



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 4 April, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. National Bureau of Forensic Services (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 989) (*Hon. Daniel Reyeniejju*) — *First Reading*.
2. Federal Universities of Technology, Kaduna, Lagos and Enugu (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB.990) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen, Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila and Hon. Patrick Asadu*) — *First Reading*.
3. Federal University of Education, Zaria (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 991) (*Hon. Abbas Tajudeen*) — *First Reading*.
4. National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB .992) (*Hon. Samuel Ikon*) — *First Reading*.
5. Display and Use of the National Flag, Certain Flags and the National Coat of Arms Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 993) (*Hon. Sam I. Onuigbo*) — *First Reading*.
6. Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 994) (*Hon. Mahmud A. Mohammed*) — *First Reading*.
7. Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 995) (*Hon. Nasiru Sule Garo*) — *First Reading*.

8. Centre for Black and African Arts and Civilization Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 996) (*Hon. Lovette Idisi*) — *First Reading*.
 9. Projects Monitoring and Evaluation Template Bill, 2017 (HB. 997) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) — *First Reading*.
 10. Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2017 (HB. 998) (*Hon. Karimi S. Sunday*) — *First Reading*.
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Alfa Onum:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Alfa Onum against the Nigeria Customs Service on the unlawful retirement from Service” (*Referred: 12/10/2016*).
 2. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Mr Odoh Daniel O.:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Odoh Daniel against the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) on the unlawful termination of his appointment” (*Referred: 5/10/2016*).
 3. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Stella Chinyere Udu and Co. on behalf of Mr Festus Ijerhe:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Stella Chinyere Idu and Co., against the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) on behalf of Mr Festus Ijerhe on the alleged wrongful termination of his appointment” (*Referred: 28/1/2016*).
 4. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by Anthony Agbonlahor and Associates:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Anthony Agbolahor and Associates against Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Company (NLNG)” (*Referred: 26/1/2017*).
 5. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Report on the Petition by EgangAgabi and Co. on behalf of Chief Festus Oduenyi:
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the petition by Egang Agabi and Co. on behalf of Chief Festus Oduenyi against the Nigeria Customs Service for the conversion of textile goods, in the sum of ₦96,460,000,000.00 (nine-six million, four hundred and sixty thousand Naira) only” (*Referred: 28/2/2017*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars to Regulate and Control the Practice of Share Registration and for Other Related Matters (HB. 79) — *Third Reading*.

2. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Forensic 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 Alter Section 221 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of the Nigeria, 1999 to make the Votes Scored by a Candidate Sponsored by a Political Party the Votes of the Candidate and Limit the Transfer of Votes Scored by one Candidate to some Other Person and for Other Related Matters (HB. 807) (*Hon. Sunday Steve Karimi*) — *Second Reading*.
 4. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Associated Gas Re-Injection Act, Cap. A25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 217) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) — *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Polytechnic, Dukku, Gombe State for the Purpose of Providing Qualitative Education in Science, Arts and Other Technical Knowledge and Research and Training and for Other Related Matters (HB. 947) (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku*) — *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

6. **Call for Intervention in the Non-Release of Funds for the Amnesty Programme:**
Hon. Leo O. Ogor:

The House:

Recalls that the Amnesty Programme was conceived by the Federal Government to stem the tide of disaffection, agitations and militancy in the Niger Delta area, which resulted in loss of lives, properties and oil revenues;

Notes the monumental challenges facing the Presidential Amnesty Programme (PAP) due to scarcity of funds to run the Programme, arising from delayed and staggered release of funds from the 2016 Appropriation Act by the Federal Ministry of Finance which has made it extremely difficult for the Programme to meet its obligations to its workers and beneficiaries;

Aware that 30,000 beneficiaries who are paid a monthly allowance of ₦65,000.00 are being owed 5 months arrears and on the Education Programmes (Onshore), the debt to Universities in the country is ₦1,873,044,700.00, in addition to a backlog of unpaid In-Training Allowances amounting to ₦830,500,000.00, while Educational Programme (Offshore) is suffering the same fate as unpaid In-Training Allowances for 750 students between 2016 and 2017 is US\$4,200,000.00 (equivalent of ₦1,332,000,000.00) an unpaid tuition fee for 350 students amounting to the sum of US\$17,500,000.00 (equivalent of ₦5,512,500,000.00);

Concerned that 70% of the 637 students in various institutions in 27 countries who are expected to graduate at the end of the 2016/2017 academic year may not be able to do so for non-payment of tuition fees and currently, more than 80% of them have been excluded from studies and if the tuition fees are not settled, it may lead to their having to repeat the whole academic session, thus compounding the financial burden;

Also concerned that 100 graduates are currently stranded in the United States of America, Malaysia, United Kingdom and South Africa, waiting for their October 2016 to January 2017 allowances to enable them settle their bills and return back to Nigeria;

Also aware that the students in the United Kingdom have planned to protest at the Nigerian High Commission any moment for non-payment of their tuition fees and allowances by the Amnesty Office, which when carried out, will definitely bring Nigeria to ridicule and opprobrium before the comity of nations;

Further concerned that the Federal Ministry of Finance has not released to the Amnesty Programme the sum of ₦15 Billion budgeted for in the 2016 Appropriation Act and the situation is becoming more serious and is capable of truncating the lofty programme as tension and threats are already palpable in the Niger Delta Region and amongst the beneficiaries of the Programme, both those who are onshore and offshore, with a propensity that is capable of bringing Nigeria into disrepute nationally and internationally, unless the matter is addressed;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Honourable Minister of Finance to release the balance of ₦15 Billion in the 2016 Appropriation Act for the funding of the Amnesty Programme; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Ministry to investigate the circumstances leading to funding constraints affecting the Amnesty Programme, with a view to avoiding reoccurrence and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

7. Recurring Cases of Breach of Fundamental Human Rights by the Department of State Services (DSS):

Hon. Peter O. Akpatason	Hon. Adamu Ochepo	Hon. Lawan Abubakar
Hon. Abdulrazak Namdas	Hon. Danladi O. Temitope	Hon. Talatu Yohana
Hon. Gaza Gbefwi	Hon. Timothy Golu	Hon. Bassey Ewa
Hon. Ezekiel Adaji	Hon. Saheed Akinade-Fijabi	Hon. Diri Douye
Hon. Samson Okwu	Hon. Shehu Saleh	Hon. Isa Ibrahim
Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun	Hon. Ali Isa J. C.	Hon. Bolaji Ayinla
Hon. Hon. Sabo Garba	Hon. Salisu Zakari Ningi	Hon. Johnbull Shekarau
Hon. Ismail Muazu	Hon. Boma Goodhead	Hon. Benjamin Ikolo
Hon. Kamale Adamu S. U.	Hon. Bamgbose Joseph H.	Hon. Solomon B. Maren
Hon. Yusuf Ayo Tajudeen	Hon. Ombugadu D. Emmanuel	Hon. Ajanah Kabir
Hon. Ogbeide Ihama	Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola	Hon. Amadi O. Dennis
Hon. Aminu A. Mani	Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi	Hon. Danladi Baido
Hon. Rimammde Shawalu:		

The House:

Aware that Nigeria is a country governed by laws which are supreme and bind every person and authority in the country;

Notes the increasing cases of breaches of the fundamental human rights of citizens by the Department of State Services (DSS) through arbitrary arrests and detentions without trials;

Concerned that the Services has been disregarding court orders and judgments over such cases of arbitrary arrests and detentions, thereby seeming to put itself above the laws of the land;

Resolves to:

- (i) invite the Director-General of the Department of State Services (DSS) to appear before the House in plenary within 48 hours to explain the arbitrary and illegal arrests and detentions of citizens without trials and disregard of orders/judgments of courts;
- (ii) urge the Department of State Services (DSS) to immediately take all accused persons in its custody to courts of law or release them on bail; and
- (iii) set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate all human rights violations by the DSS from 2015 till date and report back within two (2) weeks for further legislative action

8. **Need for the Federal Government to Reverse the Presidential Directive to Scale down Non-Agricultural Programmes from the Curriculum of Federal Universities of Agriculture:**
Hon. Sam I. Onuigbo:

The House:

Aware of the determination of the Federal Government to diversify the nation's economy through placing greater focus on Agriculture which had previously been neglected during the era of oil boom, an action that was partly responsible for the current economic malaise and recession, following a drop in the price of oil;

Also aware that it was in recognition of the important role of Agriculture in driving economic growth, improving revenues and job creation that a previous administration established three specialized Universities of Agriculture with the mandate to develop and offer academic and professional programs leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, post graduate research and higher degrees which emphasize planning, adaptive, technical, maintenance, developmental and productive skills in agriculture, agricultural engineering and allied professional disciplines with the aim of producing socially mature persons with capacity to improve on those disciplines and develop new ones, and also contribute to the scientific transformation of Agriculture in Nigeria;

Further aware that synergy between core and non-core agricultural programs has universal appeal as several countries across the world have Universities of Agriculture that offer programs in Agriculture and allied subjects and they include, Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University, South China University, University of Agriculture Peshawar, Pakistan, Kuban State Agrarian University, Russia, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya, etc.;

Acknowledges that the global village the world has become has given rise to the absolute necessity to focus on combining both technological and management skills in the Agricultural profession to be grounded in science, management techniques and social skills that drive today's sustainable agricultural economy;

Notes the Presidential directive to scale down the non-core agricultural programs being offered by the Universities of Agriculture and to eventually wind down those programs which has now led the Federal Ministries of Education, and Agriculture and Rural Development to commence the move to immediately phase out the College of Management Sciences at the Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, a College whose programmes have received the approval of the National Universities Commission (NUC), a recognition by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and a number of other reputable institutions and organizations;

Concerned about the haste to phase out the College following the directive while those of the other Universities of Agriculture in the country are still running, a move being undertaken without subjecting the directive to critical analysis by stakeholders and input by the affected Universities of Agriculture;

Informed that there already exists synergy and a kind of symbiotic relationship between the core agricultural and non-agricultural courses, which are now mutually reinforcing with each program complementing the delivery of the academic curriculum of the other such as Management Sciences in the University and if disrupted by the hastily conceived directive, will distort the efficient running, teaching, and learning of the professional core agricultural courses which have become inter-related with the non-agricultural management sciences programs that have taken firm root at the University;

Also informed that if the implementation of the directive is not halted, the admission trauma of the youths, especially those within the catchment area of the Michael Okpara University of Agriculture will be compounded, given the high number of students seeking admissions in the densely populated area which is served by only one Federal University;

Believes that the haste with which the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) delisted Management Courses from the ones available on offer by the Michael Okpara University of Agriculture has the inevitable consequence of denial of admissions to over two thousand (2000) prospective candidates with its deleterious effects on the psyche of the candidates who may, as a consequence of idleness, resort to crimes and other anti-social behaviors;

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Government to reverse the Presidential directive to scale down and gradually wind down non-agricultural programs in the three specialized Universities of Agriculture;
- (ii) also call on the Federal Ministries of Education and Agriculture and Rural Development to immediately halt the implementation of the directive pending a comprehensive appraisal of the rationale behind the directive by stakeholders;
- (iii) urge the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) to stop action on the delisting of non-agricultural courses of Management Sciences at the Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike, Abia State to enable candidates to continue to enroll in those courses in the forth coming Matriculation examinations pending the resolution of the matter;
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, and Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation and report back in two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Need to Constitute the Nigeria Customs Service Board:

Hon. O. K. Chinda:

The House:

Notes with concern the continued failure by the Minister of Finance to constitute the Board of the Nigeria Customs Service;

Aware that the Nigeria Customs Service Board (NCSB) was established under Section 1 (2) of the Nigeria Customs Service Board Act, Cap. N100, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and placed under the control of the Federal Ministry of Finance;

Also aware that the powers being exercised by the Customs, Immigration and Prisons Service Board to appoint, promote and exercise disciplinary control over staff of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) are vested in the Board under Section 4 of the NCSB Act;

Further aware that Section 2 (1) (a) - (j) of the said Act provides for the composition or membership of the Board while Section 3 (a) and (b) (i) and (ii) provides for the functions of the Board as:

- (a) "formulating the general policy guidelines for the Nigeria Customs Service;
- (b) administering the Customs and Excise Management Act, and accordingly, the Board shall:
 - (i) subject to the general control of the Minister, control and manage the administration of the customs and excise laws, and
 - (ii) collect the revenues of customs and excise and account for them in such manner as the Minister shall, from time to time, direct";

Concerned that the absence of the NCSB is a contravention of the provisions of the Act and is thereby affecting the effective functioning of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS);

Also concerned that unless the anomaly in the non-composition of the NCSB is urgently addressed, the whole essence of the Act would be defeated;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Minister of Finance to urgently constitute the Board of the Nigeria Customs Service;
- (ii) forward the Resolution of the House to the Senate for concurrence; and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to ensure implementation and report back in four (4) week for further legislative action.

**10. Call to Investigate the Current Situation of the Presidential Task Force on Pension Reforms:
Hon. Ali Isa J. C.:**

The House:

Aware that the Presidential Task Force on Pensions Reform was created in June 2010 with the main objective of tracking and recovering pensions of all public service retirees;

Concerned that instead of the Task Force discharging its mandate, it became embroiled in widespread allegations of looting of pension funds and has been unable to account for more than ₦200 Billion as a result of which the Task Force was dissolved in February 2013;

Also aware that the Task Force took charge of the Police and the Head of Service Pension Funds and that more than ₦180 Billion was alleged to have been recovered from various banks and also that more than 75,000 ghost pensioners were paid while genuine pensioners were left unattended to;

Also concerned that since the dissolution of the Task Force, the public has not been informed of what became of the billions of Naira recovered by the Task Force;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the activities of the Presidential Task Force from 2010 to the time of its dissolution and those of any successor Agency and report back in two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Need to Extend Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME) Registration and Exercise of Safety Measures During the Examinations by Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB):

Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu:

The House:

Notes that the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) was established in 1978 to conduct entrance examinations for admission of prospective candidates into tertiary institutions in Nigeria;

Also notes that JAMB carries out this function through the administration of Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) conducted as Computer Based Test (CBT) at various centers;

Further notes that in the 2016 UTME exercise, about 1.6 million applicants registered out of which about 1million passed while the 2017 exercise might reach 2 million across the country given the growing number of applicants;

Aware that 2017 registration for the UTME is ongoing and JAMB has given one month deadline for the completion of the registration by the huge number of prospective candidates across the country;

Also aware that some of the approved centers are registering 250 applicants at a time and most of them are not spacious, do not have adequate number of computers, some of which have naked wires exposed and are haphazardly arranged on ordinary planks, thus lacking in safety requirement in case of an emergency;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to liaise with JAMB to extend the one month deadline by at least another month, for the registration of candidates for the UTME in order to create more space for prospective applicants;
- (ii) urge JAMB to deploy safety equipment at each centre to forestall any incidence of stampede due to overcrowding; and
- (iii) also urge JAMB to specify the requirements, including safety measures which qualify any centre to participate in the conduct of UTME Computer Based Test.

**12. Need for the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to use its Credit Guidelines to Ensure that Commercial and Merchant Banks Allocate and Administer a Minimum Stipulated (Start -Up) Credit for Small and Medium Scale Enterprises:
Hon. Abubakar Amuda-Kannike G.:**

The House:

Aware of a survey carried out by the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) in collaboration with the National Bureau of Statistics that there is an increase in the number of Small and Medium Scale Enterprises from 17.2 million in 2010 to 37 million in 2013, which employ over 50 million Nigerians and make a contribution of about 50 percent to the Nation's Gross Domestic Product;

Also aware that financing and provision of credit facilities to Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs) in Nigeria has traditionally been that of banks (both deposit money banks and micro finance banks) as part of financial intermediation between surplus and deficit economic units;

Further aware that before the financial liberation policies of the Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) era, the CBN, through its credit guidelines required that commercial and merchant banks should allocate a minimum stipulated credit to sectors classified as preferred, including the SMEs;

Notes that consequently, in the 1979/80 fiscal year, the CBN directed that at least 10 percent of the loans advanced to indigenous borrowers be allocated to SMEs; a percentage which was subsequently raised to 16 and 20 percent of total loans and advances by April 1980 and 1990, respectively;

Concerned that due to the cumbersome nature of administering such loans, banks preferred to pay stipulated penalties rather than channel credit to the SMEs;

Commends the efforts of the CBN in setting aside a N220bn SME Fund to be disbursed through commercial banks as well as the decision of the Bank of Industry, in conjunction with ten (10) Banks to provide loans to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) at low interest rate;

Also concerned that even though some of these efforts are gradually being actualized, the growing number of small and medium scale entrepreneurs, particularly those who desire start-up funds has continued to heighten the challenges of SMEs financing in the country at the expense of employment and economic/national development;

Desirous to increase SMEs financing in the country, particularly via deposit banks in order to achieve the enormous benefits of this kind of business in the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Banking and Currency to liaise with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to ensure that the Bank's credit guidelines guarantee that a stipulated percentage of the credit or loan portfolios of commercial and merchant banks are set aside for financing SMEs particularly, proven start - up initiatives, while also putting in place stringent penalties that would enhance strict compliance; and
- (ii) also mandate the Committee to ensure strict enforcement of SMEs funding initiatives of government financial institutions, particularly the on- going projects of the CBN and the Bank of Industry, and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

13. Need for a National Evaluation Policy:

Hon. Ahmed Yerima:

The House:

Notes that the United Nations (UN) General Assembly recently passed a Declaration numbered A/RES/69/237 and entitled 'Evaluation Capacity Building for the Achievement of Development Results at Country Level', which highlights the need for developing and strengthening evaluation policies in Countries for good governance and effective development;

Also notes that stakeholders, including the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) through the largest consultation process ever documented by the United Nations in September 2015, crafted a document titled "Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" which is focused on country-led evaluation in line with identified priorities for Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) targets that are most relevant to national and local context;

Aware that the document emphasized the need for countries to strengthen their data collection, analysis and review processes;

Also aware that the review of the SDGs will be rigorous and based on evidence, in order to achieve equity and sustainable development;

Concerned that in a study by Eval Partners, a global body that evaluates national policies, only 20 countries have established National Evaluation Policies and Nigeria is not one of them;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government through the Ministry of Budget and National Planning to begin the process of putting in place a National Evaluation Policy in consultation with all relevant stakeholders for the attainment of an equity focused sustainable development; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Sustainable Development Goals to work out modalities towards the attainment of sustainable development in Nigeria and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

14. 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 (HB. 842) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 2/3/2017*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 4 April, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters (<i>interactive with Hon. Minister of FCT to Investigate the Resettlement and Payment of Compensation to the Original Inhabitants of FCT</i>)	Tuesday, 4 April, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Tuesday, 4 April, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Insurance and Actuarial Matters	Tuesday, 4 April, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 455 New Building (House) Assembly Complex