



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 9 November, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Water Resources:**
Hon. Aliyu B. Ahman Pategi:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Water Resources on a Bill for an Act to Establish a Regulatory Framework for the Water Resources Sector in Nigeria, Provide for the Equitable and Sustainable Development, Management, Use and Conservation of Nigeria's Surface Water and Groundwater Resources; and for Related Matters (HB. 1021)” (*Referred: 6/7/2017*).
2. **Committee on Police Affairs:**
Hon. Haliru Dauda Jika:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Police Affairs on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Explosives Act, Cap. E18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 Relating to their Regulations, Penalties for Defaulters, to make Provisions for the Control of Importation, Manufacture, Distribution, Storage, Possession and Use of Firecrackers and Explosives, to Repeal the Explosives Act, Cap. E.18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Explosives Act, 2017 to make Comprehensive Provisions for the Use and Control of Explosives in Nigeria; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HBs 379, 498, 552 and 670)” (*Referred: 2/5/2017*).
3. **Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Process of Digital (Broadcast) Switch Over in Nigeria:**
Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung.
“That the House do receive the Report of the Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Process of Digital (Broadcast) Switch Over in Nigeria (**HR. 24/2016**)” (*Referred: 22/6/2016*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY**BILLS**

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi Act, Cap. A1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the Minimum Qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, Ownership of Intellectual Property and to Provide for Pre-action Notice to the University; and for Related Matters (HB. 1113) (*Hon. Muhammed Sani Abdu*) — *Second Reading*.
 2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 and Re-enact the Fiscal Responsibility Bill to Provide for Prudent Management of the Nation's Resources, Ensure Long Term Macro-Economic Stability of the National Economy, Secure Greater Accountability and Transparency in Fiscal Operations within the Medium Term Fiscal Policy Framework and the Establishment of the Fiscal Responsibility Commission to ensure the Promotion and Enforcement of the Nation's Economic Objectives; and for Related Matters (HB. 1093) (*Hon. Ibrahim Babangida and Hon. Emeka Azubogu*) — *Second Reading*.
 3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigeria Council for Management Development Act, Cap. N99, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to correct certain Terminologies and Provide for Reference to the New Pension Reform Act; and for Related Matters (HB. 1120) (*Hon. Michael Okon Enyong*) — *Second Reading*.
 4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Provisions of the Nigerian Dock Labour Act, Cap. N103, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to reduce the number of the Board Members and Adjust the Tenure of Office of the Board Members; and for Related Matters (HB. 1122) (*Hon. Muhammed Umar Bago*) — *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

5. **Need to Address the Decaying Infrastructural Facilities in Abuja:**
Hon. Nasiru Sule Garo:

The House:

Notes that the creation of Abuja as the Capital city of Nigeria arose as a vision of our past leaders to have a modern capital city built with modern infrastructural facilities that could compete favourably with capital cities of other advanced countries of the world;

Also notes that in realization of this noble vision, humongous amounts have been spent by successive governments to construct Abuja with modern facilities like roads, road markings and signs, streets and traffic lights, state of the art buildings, electricity, water, trees, flowers and green areas, among others for decent living of the inhabitants of the Federal Capital City;

Further notes that over the years, on account of neglect in the maintenance of those facilities by relevant agencies as well the criminal activities of vandals, the infrastructural facilities in the capital city have seriously deteriorated;

Aware that the serene, beautiful and previously well illuminated Capital city of Abuja is fast losing its glory as most of the installed streets lightings and other infrastructural facilities are either no longer functional or have been damaged beyond repairs with most parts of the city now in darkness at night;

Concerned that the situation is now assuming a dangerous dimension as miscreants, hoodlums and other criminal elements capitalize on the situation to wreak havoc on unsuspecting inhabitants, leading to an upsurge in crimes at Abuja;

Cognizant of the need for intervention to address the problems in order to restore Abuja to the status of a modern city that was envisioned by its founding fathers;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Federal Capital Territory, and Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters to investigate the decay in infrastructural facilities in the FCT and its environs and make recommendations on how best the problems would be addressed, and report back within 4 weeks for further legislative action.

6. Need to Investigate Allegations of Illegal Recruitment of Workers at the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC):

Hon. Ali Isa J. C.:

The House:

Notes the allegation that the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) has been recruiting workers without advertising the vacancies and following other laid down Civil Service Rules pertaining to recruitments;

Also notes that if the alleged recruitment had not been advertised, there is the likelihood that such recruitment was made in violation of the Federal Character principles;

Aware of reports of such secret recruitments in the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) which are not in tandem with the anti-corruption efforts of the current Administration;

Cognizant that if such illegal and non-transparent recruitment exercises are allowed to continue, the common person who does not have connections to highly placed individuals will become despondent about whether he can obtain a fair deal from the nation's recruitment processes;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Nigerian Communications Commission to halt the illegal recruitment forthwith;
- (ii) call on the Federal Government to initiate measures to halt those illegal recruitments in the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs); and
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Telecommunications to investigate the alleged illegal recruitment of workers at the Nigerian Communications Commission and report back in two (2) weeks for further legislative action.

7. Case of Sexual Harassment and Shooting of a 17-Year-Old SSI Female Student by a Soldier Deployed on Internal Security Duty:

Hon. Istifanus Dung Gyang

Hon. Edward Pwajok:

The House:

Notes that the Military is massively engaged in internal security operations across the nation as part of the commitment of government to live up to its foremost constitutional responsibility of ensuring the well-being, safety and security of the citizens;

Also notes that in the process of undertaking this onerous task, the military has been contending with cases of human rights abuses, some of which have attracted the attention and condemnation of Amnesty International;

Observes that while the Military High Command has repeatedly assured the citizens of its commitment to the observance of human rights as amply embedded in the rules of engagement, there are behaviors and actions of some operatives that are negating this noble quest;

Informed that on 19 October 2017, indigenes of Sopp in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State embarked on a protest against soldiers manning the checkpoint in the community who had earlier caused the death of two boys;

Also informed that in the course of the protest, one of the soldiers shot a 17-year-old SS1, female student of Government Secondary School, Sopp, Simi Danladi for allegedly refusing his lustful advances;

Aware that apart from Simi Danladi, two other people, namely Danjuma Kaze and his son, Irimiya, were also shot and are currently receiving treatment at the Plateau Specialist Hospital, Jos;

Concerned that military personnel, whom the nation has entrusted with the responsibility of protecting lives and property of citizens are turning round to constitute a threat to the people, as in the instant case;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Human Rights, Defence and Army to investigate the matter and report back in three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

8. Need to Audit the Customs Duties Remitted by Commercial Banks to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) from January 2014 till Date and Proof of such Remittances:

Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso

Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejeocha

Hon. Solomon B. Maren

Hon. Sabo Garba

Hon. Albert A. Adeogun

Hon. Yuguda H. Killa

Hon. Gogo Bright T.

Hon. Solomon B. Maren

Hon. Sabo Garba

Hon. Bede Eke

Hon. Jisalo B. Zaphaniah

Hon. Ossy Prestige:

The House:

Recalls that nearly all the Service Providers of the Nigeria Customs Service handed over their Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) services to the personnel of the Nigeria Customs Service on 1 December, 2013 and since then, there had been news that commercial banks had remitted billions of Naira in Customs duties to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), which has generated a lot of reactions in the public domain;

Aware that there is now a regime of E-payment and that all government revenues such as Customs duties, when paid, will be credited to the Central Bank of Nigeria almost instantly or within 24 hours;

Also aware that Banks now provide online, all the Forms M applied for by importers and so Banks should not delay or hold on to government revenues, especially customs duties, in order to shore up their deposit base, liquidity or balance in their residual accounts or divert or invest them for some quick returns on investment;

Concerned that some accounting officers in the banks appear to lose sight of the status of approved Forms M and their utilization and in some cases, do not bear in mind the allowable period of non-utilization just to dump the Forms M, which adversely affect the payment of full duties;

Also concerned that the accounting officers in the banks, in most cases, ignore the difference between the utilization and application of the Form M, thereby negating the CBN's guidelines for forex issuance, Form M and their utilization within an allowable prosecution or litigation period which tends to affect Customs duties negatively;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to audit the Customs duties remitted by commercial banks to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) from January 2014 till date with a view to obtaining proofs of such remittances from the CBN and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

9. Need to Name the Federal University, Dutsinma as Muhammad Dikko Federal University, Dutsinma:
Hon. Danlami Mohammed Kurfi:

The House:

Notes that the Federal University, Dutsinma (FUDMA) was established in 2010 but academic activities actually commenced on February 15, 2011 with the appointments of the pioneer Vice Chancellor (VC) and the Registrar;

Aware that the pioneer Emire of Katsina, Muhammad Dikko was a teacher who devoted his life to providing and protecting education in the Northern region;

Also aware that immortalizing him by naming the Federal University, Dutsinma as Muhammad Dikko Federal Universal, Dutsinma will practically demonstrate the acknowledgement and appreciation of the educational contributions of the late Emir of Katsina;

Convinced that the indigenes of Katsina State in particular and the nation in general will be encouraged by this singular act to make meaningful contributions to the State and the nation so as to also be remembered and appreciated in the future;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to name the Federal University, Dutsinma as Muhammad Dikko Federal University, Dutsinma; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure implementation and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

10. Call to Urgently Halt Retaking of Madagali Local Government Area in Adamawa State by Insurgents:
Hon. Adamu Kamale:

The House:

Notes that Madagali Local Government Area is located on the fringe of the dreaded Sambisa forest which is the hub of activities of the Boko Haram insurgents;

Aware that Madagali Local Government Area was the first of the seven Local Government Areas in Adamawa State that were taken over by the insurgents in 2014;

Also aware that before the retreat of the insurgents, the Local Government suffered protracted occupation while its villages bordering Sambisa forest have never witnessed true peace since 2014;

Concerned about the increase in attacks by the insurgents on villages and towns of the Local Government Area, including Gulak the headquarters, leading to loss of many lives;

Recalls the attack of 6 November, 2017 during which the insurgents tried desperately to retake Gulak, but for the gallant efforts of the Nigerian Army that overpowered them;

Also concerned that if Madagali Local Government Area, which is the gateway to Adamawa State from Borno State falls into the hands of the insurgents as it happened in 2014, the relative peace being enjoyed by other local governments in the State, particularly Michika, Mubi North, Mubi South, Maiha, Hong and Gombi, etc. will be jeopardized, and the people would become traumatized and displaced as it happened in 2014, with the attendant humanitarian crisis;

Cognizant that if no concerted effort is made at this time to step up military campaigns and other proactive measures, the insurgents may reinforce in a bid to overrun the local government;

Resolves to:

- (i) commend the President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces for his efforts to restore peace in the North-East and urge the Federal Government to step up military campaigns in the Sambisa forest and its environs;
- (ii) also commend the Nigerian Army for its gallant efforts in preventing the insurgents from retaking Gulak town on November 6, 2017 and urge the Army and Air Force to urgently deploy more troops and equipment to Madagali Local Government Area to forestall the retaking of the area by the insurgents;
- (iii) observe one minute silence in honour of the soldiers and civilians who lost their lives in the recent attack in Gulak, Madagali Local Government Area, Adamawa State; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, and Air Force to ensure implementation and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

11. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of School of Mines and Geological Studies in Akoko-Edo Local Government Area; and for Related Matters (HB. 105) (*Committee of the Whole*: 5/10/2017).
12. **Committee on Commerce:**
Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:
 “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) of Nigeria with Responsibility, among Others, for Determining the Standards of Knowledge, Skill and Qualification for Persons seeking to become Registered Professionals and Practitioners in Logistics and Transport in Nigeria and Licensing and Regulating the Practice of Logistics and Transport in all Ramifications; and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein” (*Referred*: 12/10/2017).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 9 November, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Central Bank Intervention Fund	Thursday, 9 November, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 357 New Building House Assembly Complex
3.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Thursday, 9 November, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building House Assembly Complex
4.	Women in Parliament	Thursday, 9 November, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 024 New Building House Assembly Complex
5.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on investigation of the plan to shut down the National reconstruction Fund (NERFUND)	Thursday, 9 November, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building House Assembly Complex
6.	Federal Character (<i>with NOUN and NEXIM Bank</i>)	Thursday, 9 November, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building House Assembly Complex

