



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 23 May, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Credit Reporting Bill, (HB. 1033), 2017 (*Senate*) – *First Reading*.
2. Nigeria Inland Waterways (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, (HB. 1034) 2017 (*Senate*) – *First Reading*.
3. National Library Act (Amendment) Bill, (HB. 1035) 2017 (*Hon. Abubakar Abdulrahman*) – *First Reading*.
4. Nigerian Legion Act (Amendment) Bill, (HB. 1036) 2017 (*Hon. Abubakar Abdulrahman*) – *First Reading*.
5. Armed Forces Act (Amendment) Bill, (HB. 1037) 2017 (*Hon. Abubakar Abdulrahman*) – *First Reading*.
6. Integrated Farm Settlement Centers Bill, (HB. 1038), 2017 (*Hon. Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe*) – *First Reading*.
7. Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, (HB. 1039), 2017 (*Hon. Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe*) – *First Reading*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. **Consolidation of Bills:**

(a) A Bill for an Act to Harmonize the Functions of the National Manpower Board and the National Planning Commission and Empower the National Planning Commission to Determine and Advise the Federal Government on the Nation's Manpower Needs in all Occupations and for Other Related Matters (HB. 285) (*Hon. Davematis David Ombugadu Emmanuel*);

(b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Planning Commission Act, Cap. N66, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Office of a Registrar of Non-governmental Organizations Equivalent to a Director who shall be Saddled with the Mandate of Coordinating the Activities of these Institutions in line with National Planning and Development and for Other Related Matters (HB. 952) (*Hon. Ahmed Garba Bichi*)

2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Board for Technical Education Act, Cap. N9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to, among Other Things Create a Distinct Commission for Polytechnics, Colleges of Technology and Other Similar Institutions for improved Educational Standards in those Institutions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 580) (*Hon. Frederick Y. Agbedi*) – *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Transport Administration of Nigeria charged with the Responsibility of Advancing the Study, Training and Practice of Transport Management and Administration in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB. 623) (*Hon. Oghene Emma Egoh*) – *Second Reading*.

4. 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*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Sports Anti-Doping Agency Responsible for carrying on the Functions of Nigeria Anti-Doping Organization as Enshrined in the World Anti-Doping Code in Accordance with the various International Standards and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1012) (*Hon. Douye Diri*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

6. **Call for the Establishment of a Federal Polytechnic in Shendam, Plateau State:**
Hon. Johnbull Shekarau:

The House:

Notes that Polytechnics are established for the training of middle level technical man power needed for national development both in the short and long term and they usually offer a 2 (two) years course of study leading to the award of the Ordinary National Diploma (ND) and another (two) years for the award of the Higher National Diploma (HND), with a mandatory industrial attachment in – between the programs;

Aware that there are 72 Polytechnics sited in about 22 States of the Federation which are offering courses in the arts, sciences, technology, engineering etc, with the Federal Government owning 22 of them;

Concerned that the failure of the Federal Government to establish a Polytechnic in Plateau State has affected the desires of the youth of the state to acquire the required knowledge to enable them contribute adequately to the industrial and technological development of the country, like their counterparts in other states with federal polytechnics;

Also aware that the southern zone of Plateau State which is one of the oldest administrative districts in Nigeria comprising Shendam, Mikang, Quanpan, Langtang North, Langtang South and Wase Local Government Areas, bordering Taraba and Nasarawa States, do not have a single tertiary

institution to cater for the tertiary education needs of the expanding secondary school leavers who are becoming frustrated due to their inability to acquire higher education as a result of distance, risks, accommodation concerns and attendant costs of travelling to far away locations in other states to study;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Education to commence the process of establishing a Federal Polytechnic in Shendam Local Government Area of Plateau State for the benefit of the people of Plateau and other neighbouring States;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation and report back to the House in eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

**7. 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 eight billion Naira (₦280 billion), with only 3 reported to have been completed while others are near 85% completion;

Aware that the silos which are located in Abuja, Ado Ekiti, Ilesa, 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 scare 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.

**8. Siege on Ogun Waterside Local Government by Militants and Kidnappers:
Hon. Oladipupo O. Adebutu:**

The House:

Notes the heightened activities of militants and kidnappers who have laid siege on communities in Ogun waterside local government and its environs and are raiding areas like Ibiade, Atijere/Makun Omi, Awodikora/Irokun, Ibeji-Lekki in Lagos State, etc stealing from, killing and kidnapping residents;

Also notes the act of impunity of one militant leader who some time ago, summoned important personalities in Makun Omi and warned them not to disturb the operations of his gang or report to the Police, else they would be dealt with;

Aware that the militants and kidnappers operate almost at will and unchallenged, breaking into homes, carting away money and other valuables and abducting people for ransom, some of whom never get released even after ransom had been paid;

Concerned about the audacity of those undesirable elements who raided a Police station, broke into the armory and carted away guns and ammunitions, a situation that has led to the closure of the local Bank and paralyzed economic activities in the area whose residents now live in fear;

Also concerned about the seeming helplessness of the Government of Ogun State to the “Save our Souls” messages that have been sent to it over the matter;

Cognizant of the provision of Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 that the security and welfare of the people is the primary purpose of government;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the Federal Government to deploy security personnel to Ogun waterside local government of Ogun State to secure the lives and properties of the people;
- (ii) Urge the Inspector-General of Police to beef up security in the area by deploying more Police personnel that are equipped to deal with the menace;
- (iii) Mandate the Committees on Special Duties and Police Affairs to ensure implementation.

9. Urgent Need to Deploy Security Personnel to Stem Incidences of Kidnappings at Balmo Forest in Bauchi State:

Hon. Yuguda Hassan Kila

Hon. Halliru Dauda Jika:

The House:

Notes that Balmo forest between Gwaram Local Government Area of Bauchi State and Jigawa State serves as farm lands for thousands of farmers from both States, is the food basket of the area and is also providing employment for thousands of people working as farm laborers and farm assistants, and in the process boosting the economy of those areas;

Aware that the forest is fast becoming a den of kidnappers where innocent people are seized, tortured and sometimes killed even after the payment of ransom, actions that are threatening the hitherto peaceful environment in the areas;

Conscious of the need to prevent Balmo forest being turned into another haven for criminals and remnants of the Boko Haram sect who have been routed and dislodged from the Sambisa forest by the military;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the National Security Adviser, the Chief of Defense Staff, the Inspector General of Police and the Commandant-General of Nigerian Security & Civil Defense Corps to deploy security personnel to flush out the bandits hiding in the Balmo forest;
- (ii) Urge the Chief of Army Staff to establish an operational unit for quick response to emergency situations in the area;
- (iii) Mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Defense, Police Affairs, Army and Interior to ensure implementation.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

10. **Committee on Works:**

Hon. Toby Okechukwu:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Works on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Roads Fund for the Purpose of Financing Routine and Periodic Maintenance Of National Roads and for Other Related Matters (HBs 49 and 160) and approve the Recommendations therein” (*Laid:11/4/2017*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 23 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigate Hearing</i>)	Tuesday, 23 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on the Investigation of Operational Activities of Telecommunications Equipment and Services Companies/Vendors in Nigeria (<i>with Stakeholders</i>)	Tuesday, 23 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 447 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Foreign Affairs	Tuesday, 23 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Federal Character (<i>with NAFDAC, Federal University Ndufu Alike, Ebonyi State, Nigerian Port Authority and University of Calabar Teaching Hospital</i>)	Tuesday, 23 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Public Accounts	Tuesday, 23 May, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex