



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 3 October, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Fiscal Responsibility Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1166) (*Executive*) — *First Reading*.
 2. Passport (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Zubairu Abdulmalik B.*) — *First Reading*.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. Consolidation of Bill:
 - (a) A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Forestry and to Provide for an Institute to be charged with the Responsibility for the Registration, Regulation and Disciplining of Members of the Profession and for Other Related Matters (HB. 594) (*Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi*); and
 - (b) A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Forestry and Establish a Council that may invest moneys into any Security created or issued by or on behalf of the Government of the Federation or in any other Security in Nigeria approved by the Council and for Related Matters (HB. 1089) (*Hon. Mojeed Alabi*).
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2. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to include Former Heads of the National Assembly in the Council of State and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reduce the period within which the President or the Governor of a State may Authorise the Withdrawal of Monies from the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the absence of an Appropriation Act from 6 Months to 3 Months and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for Funding of the House of Assembly of States directly from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
5. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to abrogate the State Joint Local Government Accounts and Empower each Local Government Council to maintain its own Special Account and make Provisions for Savings in the Federation Account before distribution to other Levels of Government and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
6. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to strengthen Local Government Administration in Nigeria and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
7. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide Immunity for Members of the Legislature in respect of words Spoken or Written at Plenary Sessions or Committee Proceedings and Institutionalize Legislative Bureaucracy in the Constitution and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
8. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide the Independent National Electoral Commission with Sufficient Time to Conduct Bye-elections and provide Grounds for De-registration of Political Parties and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
9. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for Timely Passage of Bills and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
10. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to require the President and Governors to submit the Names of Persons Nominated as Ministers or Commissioners within Thirty Days of taking the Oath of Office for Confirmation by the Senate or State House of Assembly and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
11. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to provide for Independent Candidature in Elections and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
12. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Change the Name of the Police from Nigeria Police Force to Nigerian Police to reflect their-Core Mandate of providing Civil Services and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
13. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 to disqualify a person who was sworn-in as President or Governor to complete the term of the Elected President or Governor from being Elected to the same Office for more than a Single Term and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
14. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federal Government Separate from the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.

15. A Bill for an Act to Make the Offices of the Auditor-General and Attorney-General of the Federation and for the State Financially Independent by placing them on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation and of the State and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
16. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to further strengthen the Judiciary for speedy dispensation of Justice and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
17. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Provide Time for the Determination of Pre-election Matters and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
18. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the Establishment and Core Functions of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps; and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
19. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Procedure for Passing a Constitution Alteration Bill where the President Withholds Assent and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
20. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the Establishment of the Investments and Securities Tribunal under the Constitution and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
21. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Reduce the Age for Qualification for the Offices of the President and Governor and Membership of the Senate, House of Representatives and the State House of Assembly and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
22. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Specify the Period within which the President or the Governor of a State shall present the Appropriation Bill before the National Assembly or House of Assembly and for Related Matters — *Third Reading*.
23. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Institute for Arid Research and Desertification Control and to make Comprehensive Provisions for its Management, Administration and for Related Matters (HB. 573) (*Hon. Ahmed Babba Kaita*) — *Second Reading*.
24. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Regulation of Manufacture, Sale, Installation and General use of Elevators and Lifts and for Related Matters (HB. 1090) (*Hon. Mohammed Jafaru Ibrahim*) — *Second Reading*.
25. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Provisions of the Export Prohibition Act, Cap. E22, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004; and for Related Matters (HB. 1085) (*Hon. Dozie Ferdinand Nwankwo*) — *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

26. **Need to Rehabilitate Oyo-Iseyin Road in Oyo State:**
Hon. Akeem Adeniyi Adeyemi:

The House:

Notes that Oyo-Iseyin Road is a major road that connects many communities in Oyo State and enhances major economic activities in the State as goods and services are regularly transported through the road;

Also notes that the road has so dilapidated that it is putting commuters at risk of accidents and at the mercy of hoodlums who take advantage of the bad state of the road to carry out their nefarious activities;

Worried that if urgent steps are not taken to rehabilitate the road, the citizens will continue to suffer and economic activities will be halted, thereby resulting in loss of revenue to the State and the country at large;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence rehabilitation of Oyo-Iseyin Road; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and FERMA to ensure the inclusion of the reconstruction of the road in the 2018 budget estimate.

27. Calling Attention to the Deplorable State of Okenne - Obehira - Magongo - Lampese-Ibillo - Ekor - Ikiran - Ishua Road:
Hon. Peter O. Akpatason:

The House:

Notes that the Okene-Obehira-Magongo-Lampese-Ibillo-Ekor-Ikiran-Ishua Road which traverses Kogi, Edo and Ondo States and connects the Northern States to the South-West and South-South Zones of the country is crucial to the socio-economic development of those areas;

Also notes that persistent rainfall and consequent erosion as well as the many heavy duty vehicles that ply the Road have deteriorated it to such an extent that it is becoming impassable;

Concerned that the deplorable state of the road has caused various degrees of accidents leading to loss of lives and destruction of properties, as well as unquantifiable loss of man-hours that demands constant maintenance to stem the tide of deterioration;

Also concerned that the bad spots on the Road have become safe haven for armed robbers to operate and dispossess travelers of their valuables and unless urgent remedial measures are taken to reconstruct the Road, the suffering of travelers will continue without let;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to urgently rehabilitate the Road to make it passable;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include the reconstruction of the road in the 2018 budget proposal.

28. Need to Investigate the Reduction in the Cut-off Marks for Admissions into Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria:
Hon. Hassan Saleh:

The House:

Recalls that on 22 August, 2017 the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), the heads of tertiary institutions and other stake holders held a policy meeting on plans and modalities for the conduct of admissions into tertiary institutions for the 2017/2018 academic session;

Notes that after the said meeting, the Registrar of JAMB, Professor Ishaq Oloyede announced that a minimum of 120 marks in the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination would be required for placement of candidates into the Universities, while 100 marks would be required for placement into Polytechnics or Colleges of Education;

Also notes that despite the fact that more than 500,000 candidates scored above 200 marks which represents 50% of the total mark, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board still went ahead to announce a 120 cut-off mark which represents only 30% of the total examination mark of 400, while 100 marks stipulated for Polytechnics and Colleges of Education represent only 25% of the total mark;

Concerned that the decision is bound to lower the standard/quality of education in tertiary institutions as many candidates who perform woefully in the UMTE examination could secure admissions through nepotism, bribery and corruption while many other candidates who perform excellently could be denied admissions;

Convinced that Universities are supposed to be centres of excellence for learning, research and innovation, hence the need to always admit the best candidates in order to produce graduates that can compete favorably with their peers anywhere in the World;

Also convinced that tertiary education should be for those candidates who have the intellectual capacity, hence lowering the entry qualification into higher institutions of learning would definitely reduce the productivity and peak performance of young people seeking admissions into such institutions;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to investigate the circumstances that led to the reduction in the cut-off marks required for admissions of candidates into tertiary institutions in Nigeria and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**29. Need to Remove Underage Offenders from the Prisons and Build More Borstal Institutions:
Hon. Afe Olowookere:**

The House:

Notes with dismay the high number of minors in prisons who are placed among adult inmates;

Also notes that some of the minors in the prisons may be innocent victims of police raids who could not meet the conditions required by the Police to regain their freedom;

Concerned that the minors are being treated as adult offenders facing the likelihood of and subjected to extreme torture and starvation by prison officials as well as adult cell mates influencing them to become even more hardened criminals upon their release from the prisons;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Chief Judges of the various States to visit prisons more regularly with a view to speedily reviewing cases involving minors held therein;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Government to build more borstal institutions that are adequately equipped to reform underage offenders; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Justice, and Interior to ensure compliance and report back within twelve (12) weeks for further legislative action.

30. Call to Reintroduce Technical and Vocational Education and Practical Training to Create Employment:

Hon. Akinyede Julius Awodumila:

The House:

Notes the growing trend of unemployment among the youth who graduate annually from the nation's conventional tertiary institutions;

Aware that the trend is partly due to the fact that many of the graduates lack occupational skills to become self-employed or to function effectively in the work place;

Aware that Technical and Vocational Education can serve as career pathways as it guarantees employability in the blue-collar sectors of the economy such as Construction, Automotive Vehicle Mechanism, Agriculture, Horticulture, Water Resources Management and can also serve as foundation for Entrepreneurship and Innovation while also empowering the youths;

Recalls that the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), at an international congress on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), had urged Governments to prioritize TVET in the quest to build greener societies and tackle global unemployment;

Realizes that occupational skills can be obtained through Technical and Vocational education as well as through increased practical training of students on Industrial Attachments;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Education to expand Technical and Vocational Education, make it attractive for academically sound and gifted students to seek admissions into and increase funding for Technical and Vocational Education;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education to direct the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) to revisit and redevelop curriculum contents that would place emphasis on practical training in real-workplace environment, particularly in sectors that can drive the economy;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure implementation and report back in eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 3 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Accounts	Tuesday, 3 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Special <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Political Agitation in Nigeria	Tuesday, 3 October, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 4.47 New Building (House) Assembly Complex