



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 30 May, 2017

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. **Consolidation of Bills:**
 - (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, Cap. R3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Reduction in the Membership of the Council and for Other Related Matters (HB. 650) (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso*); and
 - (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, Cap. R3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Payment of all Monies Received by the Council 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. 948) (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Minimum Wage Act, Cap. N61, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make Provisions for Periodic Review of the National Minimum Wage every 6 Years and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1028) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*) – *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Enterprises Regulatory Commission Act, Cap. P39, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB.223) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta*) – *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Enterprises (Privatization and Commercialization) Act, Cap P38 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Payment of all Monies Received by the Bureau of Public Enterprises 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. 949) (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung*) – *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Centre for Black and African Arts and Civilization Act, Cap. C6, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Membership of the Board and Improve its Mandate and for Other Related Matters (HB. 996) (*Hon. Lovette Idisi*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

6. **Call for Completion of the International Airport at Mosan Village, Wasimi in Ewekoro Local Government Area of Ogun State:**
Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka.

The House:

Notes the importance of conventional airports for delivery of cargo and international travels and also a means of creating direct and indirect jobs, stimulating economic activities, development of the locality and raising its international profile and standard of living of the people;

Aware of the conception of a conventional airport in 2005 to be located at Mosan Village for importation of consumer goods, machinery and industrial raw products, export of agricultural products and perishable goods, mail and courier services, a pilot training school, an aircraft maintenance facility and general aviation facilities, including helicopter and air taxi services;

Concerned about the abandonment of the multi billion Naira project which caused the displacement of about thirty five (35) communities whose farmlands that used to produce agricultural products like Ofada rice and high yield cassava were taken over for the airport project which site is now becoming a haven for criminals as a perimeter fencing of 5 kilometers by 5 kilometers is the only visible infrastructure in place, thus raising concerns about the sudden stall in the progress of the project;

Also aware that Nigeria is almost losing out on the Hull Blyth, a Shipping and Cargo Services Company that had long ago concluded arrangements to locate a \$50 million dry port at Wasimi which would have been completed within a year of commencement of construction works;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to urgently pay compensation as contained in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the displaced villagers whose farmlands were acquired for the Airport project;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Aviation to ascertain the reason for the abandonment of the project with a view to recommending how to ensure its completion and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

7. **Urgent Need to Provide Tents for Combatant Soldiers:**
Hon. Hassan A. Saleh.

The House:

Notes the remarkable role being played by soldiers in winning the war against Boko Haram insurgents and the need to commend the Military Authorities for the onerous tasks which they are discharging to secure the country;

Aware that the Government has committed much resources into waging the war against insurgents, which is taking a toll on human and material resources in the light of reported conditions in which combatant soldiers are sheltered, while in combat operations;

Concerned that many of these soldiers are not provided with conducive tents to enable them rest and recuperate when they retreat and are therefore compelled to provide make-shift shelters for themselves under trees;

Convinced that there is a need to boost the morale of the fighting soldiers by providing them with conducive tents for shelter to enable them complete the war against the insurgency;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Chief of Defence Staff and the Chief of Army Staff to urgently provide tents for combatant soldiers at the various theatres of operations;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Air force and National Security and Intelligence to liaise with the Military Authorities to ensure compliance and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**8. Call for Transparency in the Investigation of Illegal Importation of Firearms into Nigeria:
Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha.**

The House:

Recalls that on 22 January, 2017, operatives of the Nigeria Customs Service intercepted a trailer along Mile 2 Apapa Road, Lagos conveying a container of 661 illegally imported pump action rifles;

Also recalls that following the interception of the firearms, three people were arrested in connection with the conveyance of the intercepted firearms and about 4 customs officers involved in clearing the container were also detained;

Notes that since the arrests were made, no further information has been disclosed on whether anyone was charged to court in connection with the matter about four (4) months after the incident;

Aware that on 23 May, 2017, another container filled with about 440 pump action rifles was intercepted at the Tin Can Island Apapa, Lagos allegedly imported from Turkey;

Cognizant that the frequent illicit importation of firearms into the country contributes in fueling the different shades of crimes such as armed robbery, kidnappings, cultism, herdsmen invasion, cattle rustling, militancy, political violence, communal clashes, etc that are ravaging the nation;

Concerned that the apparent lack of transparency in the handling of the earlier incidence of importation of 661 rifles may have emboldened the perpetrators of the recent 440 pump action rifles into believing that they too can get away with the crime;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to direct the National Security Adviser (NSA), the Director-General of the State Security Service, the Inspector-General of Police, the Comptroller-General of Customs and other Security Agencies to carry out a thorough investigation of the incidences of illicit importation of firearms and cause the prosecution of those behind the importation and clearing of the firearms;
- (ii) Mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Customs and Excise, and Police Affairs to interface with the National Security Adviser, the Comptroller-General of Customs, the Director-General of the Department of State Security Service and the Inspector-General of Police on the state of investigations of the matters and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

9. **Need to Investigate the Rusting Away of Thirty three (33) Silos worth ₦280 Billion:**
Hon. Solomon U. Ahwinahwi:

The House:

Notes that for close to eight (8) years now, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) has been constructing 33 grain silos spread across the country, which cost so far was put at two hundred and eighty billion Naira (₦280 billion), with only 3 reported to have been completed while others are nearing 85% completion;

Aware that the silos which are located in Abuja, Ado Ekiti, Ilesha, Akure, Okigwe, Igbariam, Saki, Dankande, and Ikenne, comprised 10 silos with 100,000 metric tons storage capacity and 23 with a storage capacity of 23 metric tons, out of which 30 are now in very deplorable state of rusting and decaying;

Concerned that this laudable idea that was conceived by the Late President Musa Yar'Adua, in 2009 to serve as strategic grain reserve where excess harvest of grains like rice, beans, maize, millet, soya and sorghum etc. would be stored, so as to reduce post-harvest wastes and preserve surplus harvest, so as to help farmers earn more income and bolster the nation's food security, appears to have been abandoned and the silos are now being inhabited by reptiles;

Also concerned that after huge and scarce resources had been spent on the project, it is being alleged that there are plans to concession out the silos to private operators who will in turn pay rent to the government, but to allow this will amount to a clear sign that the country is far from being serious with the touted quest for self-sufficiency in food production and storage;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to suspend forthwith the alleged plans to concession out those silos to private operators;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services to carry out an assessment of all the silos that are under construction in a bid to determine their states and come up with workable plans on how they can be completed and put into immediate use and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

10. **Call for Protection of Nigeria Indigenous Language Filmmakers:**
Hon. Oladipupo O. Adebutu:

The House:

Notes that Nigeria has a thriving film industry which, over the last two decades, has grown into a globally recognized phenomenon that has seen the creativity of Nigerian film makers explode on cinema and online platforms leading to accolades from the Toronto International Film Festival and local artists receiving awards on the international stage;

Also notes that the industry attracts positive international media coverage for the country and due to its dynamism and content, it is rated as highly as Hollywood and Bollywood in addition to its contributing about \$3.3 Billion to the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP);

Aware that the sector employs over 1 million people, directly and indirectly, promotes and drives local and regional tourism as well as attracting interests in the rural areas and cities, such that as far back as 2008, the industry had consistently produced 2000 titles every year in Nigeria's three major languages;

Also aware that as a consequence of its indigenous content, it serves as a channel to promote our rich cultural heritage, diversity and nuances; recreates socio-political storylines/cultural practices that are relevant to everyday situations and this high level of productivity has birthed a pool of creative talents and broad skills base, while creating high demand for Nigeria's films in Africa, Europe and the Americas;

Further notes that during the last Festival of Indigenous African Language Films held in Akure, Ondo State, it was concluded that Nigeria's motion picture industry will give our indigenous languages a boost by way of preserving our rich cultural and linguistic diversity thereby saving them from extinction;

Equally notes that the importance of entertainment industry to the economy on its export of services platform is evident in Government's \$200million Entertainment Industry Fund also known as the Activating Creativity and Technology in Nollywood (Project ACT) which was created as a cash grant for the development of creative arts in Nigeria;

Concerned about the rising trend of foreign language films being dubbed/re-voiced into Nigerian languages, especially Yoruba and Hausa which portends danger for our cultural values and heritage and undermines the domestic creative arts industry vision to document and express Nigerian cultural values and tell our stories to the world through films and TV drama series and also takes jobs away from the youths, discourages attempts to ensure the survival and productivity of indigenous filmmakers, devalues our mother tongue, skills and erodes the vision to transform Nigeria's Film industry from a creative industry to a creative economy;

Also concerned about the recent outcry of the Theatre Arts and Movie Practitioners Association of Nigeria and the Conference of Indigenous Language Films Practitioners on the onslaught of this trend utilising the Direct-to-Home Pay- TV Scheme;

Further concerned that producers, marketers and film makers will be faced with the decline of their creative work in indigenous languages leading to the undermining of the instrumentality of language as a preserver of cultural heritage, and that Nigeria should not overlook the importance of its indigenous languages as a unifying factor for mobility and intercultural understanding, more so as this preserves our native rural harmony.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge Federal Ministry of Information and Culture to:
 - (a) direct relevant agencies to put in place monitoring mechanisms to determine the extent of the problem with a view to mitigating these extraneous influences for the protection of the industry and preservation of our indigenous languages and culture;
 - (b) ensure policies that will keep our languages and heritage alive in the creative and intellectual sphere through the medium of indigenous language films;
 - (c) ensure that adequate protection is given to the Sector as a means of promoting rural dwelling as often the film location is set in the rural areas, thereby providing income and recreation;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to ensure implementation and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

11. Committee on FCT Judiciary

Hon. Muntari Dandutse:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on FCT Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Capital Territory Customary Court Act, Cap. F39, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to remove Civil Matters from the Jurisdiction of the Court Leaving it essentially with Customary Matters and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 190) and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid: 8/12/2016*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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| 1. | Rules and Business | Tuesday, 30 May, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06
(White House)
Assembly Complex |
| 2. | Public Petitions
<i>((Investigative Hearing))</i> | Tuesday, 30 May, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 429
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 3. | Local Content | Tuesday, 30 May, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 244
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 4. | <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on
the Need to Address the
Menace of Accidents
involving Fuel Tankers
and Other Articulated
Vehicles | Tuesday, 30 May, 2017 | 3.00 p.m. | Suites 1. 28
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |