



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 14 March, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations

Hon. Samuel Okon Ikon:

"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations on the 135th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Other Related Meetings held in Geneva, Switzerland between 23– 27 October, 2016

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. **Consolidation of Bills:**
 - (a) A Bill for an Act to Provide for Project Continuity by Successive Governments at all Levels and for Other Related Matters (HB. 509) (*Hon. Lovette Idisi*);
 - (b) A Bill for Bill for an Act to Provide for the Continuity of Government Projects and for Other Related Matters (HB. 907) (*Hon. Enitan Dolapo Badru*).

2. (a) A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Repeal of the National Housing Fund Act, Cap. N45, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Establish the National Housing Trust Fund Act, and for Other Related Matters (HB.891) (*Hon. Abdullahi Umar Faruk*);
- (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Housing Fund Act, Cap. N45, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 521) (*Hon. Solomon Adaelu*);
3. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Consumer Protection Act, Cap C25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, Establish the Federal Competition and Consumer Protection Commission and the Competition and Consumer Protection Tribunal for the Development and Promotion of Fair, Efficient and Competitive Markets in the Nigerian Economy, Facilitate Access by all Citizens to Safe Products, Secure the Protection of Rights for all Consumers in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HBs1 and 60) – *Third Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service and for Other Related Matters (HB. 866) (*Senate*) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*) – *Second Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Agricultural Machinery Supply and Management Agency and for Other Related Matters (HB. 893) (*Hon. Abdullahi Umar Faruk*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

6. **Call to Investigate the Exploitation of Parents by the American International School, Abuja and Some Other International Schools:**

Hon. Emmanuel Kehinde Agboola

Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde

Hon. Binta Bello

Hon. Rimammnde Shawalu Kwewum

Hon. D. C. Hosea

Hon. Yusuf G.

Hon. Julius Pondi

Hon. Emeka Anohu

Hon. Akinyede Awodumila

Hon. Shoyinka Olatunji

Hon. Ezekiel A. Adaji

Hon. Toby Okechukwu:

Hon. O.K. Chinda

Hon. Lovett Idis

Hon. Goodluck Opiah

Hon. Sabo S.

Hon. R. I.O Brown

The House:

Aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) had, in a bid to reform the currency regulations, issued a circular no. BSD/D1/GEN/LAB/08/013 dated April 17, 2015 and titled “Currency Substitution and Dollarization of the Nigerian Economy”, pursuant to Sections 15, 20(1) and (5) of the CBN Act by which it made it illegal to price or denominate the cost of any product or service (visible or invisible) in any foreign currency in Nigeria other than the Naira;

Notes that the American International School, Abuja (AISA) is charging school fees in United States Dollars (USD) and some other international schools in Nigeria are also collecting school fees in foreign currencies, contrary to the CBN policy on the currency for transaction of business in Nigeria;

Also notes that even when the AISA is inclined to collect the fees in Naira, it disregards the extant financial regulations and can accept the Naira only on the parallel market rate and on the prevailing rate for the day;

Concerned that the use of the parallel market rate to determine the amount of fees to be collected in Naira entails that parents pay school fees at different rates, depending on the rate in the black market, and at such, parents of children in the same class end up paying different fees for their wards, depending on the day the payment was made;

Further notes that insistence on collecting fees on the prevailing black market rate amounts to a malicious rip off that the AISA and other International Schools have been perpetrating on hapless Nigerians;

Cognizant that all efforts by parents to make the school authorities to standardize the payment in Naira have been rebuffed and if the practice is not squarely addressed, may embolden other business outfits to adopt the same practice of denominating their goods and services in foreign currencies, contrary to the laws of the land;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to conduct investigation into the trend of American International School, Abuja (AISA) and some other International Schools operating in Nigeria charging school fees in foreign currencies and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

7. Call On The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to Direct the Immediate Disarmament of Armed and Strange Herdsmen in Buruku and Other Parts of Benue State:

Hon. Orker – Jev E.Y.

Hon. Herman Hembe

Hon. Emmanuel Udende

Hon. John Dyegh

Hon. Hassan Saleh

Hon. Samson Okwu

Hon. Adamu Entonu

Hon. Ezekiel Adaji

Hon. Tarkighir Dickson

Hon. Benjamin Wayo

Hon. Mark Gbillah:

The House:

Notes with dismay the massive and violent invasion, on 9 March 2017, of communities in Buruku local government area of Benue State, especially Binev Council ward by armed and strange herdsmen;

Aware that Binev Council ward lies on the Bank of River Katsina – Ala in Buruku local government area with mass water bodies and large portions of fadama lands suitable for rice farming and aquatic life;

Also aware that the people of Buruku are largely farmers, fishermen and rural community people with simple and subsistence livelihoods and are dependent on the natural habitat in their communities;

Concerned that on Friday 10 march, 2017, the invading herdsmen became violent and destructive, created fear and tension which forced residents of most communities in Binev Council Ward to flee their homes;

Also concerned that the herdsmen destroyed farms, plundered yam barns and looted houses deserted by innocent and armless villagers;

Disturbed that on Saturday 11 March, 2017 the marauding herdsmen started indiscriminate attacks and killings of anybody they encountered around the communities of Ber Awuna, Dogo, Ortese – Mbashian, Tse Igyu, Tse Gebe, Anbighir, Tse Iwa, Gbaikyo, Agudu, Nyorum, Shonto and Abuku in three major kindreds of Mbade, Mbagofo, Mbashian, Mbaboor and Wuav;

Also disturbed that these violent attacks continued unabated without any intervention from any security agency throughout that Saturday and 20 people were reported killed by these armed herdsmen, out of which 10 bodies have so far been recovered and deposited at the local Government;

Worried that these strange herdsmen are heavily armed with sophisticated weapons, seem to be operating or supported by a killer squad of mercenaries that arrived the communities on Friday night on motorcycles and unleashed the mayhem the following day;

Also worried that the strange and armed herdsmen invasion and attacks have become a perennial occurrence in Buruku Federal constituency and other parts of Benue State;

Cognizant of the constitutional responsibility of the government to provide security for all citizens and maintain law and order in all parts of the federation;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the President and Commander – in –Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to urgently institute a Presidential Task Force to disarm all herdsmen in Buruku Federal Constituency, other parts of Benue State and throughout the Federal republic of Nigeria;
- (ii) Urge the Inspector – General of Police to investigate the wanton killings and destruction of properties, natural habitat and livelihoods of communities in Binev Council ward, arrest the perpetrators of these barbaric acts and restore security in those areas;
- (iii) Also urge the National Emergency management Agency (NEMA) to send food and other relief materials to the affected communities;
- (iv) Condemn the persistent invasion and attacks on Benue communities by armed herdsmen.
- (v) Mandate the Committees on Special Duties and Police Affairs to ensure implementation and report back to the House in two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

8. Communal Disturbances at Ile-Ife, Osun State:
Hon. Muhammed Sani Zorro:

The House:

Notes with concern the unfortunate communal disturbances between the Yoruba and Hausa communities at Ile Ife, Osun State on Wednesday 8, March, 2017;

Also notes the efforts of the Osun State Government, the Nigeria Police Force, traditional rulers and other stakeholders at de-escalating tension and restoring normalcy in the wake of the incident;

Appeals to the media, particularly the social media, socio-cultural organizations and all other commentators to exercise discretion and utmost restraint in reporting and commenting on the incident so as to avoid raising undue anxiety capable of aggravating the situation;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to urgently send relief materials to the displaced victims of the disturbances who are at various facilities across the State;
- (ii) Mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Human Rights and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to monitor the unfolding events;
- (iii) Send a five (5) Member delegation to convey its sympathy to the Government and people of Osun State, as well as the Ooni of Ife, Leaders of the Hausa Community and other stakeholders and report back to the House within two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Spate of Kidnappings and Armed Robbery Attacks along Ilesa-Akure and Akure-Ondo-Ore Roads:
Hon. Kolade V. Akinjo:

The House:

Notes that the Akure-Ilesa and Akure-Ondo-Ore are busy and important link Roads between Osun and Ondo States and have been major communication trunks with great economic importance from time immemorial;

Concerned that of late, these Roads have become unsafe as they have been taken over by undesirable elements who have turned them into dens for kidnappings and armed robbery attacks;

Aware of several deadly attacks on commuters on those routes in the last few weeks, including the incident of Saturday 25 February, 2017 which led to the death of Dr. Adinoyi-Ojo Onukaba, a veteran journalist and former Presidential adviser;

Worried that despite security check points along the Roads, securing lives and properties of commuters cannot be assured;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the Inspector General of Police to deploy more police personnel and patrol vehicles along the routes for effective coverage with a view to ensuring a lasting solution to the twin monsters of kidnappings and robbery attacks that are making travelling a harrowing experience for commuters along those routes;
- (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. Need to Intervene in the Practice of Wayleave/Right of Way Assessment and Payment of Compensation in the Power Sector:

Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi.

The House:

Aware that for the country to get electricity transmission lines will have to be laid across the length and bread of the nation to carry the electricity generated to various communities and homes;

Also aware that the transmission lines are laid across and along land which belong to communities and individuals who are affected in one way or the other, thus giving rise to the demand for payment of compensation to ameliorate the effects and sufferings brought about by the laying of the transmission lines which lead to loss of their land;

Concerned that over the years, the amounts involved in the payment of the compensation which have become outrageous, are either equal, and in some cases, more than the cost of the project, thus leading to a situation where the project cost get too expensive that it cannot be executed, thereby impacting negatively on the development of the country;

Also concerned that a lot of power transmission contracts, which have all the components already purchased usually in dollars and every other thing in place, have been stalled due to failure to agree on the compensation to be paid and this has had an adverse effect as all power transmission contract have dollar components to them, and with the fall in the value of the Naira, the contract can no longer be executed at the values they were awarded;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Power and Housing to interface with all relevant agencies in the whole process with a view to standardizing the payment of compensation to ensure quick completion of power projects which are important components of national development and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Urgent Need to Extend the Registration and Redeeming of the Growth Enhancement Support Scheme (GESS) in Kebbi State and Ensure its Wider Coverage:

Hon. Mohammed Umar Jega:

The House:

Notes that the Growth Enhancement Support Scheme (GESS) is a four (4) year programme initiated and managed by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development for the growth and enhancement of agricultural activities;

Also notes that the programme, which was launched barely one year ago, was designed as a pragmatic shift within the existing fertilizer market stabilization programme and it provides a series of incentives to encourage the critical actors in the fertilizer value chain to work together to improve productivity, household food security and income of farmers;

Aware that the specific goals of the programme include:

- targeting 5 million farmers in each year for 4 years to receive GESS in their mobile phones directly totaling 20 million farmers at the end of 4 years;
- providing support directly to farmers to enable them procure agricultural inputs at affordable prices, at the right time and place;
- increasing the productivity of farmers across the length and breadth of the country through increased use of fertilizer i.e. 50kg/ha from 13kg/ha; and
- changing the role of government from direct procurement and distribution of fertilizer to a facilitator of procurement, regulator of fertilizer quality and catalyst of active private sector participation in the fertilizer value chain.

Further aware that the Federal Ministry of Finance has signed MOUs with banks and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development for provision of guarantee on 70% of the credit provided by banks participating in the scheme;

Concerned that when the programme was launched in Kebbi State, the registration process was too cumbersome, characterized with internet network problems and other official formalities, which made the number of persons able to register in the State too small to make a reasonable impact on fertilizer supply and other agro-allied products;

Worried that out of thousands registered for the scheme in various centers across the State, those given the inputs in many of the centers are less than 10% and the exercise for this year's dry season farming has now been suspended by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, thus rendering many farmers stranded across the State;

Also worried that despite the huge resources expended on the programme by the Federal Government, organisations and individuals in a bid to realize the objectives of the programme, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development unilaterally terminated this year's dry season programme without realizing up to 10% of the objectives of the scheme;

Disturbed that the fate of many trucks of fertilizer and other agro-allied products received for the programme is unknown as the farmers, including those who were lucky to have registered are stranded;

Also disturbed that the significance of the programme, which contributed to the development of agriculture in Nigeria, particularly in reducing the rate of importation of agricultural produce and facilitation of export of same, such as rice, soya beans and corn, may be lost due to non-implementation of the lofty benefits of the programme;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to restore the programme and simplify the registration process to reach the targeted farmers, not only in Kebbi but also in other States that are interested;
- (ii) Also urge the Federal Executive Council to extend the life span of the programme beyond years four (4) years under the extant policy in recognition of its significance towards agricultural development;
- (iii) Mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to ensure compliance and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

12. **Committee on Pensions:**

Hon. Hassan Adamu Shekarau:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Pensions on a Bill for an Act to

Establish the National Intelligence Agency Pensions Board to Handle Pension Matters for Personnel of the Agency and for Other Connected Purposes and approve the Recommendations therein” (HB. 842) (*Laid: 2/3/2017*).

13. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote and Foster the Practice of the Arts and Science of Management Accountancy in the Federation and for Other Connected Purposes (HB. 375) (*Committee of the Whole:9/3/2016*).

14. **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.

15. **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 its local content efforts and corporate social responsibilities.

16. **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 and did not get any query, had surpassed the mandatory terms of retirement and more or less, is a first offender.

17. **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 and retire him appropriately, since by his age, he is already overdue for retirement;
- (ii) Also urge the INEC to pay him all his salary arrears and other allowances, including his pension and gratuity.

18. **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.

19. **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 place her on the position which her counterparts currently occupying.

20. **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 accruable 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 matter.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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| 1. | Rules and Business | Tuesday, 14 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06
(White House)
Assembly Complex |
| 2. | Public Petitions
(<i>Investigative Hearing</i>) | Tuesday, 14 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 429
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 3. | Public Accounts | Tuesday, 14 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 446
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 4. | Insurance and Actuarial
Matters | Tuesday, 14 March, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 455
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |