



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 29 March, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Demutualization of the Nigerian Stock Exchange Bill, 2017 (HB. 983) (*Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen*) — *First Reading*.
2. Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 984) (*Hon. Olufemi Fakeye*) — *First Reading*.
3. National Emergency Management Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 985) (*Hon. Joseph Edionwele*) — *First Reading*.
4. Births, Deaths, etc. (Compulsory Registration) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 986) (*Hon. Lovette Idisi*) — *First Reading*.
5. Copyright Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 987) (*Hon. Bede Eke*) — *First Reading*.
6. Nigerian Urban and Regional Planning Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 988) (*Hon. Ahmed Abu*) — *First Reading*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**BILLS**

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Council of Radiology and Radiation Medicine to Provide for the Control and Practice of the Profession of Radiology, Radiation Medicine, Nuclear Medicine, Radiotherapy, Radiography, Medical Physics and Technology and for Other Related Matters (HB. 924) (*Hon. Patrick Asadu*) — *Second Reading*.
 2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Institute of Leather and Science Technology (NILEST), Zaria to Provide Full-Time and Part-Time Courses in Research in Engineering Technology, Polymer Technology, Leather Technology, Footwear Technology, Leather Goods Technology, Laboratory Technology Management and Other Fields of Study and for Other Related Matters (HB. 784) (*Hon. Garba Datti Mohammed*) — *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

3. **Need to Investigate the Joint Venture Agreement between University of Abuja Teaching Hospital, Gwagwalada and Crystal Thorpe Nigeria Limited:**
Hon. Betty J. Apiafi:

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 is quite dilapidated;

Concerned that close to four years after the completion of the well-constructed and spacious Trauma Centre, 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 a company called Crystal Thorpe Nigeria Limited which is supposed to provide equipment and manage the facility but has failed to do so for over three years now;

Further concerned that despite having the structure locked up for three years, 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 ;

Resolve 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 of returning the Trauma Centre to the Hospital and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

4. **Need to Investigate the Payment of Over 2.8 Billion Naira for Clearing of Overtime Charges for the then PHCN, NIPP, Federal Ministry of Power and other Power Sector Equipment:**
Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi:

The House:

Recalls that the Legislative Agenda of the House of Representatives expressly provides that the House will block all leakages in resource allocation by the Federal Government;

Aware that sometime between 2012/2013, the Federal Government, through the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) procured equipment with an understanding that the goods will be delivered;

Also aware that concessions in the form of tax exemption were granted to facilitate quick clearing and delivery of the equipment due to their urgent requirement to boost the power sector which was in a bad state;

Concerned that those equipment which were granted priority at the time of procurement and should have been evacuated within days of arrival were abandoned and have now been turned into a conduit pipe for siphoning of billions of Naira from the government in the name of overtime charges and other sundry fees;

Also concerned that those procurements were made before the unbundling of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), thus making them Federal Government property, however a number of them have been cleared fraudulently and illegally by some Distribution and Generating Companies (DISCOs and GENCOs);

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to urgently investigate the entire process with a view to blocking all leakages and siphoning of resources of the nation and also recovering the illegally collected goods and report back in three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

5. **Need to Investigate the Breach of the Electoral Act, 2010 by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) On Continuous Voters Registration (CVR):**
Hon. Benjamin Ikani Okolo:

The House:

Notes that Continuous Voters Registration (CVR) is a global best practice and electoral standard which allows for regular update of the National Register of Voters with the data of persons who attain the age of 18 years;

Aware that Section 9 (1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 states *inter alia* that:

"the Commission shall compile and update, on a continuous basis, a National Register of Voters, in this Act referred to as the ("Register of Voters") which shall include the names of all persons entitled to vote in any Federal, State or Local Government or Area Council election";

Also aware of Section 10 (1) which states that without prejudice to Section 10 (5), there shall be continuous registration of all persons qualified to be registered voters;

Cognizant of the provisions of section 10 (3) of the Electoral Act that the Commission shall, within 60 days after each year, make available to every political party, the names and addresses of each person registered during that year;

Also cognizant that the number of Nigerians who turned 18 years between 2011 and 2015 was 24,346,157, but only about 9,913,398 of them were registered and captured as eligible voters by 2015, amounting to only 40% of the total number of Nigerians that turned 18 years within the period;

Further aware that the number of registered voters increased only minimally from 58,920,078 in 2011 to 68,833,476, representing only 17% increase from 2011 to 2015 in aggregate of all states in Nigeria;

Concerned that the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has, over the years, been breaching the provisions of the Electoral Act on continuous voter registration by failing to comply with the law or has deliberately been neglecting its mandate in that regard;

Also concerned that despite repeated demands and appeals by Nigerians, INEC has failed to put in place measures to guarantee continuous voters registration exercise across the country;

Convinced that the problem of breach of the Electoral Act on continuous voters registration will persist, unless INEC adopts a full implementation of the continuous voters registration as provided by the Electoral Act, 2010;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the breach of Sections 9 (1), 10 (1), (3) and (5) and 12 (1) of the Electoral Act, 2010 by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC);
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters to investigate the noncompliance of INEC with the provisions of the Electoral Act on Continuous Voters Registration and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**6. Need for the National Universities Commission (NUC) to Regulate Visiting Lectureship:
Hon. Abbas Tajudeen:**

The House:

Aware that the National Universities Commission is charged with the responsibility for preparation of master plans for the balanced and co-coordinated development of all Universities in Nigeria, as well as initiating investigations relating to higher education as the Commission may consider necessary, in the national interest;

Notes that the Commission is additionally required to, among others, lay down minimum academic standards, ensure the quality of education and academic programmes in Nigeria, undertake periodic reviews of the terms and conditions of service of personnel engaged in the Universities and make recommendations as may be required for the attainment of the above objectives;

Also aware that the practice of engaging the services of visiting lectureship in Nigerian Universities is a common phenomenon that requires effective regulation by the Commission;

Further aware that the visiting lecturers are employed to carry out academic related activities such as teaching, research as well as mentoring students in the Universities;

Cognizant that majority of the senior lecturers in various Nigerian Universities, especially the States and private universities, are either employed on sabbatical, visiting or adjunct basis due, essentially to the difficulties in attracting qualitative staff at that level;

Concerned that the survival of many Universities, especially the States and Private Universities, are based on the retention of the services of either visiting lecturers or lecturers on sabbatical, and this reliance poses a great challenge to the quality of services rendered by the lecturers with regard to mentoring, research, publication of journals and the general academic wellbeing in the Universities;

Also concerned that the above challenges affect the quality of education being provided owing to the fact that those lecturers usually abandon their duties in their places of primary employment as their services are spread thinly across other commitments in other Universities, including those they visit;

Further concerned that the activities of those visiting lecturers are not regulated by any supervisory or academic body, either to ensure compliance with their terms of engagement or limit the number of commitments they engage in to ensure quality of education in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to interface with the National Universities Commission and other relevant agencies concerned with tertiary education with a view to formulating policies to aid the regulation and supervision of the practice of visiting lectureship in Nigeria and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

7. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Manpower Board Act, Cap. N57, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 258) (*Committee of the Whole*: 28/9/2016).
8. **Committee on Justice:**
Hon. Razak Atunwa:
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Personal Data Protection to Regulate the Processing of Information Relating to Individuals, including Obtaining, Holding, Use or Disclosure of such Information and for Other Related Matters (HB. 2) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid*: 26/1/2016).
9. **Committee on Justice:**
Hon. Razak Atunwa:
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Timely Composition of Cabinet with Attached Portfolios by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 159) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid*: 26/1/2016).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 29 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Automobile Industry's Non-Access to FOREX from CBN (<i>Interactive meeting with MD, Bank of Industry</i>)	Wednesday, 29 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Customs to investigate the alleged killing of four persons, maiming of innocent passerby, illegal raiding of markets, etc.)	Wednesday, 29 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Wednesday, 29 March, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex