



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 30 March, 2017

-
1. Prayers
 2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
 3. Oaths
 4. Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*if any*)
 5. Message from the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*if any*)
 6. Other Announcements (*if any*)
 7. Petitions (*if any*)
 8. Matter(s) of Urgent Public Importance
 9. Personal Explanation
-

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. Committee on Aviation:
Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Aviation on the Oversight Visits to Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport and Kaduna International Airport (HR.111/2017)" (*Referred: 23/3/2017*).
2. Committee on Public Petitions:
Report on the Petition by the Firm of Rose and Associates on Behalf of Geospan Marine Services Nigeria Limited:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by the Firm of Rose and Associates on behalf of Geospan Marine Services Nigeria Limited against the Ministry of Defence on the Illegal Act of the Joint Task Forces in Bayelsa State in Disposing of a Dumb Barge Property" (*Referred: 26/1/2017*).
3. Committee on Public Petitions:
Report on the Petition by the Messrs Mike Ozekhome's Chambers:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
"That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Messrs

Mike Ozekhome's Chambers on the Unlawful Seizure and Vandalization of two Ships belonging to his Clients by the Nigerian Navy" (*Referred: 27/10/2016*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. **Consolidation of Bills:**

- (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Honours Act, Cap. N43, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by Subjecting the Nomination for the Award of National Honours to the Confirmation of the Senate and Stipulating Qualifications and Conditions for the Award and a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Honours Act, and the Nigerian National Merit Award Act, Cap. N122, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigerian National Honours and Merit Award Commission to, among other things, Provide for the Establishment of a Commission that will Regulate Matters Related to National Honours and Merit Award in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HBs 654 and 559) (*Hon. Orker-Jev E. Y. and Hon. AbbassTajudeen*).
- (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian National Merit Award Act, Cap. N122, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide Awards to Deserving States and Companies in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 929) (*Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Forensics DNA Database in Nigeria charged with Responsibility for the Collection of DNA Samples, making Forensic DNA Analysis, Use of DNA Profile and Information Targeted at Addressing Doubts in Criminal and DNA Related Issues and for Other Related Matters (HB. 856) (*Hon. Patrick Asadu*) — *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Medical Residency Training Programme in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 982) (*Hon. Betty Apiafi*) — *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for Act to Amend Section 13 (1) of the Child's Right Act to Provide for the Right to Free and Compulsory Medical Treatment for Every Child below the Age of 5 Years and for Other Related Matters (HB. 930) (*Hon. Asabe Vilita Bashir*) — *Second Reading*.
-

MOTIONS

5. **Rescission Motion Pursuant to Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives: Need for Investigation into Allegations of Abuse, Breach and Violation of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 by the Federal Inland Revenue Service:**
Hon. Chukwuka Onyema:

The House:

Recalls that on 9 March, 2017 a motion titled "Urgent Need for Investigation into Allegations of Abuse, Breach and Violation of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 by the Federal Inland Revenue Service" was moved and negatived;

Also recalls that soon thereafter, fresh facts were made available which would have influenced the House to pass the Motion if they had been available then;

Aware that all agencies of the Federal Government are obliged to comply with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 in their procurement of goods, works and services;

Notes that Section 16 (6) (d) and (8) (d) of the Public Procurement Act provides as follows: “(6) All bidders in addition to requirements contained in any solicitation documents shall: (d) have fulfilled all its obligations to pay taxes, pensions and social security contributions. (8) whenever it is established by a procuring entity or the Bureau that any or a combination of situations set out exist, a bidder may have its bid or tender excluded from any particular procurement proceeding if”;

Also notes that Section 6 (3) of the Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Act, 2011, provides that: “Any supplier, contractor or consultant bidding or soliciting contracts, businesses, goods and services from any Federal Government Ministry, Department, Agency, commercial, industrial and private entity shall fulfill statutory obligations of its employees with respect to payment of training contribution to the fund”;

Also aware that on 7 December, 2016, the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) awarded a contract to Active Solutions Integrated Synergy Limited (ASISL) for the “Deployment of Revenue Monitoring Solutions on Telecommunication Companies, specifically for International Voice, Internet and other Value Added Network Services for the FIRS”;

Concerned that the FIRS awarded the contract to ASISL notwithstanding the fact that the company was incorporated at the Corporate Affairs Commission on 2 December, 2016, just two working days before the award was made, which is indicative of the fact that the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 and other subsidiary legislations were not complied with;

Further notes that the FIRS recently engaged the services of 100 tax consultants to conduct tax audit and assessment on companies in Lagos, Abuja and Port Harcourt, however, the engagement process was not made public and was not competitive as required by law;

Also concerned that the current anti-corruption war will be frustrated if statutory breaches like these are allowed to continue unchecked and that it will promote mediocrity, cronyism and may undermine the purpose of inbuilt checks in the procurement system;

Resolves to:

Rescind its decision of Thursday, 9 March, 2017 and mandate the Committee on Public Procurement to investigate the above allegations and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

6. Business Continued from Assembly to Assembly (Order Twelve, Rule 18 of the House Standing Orders):

Nigerian Academy of Science Establishment Bill, 2017 (HB. 917):

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 18 of the Standing Orders of the House, legislative business of the House which, though completed and laid in the House by a Committee of the House remain undetermined at the end of the Assembly, shall be resumed and proceeded with in the next Assembly in the same manner as if the tenure of the Assembly had not come to an end, if the House resolves in the affirmative that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted, be reconsidered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*;

Also notes that the Nigerian Academy of Science Establishment Bill, 2017 was awaiting consideration in the Committee of the Whole before the last Assembly ended;

Aware that the Bill has been re-gazetted and read for the first time accordingly.

Resolves to:

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

Concerned that the sum of 2.3 billion Naira being proposed in the 2017 budget to complete those important roads is grossly inadequate;

Also concerned that non completion of those roads is causing untold hardships on the people as most of their agricultural products cannot be transported for sale at the appropriate time;

Desirous that the remaining 35km stretch along Nguru/Gashua and the 55km stretch along Gashua/Bayamari should be completed without further delay to enhance smooth flow of commercial activities in those areas;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Works and Appropriations to include funds for the completion of Nguru-Gashua and Gashua - Bayamori Roads in the 2017 Budget.

**9. Need for the Federal Government to Establish more Colleges of Education (Special):
Hon. Emmanuel S. Akpan:**

The House:

Notes that there is only one Federal College of Education (Special) in Nigeria, located in Oyo, Oyo State, which was established for the training of special teachers to teach pupils and students with physical challenges, including the blind, deaf, dumb and other physically challenged;

Concerned that the College does not produce enough teachers to cope with the increasing number of pupils and students with physical challenges in the society as an average of four hundred out of the four thousand candidates admitted annually to study in schools are physically challenged;

Aware that if adequate and proper attention are given to the educational needs and training of students with physical challenges, it would enable them to become useful members of the society who will contribute to the economic, social and educational development of the country;

Also notes that by having more Colleges of Education (Special) to train people with special needs, the rate of destitution and begging across the country will be drastically reduced;

Convinced that there is urgent need for the Federal Government to establish more Colleges of Education (Special) to ensure the training of sufficient special teachers, who could in turn, be employed to train children with physical challenges across the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to establish more Colleges of Education (Special) in various parts of the country in order to raise adequate special teachers to educate people with physical challenges; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure implementation and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

**10. Need to Revive Public Library Services in Nigeria:
Hon. Joseph Eghogho Edionwele.**

The House:

Notes that the National Library Act, 2004 provides for the establishment of the National Library Board, which is charged with the responsibility of establishing and maintaining the National Library and provide services that would promote the library culture;

Aware that most public libraries in Nigeria were established in the 1980s or earlier when many of the existing States of the Federation had not been created, but due to under funding and poor maintenance, most of the reading materials therein have become outdated, the buildings dilapidated and the library not digitally compliant as is expected of modern library facilities;

Mindful that low income families depend on public libraries to access expensive books and computers for their educational needs;

Concerned that the current state of public libraries does not encourage a reading culture among the citizens, especially the youths which is a culture the Government seeks to revive;

Desirous to see that public libraries are given urgent attention in terms of adequate funding for infrastructure and facilities upgrade and modernization, comparable to international best practices;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to interface with the Federal Ministry of Education to revive the library culture among the youths in particular, modernize the existing National libraries and construct new ones in cities that do not have them to enhance the educational needs of Nigerians and report back in eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Need to Investigate the Joint Venture Agreement Between University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada and Crystal Thorpe Nigeria Limited:

Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha	Hon. Umar Jega	Hon. Olasupo Abiodun
Hon. Mojeed Alabi	Hon. Dyegh John	Hon. Shehu Usman Aliyu
Hon. Diye Oyewole	Hon. Ayoola Abayomi	Hon. Asadu Patrick
Hon. Sarki Dahiru	Hon. Betty J. Apiafi	Hon. Badarinwa Bamidele Samson:

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government invested millions of Naira through capital budgeting for six years to build a befitting Trauma Centre at the University of Abuja Teaching Hospital to improve medical services being offered Nigerians, especially residents of Gwagwalada Area Council and its environs and to improve the facilities of the Teaching Hospital to meet requirements as a residency training institution for medical doctors;

Aware that the Teaching Hospital took over the old Gwagwalada Specialist Hospital, a structure that was quite dilapidated;

Concerned that close to four years after the completion of the well-constructed and spacious Trauma Center, the structure has not been put into use and visible signs of deterioration can be seen on the building because of its having been locked up for years;

Also concerned about the claim by the Teaching Hospital that it has a joint venture agreement with Crystal Thorpe Nigeria Limited to provide equipment and manage the facility but it has failed to do so for over three years now;

Further concerned that despite having the structure locked up for three years already, the Teaching Hospital does not appear to be in a hurry to recover the building and put it into use to serve Nigerians for whom the Trauma Centre was built;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Health Institutions to conduct an investigative hearing on the joint venture agreement between University of Abuja Teaching Hospital and Crystal Thorpe Nigeria Limited with a view to returning the Trauma Centre to the Hospital and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

12. **Need to Investigate the Rising Incidents of Non-Qualified Health Personnel Offering the Much Needed Health Care Services to Unsuspecting Nigerians and its Disastrous Consequences:**
Hon. Patrick Asadu:

The House:

Notes that Section 14 (2) (b) of the of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of Government;

Also notes that the welfare and indeed the security of the people are tied to their state of health;

Further notes that the economic and social climate of Nigeria make it very difficult for majority of Nigerians to afford and access good and quality care as and when needed, thereby worsening the disease burden on Nigerians;

Concerned that the combination of rising stress occasioned by economic recession and inadequate health infrastructure combine to make health care delivery difficult for most Nigerians;

Also concerned that the near desperate state of Nigeria's health care system has created a large space for people with need for health care delivery, which has also encouraged unscrupulous and unqualified "professionals" to engage in series of malpractices and quackery that have worsened that fate of patients and other health care users;

Further concerned that regulatory control on practices from the diagnostics, therapeutic and rehabilitative levels of patients care has largely been non-existent;

Equally concerned that even some prestigious health care facilities in Nigeria lack the required equipment and manpower for some of the procedures they undertake, thereby leaving some health care users worse than their state before the intervention;

Cognizant that this parlous state has led middle class and affluent Nigerians to seek health care services in other countries of the world, some of which standard of practice are also grossly inadequate, in addition to the attendant capital flight;

Convinced that Nigeria can afford to give the citizenry adequate health care if unscrupulous and unqualified professionals using inadequate equipment are weeded out of the health care system;

Resolves to:

Set-up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to —

- (a) investigate the prevalence of fake/substandard health care facilities and other facilities by unqualified professionals and to ensure that adequate sanctions are visited on culprits; and
- (b) investigate the process of registration of both the personnel and facilities as well as monitoring of ownership and operations of health facilities and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

13. **Need to Carry out Personnel and Infrastructure Audit in the Nigeria Police Force before the Deployment of the 10,000 Recruits.**

Hon. Awaji-Inombek D. Abiante	Hon. Leonard Okuweh Ogor	Hon. J. O. Betty Apiafi
Hon. Ogundu Kingsley Chinda	Hon. Ken Chikere Anayo	Hon. Blessing I. Nsiegbe
Hon. Gogo Bright Tamuno	Hon. Nnam-Obi Uchechuku	Hon. Boma Goodhead
Hon. Brown Randolph Iwo Oruene	Hon. Francis C. Uduyok	Hon. Diri Douye
Hon. Akinjo Kolade Victor	Hon. Agbedi Fredrick Y.	Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun
Hon. K. Rimamnde Shawulu	Hon. Olasupo A. Adeola	Hon. Ime O. Ekpoattai:

The House:

Notes that the Nigeria Police Force is primarily charged with the responsibility of ensuring the internal security of the country which entails the prevention and detection of crime, preservation of law and order and protection of lives and property, among other statutory duties;

Also notes the extant delicate security situation in the country, thus giving rise to the pertinent need to help the Force reposition itself to checkmate acts of terrorism, armed robbery, kidnapping, and other sundry crimes threatening the corporate existence of the nation;

Commends the recent bold strides by the Federal Government to increase the policing capacity through the ongoing recruitment exercise aimed at engaging ten thousand (10,000) officers and men;

Observes that due to rapid urban migration, certain cities and locations seem to have excess police personnel allocated to them to the detriment of a more equitable deployment of manpower to provide security for the common man, particularly in the rural areas, such as Unyeada, Inyoron, Ibotirem and Oyoroko communities in Andoni-Opobo/Nkoro Federal Constituency, which are home to at least 150,000 residents, yet not as many as twenty (20) Police personnel are serving there, and worse of all, Oyorokoto, arguably the biggest fishing port in West Africa has no single police personnel or security infrastructure;

Concerned that the gains of the recent recruitment exercise may be lost if an adequate personnel and infrastructure audit of the Police Force is not carried out to guide a more equitable deployment and policing so as to improve the overall security architecture of the country;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, and National Security and Intelligence to liaise with the appropriate institutions of government to carry out a personnel and infrastructure audit of the Nigeria Police Force in order to guide the deployment of new recruits as well as revamping, for increased inclusiveness the security/policing architecture of the country and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

14. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Ahmadu Bello University (Transitional Provisions) Act, Cap. A14, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 260) (*Committee of the Whole*: 13/10/2016)
15. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Wages Boards and Industrial Councils Act, Cap. W1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 282) (*Committee of the Whole*: 10/1/2017).
16. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Weights and Measures Act, Cap. W3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review Upwards the Fines Stipulated for Offences under the Act and for Other Related Matters (HB. 265) (*Committee of the Whole*: 18/11/2017).

17. **Committees on Land Transport, Aviation, Ports, Harbours and Waterways, and Maritime Safety, Education and Administration:**

Hon. Aminu Sani Isa:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Land Transport, Aviation, Ports, Harbours and Waterways, and Maritime Safety, Education and Administration on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Transport Commission as an Independent Multi-Modal Transport Sector Regulator for the Regulated Transport Industry and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 51) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 8/3/2017*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 30 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Foreign Affairs	Thursday, 30 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Automobile Industry's Non- Access to FOREX from CBN (<i>with the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria</i>)	Thursday, 30 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Thursday, 30 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	National Security and Intelligence	Thursday, 30 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 436 New Building (House) Assembly Complex