



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 4 October, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committees on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on North East Zone and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness:

Hon. Muhammed Sani Zoro:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committees on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on North East Zone and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness on the Tour of Destroyed Communities and Government Properties in Yobe State” (*Referred:30/5/2017 (HR.194/2017).*)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILL

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish and Regulate the Nigerian Assets Management Agency charged with the Responsibility of Managing all Government Assets, including those Seized, Forfeited or Taken over by Federal Security Bodies such as the EFCC, the ICPC, the Police, the Customs, the Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps among others; and for Related Matters (HB. 1088) (*Hon. Jones Chukwudi Onyineri*) — *Second Reading.*

MOTIONS

**2. Call to Investigate the Abandonment of the Remodelling of Port Harcourt International Airport
Hon. O. K. Chinda:**

The House:

Notes that the Federal Government, under former President Goodluck Jonathan, sometime in 2011 awarded a contract for remodeling of some Airports across the country, including Port Harcourt International Airport, however whilst remodeling work was 'substantially' completed at Abuja, Kano, Lagos, Sokoto, Yola, Ilorin, Enugu and Owerri Airports, that of Port Harcourt was abandoned and has till date remained under rehabilitation at a slower than snail speed rate;

Aware that the Airport is at present in a very poor state and no concrete work is on-going at the site as passengers are received in tents, and even the departure hall which is claimed to have been completed is full of structural faults with noticeable cracks on the walls, suspended ceilings and leaking roof, yet the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) collects tolls and other very high charges for entry into and over-night parking at the Airport;

Also aware that budgetary allocations have always been made for the modernization and re-modeling as well as Airports projects maintenance, yet the proper utilization of such funds falls short of expectations of teeming Nigerians;

Concerned that social, economic and commercial activities in Rivers State and indeed the South-South and Southern Eastern parts of the country have been adversely affected as a result of the poor state of the Port Harcourt International Airport and unless steps are taken to ensure resumption of rehabilitation works, the funds already expended would have been wasted and the sum budgeted and advanced for the project could be filtered away, thus adding to the growing number of abandoned projects;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to urgently cause the commencement and completion of rehabilitation works on the Port Harcourt International Airport; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Aviation, Anti-Corruption and Public Accounts to investigate the expenditure of all the monies released for the upgrading and maintenance of the Port Harcourt International Airport from 2011 to date, and the reasons for the abandonment of rehabilitation works at the Airport, with a view to ensuring that same is completed, and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**3. Need for a Critical Assessment of Books Recommended for Junior Secondary Schools and Prospective Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) Candidates in Nigeria:
Hon. Mohammed A. Mahmud:**

The House:

Notes that Education is a vehicle for the advancement of human potentials, opportunities and molding of desirable values and attitudes in order to promote patriotism, hard work and integrity, among other national ideals;

Also notes that one of the key issues of national importance emphasized in the National Policy on Education is the inculcation of the right type of values and attitudes for the survival of the individual and the Nigerian society;

Further notes that indiscipline and corruption are major obstacles hindering the nation's socio-economic and political development;

Aware of the need to extend the present administration's war on corruption to the educational institutions which serve as vehicles for character molding;

Also aware that the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC) was established to, among other functions, assess and certify books for schools;

Concerned that the National Examination Council (NECO) and the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) recommend books which fall short of ethical values and standards stipulated by the National Policy on Education;

Also concerned that books such as "*The Precious Child*", "*The Tears of A Bride*" and "*In Dependence*" expose young students to behaviours and practices that promote social vices and corrupt moral values;

Worried that the regular use of obscene language in the description of events and characters in the books make them unsuitable for use in schools as they are capable of eroding the right type of values, attitudes and national ideals that the country needs to develop;

Cognizant that the use of such books in schools resulted, essentially from the failure of the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council, JAMB, NECO as well as the Federal Ministry of Education to perform their statutory functions;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to sanction the staff of the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council, the Federal Ministry of Education, JAMB and NECO who were responsible for the recommendation and circulation of inappropriate books in order to forestall such actions in the future;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education, the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council, JAMB and NECO to immediately withdraw the books from their curriculum;
- (iii) call on the Federal Ministry of Education to carry out a comprehensive review of existing books recommended for use in the secondary schools with a view to determining whether their contents adhere to stipulated standards; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Basic Education and Services to invite the Registrars of JAMB and NECO, the Executive Secretary of NERDC as well as the Minister of Education to explain the circumstances behind the recommendation of the books for use by Junior and Senior Secondary Schools in Nigeria and report back within twelve (12) weeks for further legislative action.

**4. Need to Intervene in the Leadership Crises in the Nigeria Basketball Federation:
Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu:**

The House:

Notes the crises in the Nigeria Basketball Federation following two separate elections that produced two different factions, each claiming legitimate leadership of the Federation;

Also notes that the Federal Ministry of Sports, the Nigeria Olympic Committee and other stakeholders have been unable to resolve the crises between the factions;

Concerned that the unresolved crises is inimical to the activities of the Federation and exposes it to likely sanctions from the International Basketball Federation (FIBA);

Aware that FIBA has given Nigeria a deadline of 30th November, 2017 to resolve the crises;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Sports to proffer amicable resolution to end the crises between the warring factions, while ensuring strict compliance with the Constitution of the Nigeria Basketball Federation as well as the standards of the International Basketball Federation and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

5. Rescission of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Assembly Budget and Research Office which shall provide the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non-Partisan Analysis needed for Economic and Budget Decisions and for Related Matters, 2015, pursuant to Order One, Rule 1 (2) and Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:

Hon. Timothy Golu:

The House:

Notes that the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Assembly Budget and Research Office which shall provide the National Assembly with Objective, Timely and Non - Partisan Analysis needed for Economic and Budget Decisions and for Related matters was adopted by both the Senate and the House of Representatives;

Aware that Clause 5 (2) (i) of the Conference Committee Report as adopted did not reflect what was agreed at the Conference Committee meeting;

Recalls that the Conference Committee adopted the House version of the Bill in Clause 5 (2) (i) which is to the effect that: "(i) The President of the Senate as Chairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as alternate Chairman.....";

Resolves to:

- (i) rescind its decision in adopting Clause 5 (2) (i) of the Conference Committee Report for not being consistent with what was agreed to at the Conference Committee meeting;
- (ii) adopt the House version on the Conference Committee Report on clause 5 (2) (i) to wit: "The President of the Senate as Chairman and the Speaker of the House of Representatives as alternate Chairman and six members from the Senate and six members from the House of Representatives representing each geopolitical zone", as being consistent with what was agreed to at the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

6. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Dr David Olusegun Agbaje:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta:

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Dr David Olusegun Agbaje against the Nigeria Customs Service on his premature retirement from the Service and approve the recommendations therein" (*Laid: 28/9/2017*):

- (i) that Dr David Olusegun Agbaje should be restored to office as an Assistant Controller General of the Nigeria Customs Service;
- (ii) that he should be promoted to the Rank of Deputy Controller General of the Nigeria Customs Service to be at par with his colleagues in the Service;
- (iii) that he should be paid all the arrears of salaries, benefits and entitlements with effect from July 2013 when he was compulsorily retired from Service;

- (iv) that he should be properly retired from the Service on 14 October 2017 when he will be due for retirement.

7. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Mr Hegeh Tarhembra Titus:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Hegeh Tarhembra Titus against the Nigeria Customs Service for denial and non-restoration of his salary since December 1992 and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 27/7/2017*):

- (i) that the Nigeria Customs Service should re-absorb Mr. Hegeh Tarhembra Titus into the Service with effect from the time he applied to be re-absorbed into the Service;
- (ii) that the Nigeria Customs Service should retire Mr. Titus with effect from the date when he ought to have completed 35 years in Service, without loss of promotion and rank.

8. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Merienge Lovelyn Samari:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Merienge Lovelyn Samari over non-payment of her termination benefits by the Bank of Agriculture and approve the recommendation therein” (*Laid: 27/7/2017*):

Urge the Bank of Agriculture to pay Merienge Lovelyn Samari salary arrears of 20 months on compassionate ground.

9. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Nasiru Aliyu:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Nasiru Aliyu against the Nigeria Police Force on alleged unlawful killing of Ibrahim Badamasi by the Kano State Police Command and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 27/7/2017*):

- (i) that the matter should be referred to the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria for medical negligence;
- (ii) that from all the evidence, the Police shot the deceased and showed nonchalant attitude towards treating him for lack of money for fuel.

10. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Mr Stephen Nwadiogbu:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Stephen Nwadiogbu against the Department of State Service on the unlawful termination of his appointment and approve the recommendation therein” (*Laid: 27/7/2017*):

That the House do discountenance the petition for lack of merit as Mr Stephen Nwadiogbu was duly retired because his services were no longer needed.

11. Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Fredrick A. Itaro:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Fredrick A. Itaro against the Managing Director of the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) on alleged unlawful termination of his appointment and approve the recommendation therein” (*Laid: 27/7/2017*):

That the House do discountenance the petition for lack of merit.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1. Rules and Business	Wednesday, 4 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2. Healthcare Services	Wednesday, 4 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 236 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3. Public Petitions	Wednesday, 4 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4. Human Rights	Wednesday, 4 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5. Power	Wednesday, 4 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 348 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6. <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on \$17 Billion Dollars Stolen from Undeclared Crude Oil and Liquid Natural Gas	Wednesday, 4 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 141 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7. Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Refugees and Initiative on North East Zone	Wednesday, 4 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8. Federal Character (<i>with Federal Institute of Industrial Research Oshodi (FIIRO), Nig. Atomic Energy Commission and Federal Polytechnic Nekede</i>)	Wednesday, 4 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
9. Public Accounts	Wednesday, 4 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex