



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 16 March, 2017

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. 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) - *Third Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Centre for Research and Production of Snake Vaccines in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 898) (*Hon. Binta Bello and Hon. Golu Timothy Simon*) – *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Customs Service Board Act, Cap. N100, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigerian Customs Service Commission to be charged with the Responsibility for Administration of the Nigerian Customs Service and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, (HB. 938) (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso and Others*) – *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Special Crimes Court as a Superior Court of Record to Allow for Speedy Trials of Certain Offences, Including Economic and Financial

MOTIONS

5. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly :(Order 12 Rule 16 House standing Orders).**
Nigerian Automotive Industry Development Plan (Fiscal Incentives and Assurances) Bill, 2017 (HB.896);

Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga.

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order 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 was made or negatived, or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which was 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 aforementioned 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 896 and read for the first time accordingly.

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of Whole for consideration.

6. **Urgent Need for Control of Erosion in Idah/Igalamela-Odolu/Ibaji/Ofu Federal Constituency:**
Hon. Emmanuel M Egwu:

The House:

Aware that erosion is a natural occurrence that affects habitation and other economic activities and makes the people living within its area of occurrence to always live in fear;

Notes that most of the roads in Angwa, New GRA and Iyogbo areas of Idah LGA, Ajaka town in Igalamela – Odolu LGA, Umomi town in Ofu LGA and Odo Ichalla, Onyedega in Ibaji LGA of Kogi State have been destroyed by erosion;

Also notes that accessibility to localities within the constituency has been made difficult as a result of the erosion which is washing away farm lands, thus leading to a reduction of arable land in the constituency and also hampering the movement of farm produce from the farms to the cities, having destroyed the road network;

Concerned that the federal government has not hearkened to the pleas of the people to control the erosion menace which is threatening to cut off the Federal road linking Idah to Anyigba at a point in Umomi;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to send relief materials to the affected communities;
- (ii) Also urge the Nigerian Erosion and Watershed Management Project (NEWMAP) to take urgent steps to control the erosion in order to prevent further washing away of houses, roads and farmlands;
- (iii) Mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance.

7. Call for Rehabilitation of Isara-Ago-Iwoye-Ijebu Igbo-Ogedengbe-Orile Owu-Ife-Sekona Road, (Ogun State Border):
Hon. Adekoya Adesegun Abdel – Majid:

The House:

Notes that Isara – Ago-Iwoye –Ijebu – Igbo – Ogedengbe – Orile Owu – Ife – Sekona Road links many communities in Ogun and Osun States with other parts of the country;

Also notes that for five (5) years now, the road has been in a very deplorable condition with many failed portions thereon as a result of lack of maintenance which causes a lot of vehicular breakdowns and serious physical discomfort for commuters;

Further notes that in the same period of time, no vegetation control exercise, which ought to be carried out twice in a year on the road, being a federal road, had been effected thereon, hence it is now overgrown with weeds, thereby becoming almost unmotorable;

Aware that the road serves as an important alternative relief route for travelers from Lagos to Abuja, particularly at the peak period of traffic hold up on the Lagos – Ibadan Express Road;

Also aware that the road is very strategic for the movement of farm produce as people of the area are predominantly farmers producing, on a large scale, crops like cocoa, kolanuts, palm produce and plantain;

Concerned that the deplorable state of the road has led to many fatal accidents which had claimed lives of travelers and it is also providing opportunities for kidnappers and armed robbers to attack and rob travelers;

Cognizant that the rehabilitation of the road will ease movement of travelers and agricultural produce across the south west zone and Nigeria at large, save lives and eliminate incessant armed robbery attacks on the road;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance agency (FERMA) to, as a matter of urgency, rehabilitate the failed portions of Isara–Ago Iwoye-Ijebu Igbo–Ogedengbe–Ife–Sekona Road (Osun State Border) to help in protecting lives of road users and encourage farmers to boost agriculture, thereby creating employment in the area;
- (ii) Also urge the Agency to carry out vegetation control exercise to avoid the sides of the road becoming bushy;
- (iii) Mandate the Committee on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to ensure implementation.

**8. Call for Completion of the Benin-Adu-Umagbae-Egba-Osasimwinoba-Akure Road:
Hon. Patrick Aisowieren:**

The House:

Notes that the Benin-Adu-Umagbae-Egba-Osasimwinoba-Akure Road was awarded by the then Federal Ministry of Works as a zonal intervention project for rural infrastructural development to link the Benin-Auchi and Benin-Akure Roads;

Aware that most of the towns and villages along the road are mainly agrarian and form the food basket of Edo State but concerned that the abandonment of the Road project since the inception of the present administration is causing enormous hardships to motorists and farmers in conveying their agricultural products to the cities;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to include funds in the 2017 budget for the completion of the Road;
- (ii) Also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation.

**9. Need For Reform and Relocation of Kano Prison from Kurmawa:
Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu:**

The House:

Recalls that Kano Prison, located at Kurmawa and which was built in 1910 as an Emirate penal institution using mud blocks, is now overcrowded with over one thousand (1,000) inmates instead of the six hundred and ninety (690) inmates capacity it was proposed to house;

Notes that the only functional borehole in the prison was constructed by my humble-self in 2015, and there is a complete absence of infrastructural facilities/amenities, given rise to widespread diseases and infections among inmates in the event of an outbreak of any disease, hence the pressing need for reform;

Also notes that the prison, which is located at the centre of Kano city, does not have enough space for any form of expansion, and its location constitutes a security threat as well as posing developmental challenges;

Also recalls that the Government of former Governor Rabi'u Musa Kwankwaso attempted to relocate the prison to Jangaza but the effort failed;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Interior to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Interior and the Nigerian Prison Service to work out modalities for the relocation of Kano Prison from Kurmawa to a more suitable location and undertake a comprehensive reform of the Prisons;
- (ii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

**10. Urgent Need to Investigate the Failure of the Nigerian Customs Service to Auction
Confiscated Goods**

Hon. Prestige Ossy:

The House:

Recalls that in 2015, the Nigerian Customs Service banned the auction sale of goods seized by the Service and legally forfeited to the Federal Government;

Notes that since the imposition of the ban, there has not been any form of auction sale by the Service and this has ultimately resulted in the proliferation of seized goods at the various formations of the Nigerian Customs Service;

Observes that top on the list of goods seized are vehicles, trucks, containers of assorted household goods, clothing materials, consumables etc. and a large number of these goods have been gazetted and forfeited to the Federal Government on the orders of various courts in the country;

Notes with dismay that most of those goods, especially the vehicles with Duty Paid Value (DPV) worth over N6 billion, are rapidly dilapidating and depreciating in value and have naturally become habitats for reptiles, termites and even birds;

Concerned that the Customs Service will eventually spend huge amounts of money in disposing of them, when it ought to have generated huge revenues for the Government by auctioning them before they weathered away;

Also recalls that sometime in 2015 following the ban on auctioning of seized goods, the Service announced a plan to set up an auction sale website where interested Nigerians can access available goods and bid for them in order to ensure transparency in the auction process;

Regrets that the Service failed to set up the website and has also failed to auction goods in its custody, thereby willingly denying the Federal Government of resources worth over N1 trillion which ought to accrue to it from the auctioning of those goods;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to investigate the matter with a view to determining what informed the decision to ban the auction sale of seized goods and whether the decision has truly caused the country any financial loss and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

**11. Call for an Investigative Hearing into the Affairs of the National Automotive Council of Nigeria:
Hon. Sidi Yakubu:**

The House:

Notes that the National Automotive Council was established to encourage local manufacturing of vehicles and thus discourage importation of cars as well as gradually phasing out used cars (popularly known as Tokunbo) in Nigeria;

Also notes that the automotive industry is supposed to play a strategic and catalytic role in economic development, technology acquisition, employment creation and small and medium enterprises/SMEs development in respect of automotive parts;

Aware that aside some little donations made to some higher institutions, the National Automotive Council is hardly known to have supported the efforts of individuals who have designed vehicles that would have helped in reducing the billions of Naira Nigerians spend on importation of vehicles;

Also aware that the Federal Government had, in 2013, approved a new automotive industry development plan to transform the Nigerian automotive industry and attract investors into the sector;

Further aware that a transformed automotive industry will realize its potentials as a major driver of economic growth and diversification, create significant quality employment, local value addition and a wide range of technologically advanced manufacturing opportunities;

Conscious that the Fund is supposed to grow and develop the automobile sector which will impact positively on the price of vehicles, even now that a ban has been placed on their importation through the land borders;

Worried that the best the Council has done in the years since its establishment is the collection of billions of Naira for the auto fund which amounts to 2% duty (cost, insurance and freight) that is paid on every car that is imported into Nigeria through the land borders or sea ports;

Also worried that agencies of the Federal Government such as the Council are just layers of bureaucracy where appropriations are made yearly without any productive result to the economy;

Concerned that in the face of the economic challenges facing the nation and government's desire to grow the economy, the value chain in the development of SMEs in the production of component parts of vehicles remains largely untapped;

Desirous of ensuring a deliberate policy of government to enhance local content participation that will grow the potential market size in which Nigeria should have a competitive advantage;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Industry to conduct an investigative hearing on the activities of the National Automotive Council from 1999 till date in order to determine why the Council has failed to deliver on its mandate to encourage local manufacturing of vehicles in order to discourage their importation and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

12. Need to Investigate the Operational Activities of Telecommunications Equipment and Service Companies/ Vendors in Nigeria:

Hon. Abubakar Amuda-Kannike G:

The House:

Notes the existence of multinational telecommunications equipment and services companies / vendors in Nigeria who have been involved in the business of providing telephone services since 1960 but with the introduction of the Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM), have become major vendors of equipment to such operators and the entire telephony sector;

Aware of the lucrative nature of the telecommunications sector which rakes in profits in billions of United States Dollars annually;

Concerned that despite these enormous profits coupled with the conducive business environment in the country, there are several allegations against these companies including casualization and maltreatment of Nigerian workers, outsourcing of local jobs leading to capital flight, disparity in emoluments and rejection of Nigerians as understudies to expatriates in violation of the Local Content Act;

Also concerned about further allegations of tax evasions, abuse of expatriate quota as well as fraudulent swelling of Nigerian quota by inclusion of citizens of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Member-States who require no work permit and non-ECOWAS nationals with falsified work permits;

Disturbed about a recent report in the Punch Newspaper and other tabloids of the sacking of over 160 Nigerians and the transferring of their jobs to Indian nationals;

Also disturbed that despite their long years of operations in the country, there is hardly any physical or tangible asset such as factory or industrial unit of any of these companies in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Set up an Ad-Hoc Committee to investigate the operational activities of telecommunications equipment and services companies / vendors in Nigeria with a view to:

- (i) determining whether there are irregularities in the employment status and conditions of Nigerians viz a viz their foreign counterparts, both in Nigeria and Overseas;
- (ii) evaluating their administrative/operational procedures;
- (iii) assessing their tax compliance status;
- (iv) ascertaining the parameters and procedures used by Nigerian Communications Commission and the Central Bank of Nigeria in approving funds transfers from these companies, and report back to the House in four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**13. Current Impasse in the National Rural Telephony Programme (NRTP):
Hon. Oladipupo O. Adebutu:**

The House:

Notes the completion of Phase I of the National Rural Telephony Programme (NRTP) which was accomplished with a loan of \$200 million from the China Exim Bank;

Also notes that despite the N300 million counterpart funding paid by the Federal Government for Phase II of the Programme, the Chinese Government is yet to release its own part of the funds for the Phase II project;

Concerned that despite the fact that the capital and interests have been repaid on the \$200 million loan for Phase I and a further N300 million paid as counterpart funds for Phase II, the National Rural Telephony Programme remains uncompleted;

Also concerned that the facilities and deployed technology may have become outdated given the advent of the Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM);

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge that the Investment must not go to waste and the Phase 1 of the Programme should be put to use as soon as possible with a view to averting further liabilities;
- (ii) Also urge for a continuation of the broad-based stakeholders interactive session and that detailed proposals from various stakeholders be distilled to provide for an acceptable resolution of the current impasse in the National Rural Telephony Programme for the betterment of the Nation;
- (iii) Mandate the Committee on Rural Development to ensure implementation, including ensuring that the counterpart funds already paid for Phase II should be optimally utilized in the “Change Order” proposed in light of present difficulties and report back to the House within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

**14. Committee on Commerce:
Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Secured Transactions, Registration and Regulation of Security Interests in Movable Assets and for Other Related Matters and approve the Recommendations therein” (HB. 147) (Laid: 22/2/2017).

15. **Committee on Health Institutions:**

Hon. Betty Apiafi:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health Institutions on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Medical Laboratory Science, Jos and to Provide for Courses Leading to the Award of Degrees, Fellowships, Diplomas and Certificates in Medical Laboratory Science, Biomedical Science, Other Related Courses and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 39) and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid 21/9/2016*)

16. **Committee on Federal Capital Territory:**

Hon. Herman Hembe:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Federal Capital Territory on the Investigation into the alleged irregularities surrounding the Centenary City Project and approve the Recommendations therein” (**HR.08/2016**)

- (i) that all the Statutory Rights of Occupancy purportedly revoked by the former FCT Minister, Senator Bala Mohammed in respect of the area covered by the Centenary City should be restored back to the original owners;
- (ii) that the Right of Occupancy and Certificate of Occupancy purportedly granted to the Centenary City Plc by the former FCT Minister, Senator Bala Mohammed on 10 April 2014 should be withdrawn by the present FCT Minister, Mohammed Musa Bello;
- (iii) that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria should direct the Managing Director of the Nigerian Export Processing Zone Authority through the Minister for Industry, Trade and Investment to revoke the Certificate of Free Trade Zone granted to the Centenary City Plc and the company should be deregistered as a Free Zone Entity, FZE; and
- (iv) that the Relevant law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to the Code of Conduct Bureau and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, should investigate the role of the parties involved in the promotion/selection of Centenary City Plc as investors; and their roles in the management of the Centenary City Project. The promoters include the former SGF; the former FCT Minister; Ms. Boma Ozobia and Mr. Paul Oki.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 16 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Automobile Industries Non-Access to FOREX from CBN	Thursday, 16 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Rural Development	Thursday, 16 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 455 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Thursday, 16 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex