable assets are sealed off by the Commission;

Further aware that several of these assets have been there for several years while some are already at various stages of decay, and convinced of the need to avoid this needless waste of recovered properties which would otherwise have yielded some much needed revenues to the national treasury;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Financial Crimes to carry out an audit of car dumps and inventory of other movable and immovable forfeited assets seized by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission to ascertain their conditions and current values and make recommendations to the House within six (6) weeks on how to prevent further decay and waste.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

11. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Chinda Chidum:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Chinda Chidum against Sterling Oil Exploration and Energy Production Company on wrongful termination of employment and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 2/3/2017*).

- (i) Urge the Sterling Oil to pay the Petitioner all his salary arrears and other allowances including his gratuity and disengage him appropriately in line with the practice in the oil industry;
- (ii) Also urge that his salary for the year he was disengaged from work which amounts to Sixteen Million, Two Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-Four Naira, Twenty-Five Kobo (N16, 266, 324. 25) be paid to him.

12. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Odoh Jude Ifeanyi:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Odoh Jude Ifeanyi against Huawei Technologies Nigeria Limited on wrongful termination of appointment, unfavourable conditions of service and increasing cases of replacement of Nigerians with illegal Chinese Immigrants and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid: 2/3/2017*).

- (i) *That* since the Committee cannot force Rutotech to take him back as its employee, it should pay him off, thereby following the laid down rules as stipulated in the labour laws, if it thinks his services are no longer needed;
- (ii) *urge* Rutotech to pay him one year salary, at N158, 000 per month being his salary;
- (iii) *commend* Hauwei Technologies Limited on her local content efforts and corporate social responsibilities.

13. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Richard Termough Yough:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Richard Termough Yough against the Council of Legal Education for wrongful termination of appointment and approve the Recommendation therein” (*Laid: 2/3/2017*).

Urge the Council to commit the dismissal of the Petitioner to retirement, considering the fact that he had worked hard for 15 years did not get any query, had surpassed the mandatory terms of retirement and more or less being a first time offender.

14. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Mr Ije Ikenna Okemini Ije:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr. Ije Ikenna Okemini Ije against the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on wrongful termination of appointment and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 2/3/2017*).

- (i) Urge the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to reinstate Mr. Ije Okemini Ije and retire him appropriately, since by his age he is already overdue for retirement;
- (ii) Also urge INEC to pay him all his salary arrears and other allowances, including his pension and gratuity.

15. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Aggrieved Trainees of Industrial Training Fund Model Skills Training Centre, Abuja:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by aggrieved trainees of the Industrial Training Fund Model Skills Training Centre, Abuja against the Management of the Institution for non-graduation of the trainees after two years of graduation period of the Institution and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 2/3/2017*).

- (i) that since budgetary allocation has been made in respect of procuring the needed equipment for the Mechatronic and Facility Management Department, the Management of the ITF should facilitate the speedy procurement to ensure that these trainees are graduated on time and issued with Certificates of Competency as soon as possible;
- (ii) that the trainees were not properly informed of the shortfall in training equipment before they sought admission into the Institution, therefore the Management of the (ITF), Model Skills Training Centre (MSTC) should bear the cost of delay in graduating the trainees within the specified period;
- (iii) that the Federal Ministry of Education and the Federal Ministry of Trade and Investment should collaborate with the Management of the Institution in ensuring that the National Board for Technical Education do accredit the Institution after the procurement of the necessary equipment.

16. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Akinyemi Olusegun Abimbola:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

“That the House do consider 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 and approve the Recommendation therein” (*Laid: 2/3/2017*).

Urge the National Drug Law enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to reinstate Mrs. Akinyemi Olusegun Abimbola to service, and to place her on the position which her counterparts are recently occupying.

17. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Mr Emmanuel Ajayi and Others:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Mr. Emmanuel Ajayi and others against the Director General of National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA), Dr. S. O. Mohammed on wrongful redeployment of the National Coordinator of Cooperative Information Network (COPINE), Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife and termination of appointment of some members of staff and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 2/3/2017*).

- (i) Urge the Director-General of the National Space Research and Development Agency to:
 - (a) reinstate the Petitioners and pay all the financial benefits accrued to them from the date of the termination of their appointments till date, (including the arrears of entitlements based on the new salary scale from July 2010 when COPINE was taken over by NASRDA with immediate effect;
 - (b) regularize and confirm their appointments and effect their promotion up to date;
- (ii) Investigate further or cause the relevant Departments(s) of Government to investigate the allegations of names of petitioners reflecting on the nominal roll and the allegation of salaries, in order to ascertain the correct position of the matters

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 7 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Tuesday, 7 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Public Accounts	Tuesday, 7 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Local Content	Tuesday, 7 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex