



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 10 October, 2017

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1. Prayers
  2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
  3. Oaths
  4. Message from the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*if any*)
  5. Message from the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*if any*)
  6. Other Announcements (*if any*)
  7. Petitions (*if any*)
  8. Matter(s) of Urgent Public Importance
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### PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Human Rights:**  
**Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok:**  
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Human Rights on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Protection of Human Rights Online, to Protect Internet Users in Nigeria from Infringement of their Fundamental Freedoms and to Guarantee Application of Human Rights for Users of Digital Platforms and/or Digital Media and for Related Matters (HB. 490)” (*Referred: 22/6/2016*).
2. **Committee on Science and Technology:**  
**Hon. Beni Lar.**  
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Science and Technology on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Energy Commission of Nigeria Act, Cap. E10, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the Establishment of Renewable and Alternative Energy Development and Utilization Fund, Grant Priority to the Promotion and Development of Renewable and Other Alternative Energy and for Related Matters (HBs 72 and 466)” (*Referred: 26/4/2016*).

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### BILLS

#### 1. Consolidation of Bills:

- (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, Cap. C4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Enhance Transparency, Entrenchment of Parliamentary Accountability and Enhancement of the Bank's Efficiency in the Discharge of its Statutory Duties and for Related Matters (HB. 1094) (*Hon. Binta Bello*);
  - (b) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria Act, No. 7 of 2007 to provide for Appointment of a Person other than the Governor as the Chairman of the Board, Divest the Board of the Powers of Determining and Fixing its own Salaries and Allowances and the Powers of Considering and Approving the Annual Budget of the Bank; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 407) (*Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba*); and
  - (c) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Central Bank of Nigeria (Establishment) Act, Cap. C4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to subject to the Approval of the National Assembly the Directive of the Central Bank to Commercial Banks on the maximum amount to be withdrawn from an Account and for Other Related Matters (HB. 711) (*Hon. Ossai. Nicholas Ossai*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Veterinary Surgeons Act, Cap. V3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 2017 and for Related Matters (HB. 836) (*Hon. Linus Okorie*) — *Second Reading*.
  3. A Bill for an Act to improve the Efficacy of Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN), Provide Detailed Measures and Principles for Speedy Development of Small and Medium Scale Enterprises and Comprehensively Define the Responsibilities of each Stakeholder for their Maximum Contribution to National Economic Development, Employment Generation and Poverty Eradication in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.1059) (*Hon. Muhammed Sani Abdu*) — *Second Reading*.
  4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Act, Cap. N1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Inclusion of Raw and Semi Processed Foods, to Create a Directorate of National Tobacco Control and to Provide for the Payment of all Monies Received by the Agency into the Federation Account in accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Other Related Matters (HBs 495, 883 and 940) (*Hon. Olufemi Fakeye, Hon. Dickson Tarkighir and Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung*) — *Second Reading*.
  5. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of Federal College of Education, Lissam, Taraba State for the Purposes of Providing Qualitative Education in Sciences, Arts, Social Sciences and Other Technical Knowledge and for Related Matters (HB. 1042) (*Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu Kwewum*) — *Second Reading*.

### MOTIONS

6. **Need to Assist Communities in Kwara State affected by Flooding of the River Niger from Kebbi State through to Bayelsa State:**  
**Hon. Aliyu B. Ahman Pategi:**

The House:

*Notes* the recent flooding of the plains of River Niger from Kebbi to Bayelsa States due to incessant rain fall since the month of August 2017;

*Also notes* that virtually all farm lands in Kwara State within the catchment area, including the Kwara State Tada-Shonga Agricultural Project which is being financed with a ₦2 billion loan facility from the Central Bank of Nigeria's (CBN) Anchor Borrowers Scheme, have been destroyed, along with fishing boats and farming equipment like tractors, portable generators, irrigation pumps, etc.;

*Concerned* that most of the farm lands that were destroyed were already due for harvesting;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) urge the Federal Government to urgently assist the communities ravaged by the flood to ameliorate the hardships caused by loss of their crops and means of livelihood;
- (ii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief and building materials to the affected communities;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to assist the affected communities with tractors, implements and other agro inputs to position them towards the next planting season;
- (iv) equally urge the Federal Ministry of Water Resources to include the sum of ₦1.5 billion in the 2018 Appropriations proposal for completion of the Tada-Shonga Irrigation Project which has been on-going for quite some time now; and
- (v) mandate the Committees on Water Resources, Appropriations, and Agricultural Production and Services to ensure implementation.

**7. Call to Control the Manufacturing and Use of Single-Use Plastic Bags (Polythene) and Replace Same with Biodegradable or Fabric Materials:  
Hon. Sergius Ose Ogun:**

The House:

*Notes* that the uncontrolled use of plastic materials and the arbitrary disposal of plastic waste, particularly shopping bags, present imminent danger to the people and the environment;

*Also notes* that those non-degradable materials that litter the country stay for decades without decaying and they eventually become a crucial cause of obstructed drainage and water channels that have precipitated flooding in some flood prone areas, thereby endangering the ecosystem and contaminating agricultural soil;

*Informed* that an estimated fifty (50) billion plastic bags are used annually and they account for a staggering twenty (20) per cent of municipal solid waste in the country;

*Aware* that over time, the plastic bags find their way into the marine environment and are ingested by marine animals, thereby choking them;

*Also aware* that plastic bags gravely disrupt the ecological balance, leeching in our water and emitting dioxins into food when left in a humid environment or heated;

*Concerned* about the public health risks posed by their disposal because most are burnt, thus releasing harmful toxic gases such as methane and carbon dioxide into the air, increasing the level of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs);

*Also concerned* that several African countries like Kenya, Rwanda, Cameroon, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Mauritania and Malawi have adopted measures to reduce the production and use of plastic bags, particularly single use shopping bags through an outright ban or imposition of tax as a means to crackdown on carbon emission;

*Cognizant* of the proliferation of single use plastic bags and the significant public costs in disposal, litter control and negative environmental impact, it is imperative that the country adopts international best practices on its effective control;

*Resolves to:*

Mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat and Climate Change to interface with the Federal Ministry of Environment to regulate the manufacture, arbitrary use and disposal of single - use plastic bags and effectively direct waste recycling, and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

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### CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

**8. Committee on Police Affairs:**

**Hon. Haliru Dauda Jika.**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN) charged with Responsibilities, among Others, to Provide Community Policing, Maintenance of Law and Order and Community Service for Nigerians and for Related Matters (HB.718) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 26/7/2017*).

**9. Committee on Justice:**

**Hon. Razak Atunwa:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Make it Mandatory for the National Assembly to Scrutinize and Approve a Statutory Instrument before it becomes Enforceable and for Related Matters (HB. 13) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 13/7/2017*).

**10. Committee on Justice:**

**Hon. Razak Atunwa:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Make Provision for a Standard Scale of Fines and Financial Penalties to be Imposed by Courts, Tribunals and Other Statutory Instruments and for Related Matters (HB. 642) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 13/7/2017*).

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| <i>Committee</i>                               | <i>Date</i>               | <i>Time</i> | <i>Venue</i>                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Rules and Business                          | Tuesday, 10 October, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 06<br>(White House)<br>Assembly Complex         |
| 2. Public Petitions<br>(Investigative Hearing) | Tuesday, 10 October, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 429<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 3. Works                                       | Tuesday, 10 October, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 327<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 4. Customs and excise                          | Tuesday, 10 October, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 436<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 5. Public Accounts                             | Tuesday, 10 October, 2017 | 3.00 p.m.   | Committee Room 446<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |

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| 6. | <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Tuesday, 10 October, 2017                                                                                                           | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 341<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |
| 7. | Federal Character ( <i>with</i> Tuesday, 10 October, 2017<br><i>Refugees Commission and</i><br><i>National Cereals Research</i><br><i>Institute, Badeggi</i> ) | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 247<br>New Building (House)<br>Assembly Complex |