



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 22 November, 2017

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Tertiary Education and Services:
Hon. Aminu Suleiman:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Universities Commission Act, Cap. N81, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Empower the Commission to set out Code of Conduct for Assessment of Universities' Students Characters alongside Academic Performance as Condition Precedent to Award of Degrees to Deserving Students and to make it Mandatory for Immediate Issuance and Release of Certificates to Graduating Students in all Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 56 and 439)” (*Referred: 28/4/2016*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Education, Monguno to Provide Full-time Courses, Teaching Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Sciences, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and to Provide for the Appointment of the Provost and Other Officers of the College to carry out the Administration and Disciplining of Students of the College; and for Related Matters (HB. 1215) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno*) — *Second Reading*.

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2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Evidence Act, 2011 to Accommodate Modern Development Relating to Admissibility of Confessional Statement; to Render Illegally Obtained Evidence Inadmissible; Give Discretion to the Court with Regard to Certification of Electronically Generated Documents; Provide for Admissibility of Public Documents without Makers of such Documents being called as Witnesses; and to Stipulate a Time Limit on the Presumption of Validity of Judicially Noticed Customs and to Impose a Duty on the Courts to Ensure that Customs that have been Judicially Noticed and not thereafter been Subjected to Proof by Evidence for an Inordinately Long Period of Time are Reviewed by the Courts to Ascertain that they are still Representative of the Customs as they are Currently Practised in the Communities with Respect to which the Customs Relate; and for Related Matters (HBs. 1149, 1188 and 1192) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok, Hon. Rita Orji and Hon. Garba Datti Muhammad*) — *Second Reading*.
 3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Maritime Security Agency to Promote Maritime Security and to provide, among Other Things, for the Establishment of the Maritime Security Agency charged with the Responsibility of Providing Security and Safety Information and Communication Facilities for all Categories of Users of the Nigerian Maritime Industry; and for Related Matters (HB. 968)” (*Hon. Ntufam Eta Mbora*) — *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

4. **2018-2020 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP): House Leader:**

The House:

Notes that the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari, on Tuesday, 17, October, 2017 forwarded a Request to the House of Representatives for approval of the 2018- 2020 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP);

Aware that Section 11 (2) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 provides that the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) shall be considered for approval with such modifications, if any, as the National Assembly finds appropriate by a Resolution of each House of the National Assembly;

Also notes that Section 11 (3) of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007 provides that the Medium Term Expenditure Framework shall contain, among other things, a macro-economic framework setting out the macro-economic projections for the next three financial years, the underlying assumptions for those projections and an evaluation and analysis of the macro-economic projections for the preceding three financial years;

Recalls that upon reading the Communication from the President, the Request was referred to the relevant Committees without debate;

Resolves to:

- (i) set aside the earlier referral to enable debate on the Request; and
- (ii) commit the 2018-2020 Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) to the Committees on Finance, Appropriations, National Planning and Economic Development, Legislative Budget and Research and, Aids, Loans and Debt Management to scrutinize and make recommendations to the House.

5. Need to Review the Condition of Service of Medical Personnel and Improve the State of Health Institutions in Nigeria:
Hon. Bode Ayorinde:

The House:

Notes that Section 14 (2) (b) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 provides that the security and welfare of the people shall be the primary purpose of Government;

Also notes that access to medical care for a larger percentage of the citizens of any nation is a major determinant of the welfare level of the citizens but a situation where the nation's hospitals operate without the required number of doctors cannot be regarded as commensurate with the provision of welfare for the citizens by the Government;

Aware of the press release by the Chairman, Nigerian Medical Association, Lagos State Chapter, Dr Olumuyiwa Odusote, which painted a pathetic picture of the state of health care delivery in the country which has precipitated an exodus of medical doctors from Nigeria that has reached an alarming proportion in the form of:

- (i) more than 40,000 of the 75,000 registered Nigerian doctors practicing abroad while 70% of the remaining 35,000 are currently processing their papers to relocate outside Nigeria in search of greener pastures,
- (ii) 100 doctors having resigned from the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan in 2017 alone while 800 doctors resigned from Lagos State Hospitals in the last two years,
- (iii) Kebbi State not having been able to employ a single doctor for its hospitals in two years despite multiple advertisements for recruitment,
- (iv) over 200 doctors and nurses having resigned from Ladoke Akintola Teaching Hospital, Ogbomoso in the last one year;

Also aware that the consistent underfunding and neglect of the nation's health care system over the years have led to its moribund state that is characterized by decrepit equipment, poor quality services, avoidable deaths as a result of lack of experience of personnel, lack of drugs and prescription of expired drugs, etc.;

Cognizant that the nation has been classified as needing 303,333 medical doctors at the moment and also requiring another 10,605 new doctors annually to meet the demand of providing good and quality patient care to the citizenry;

Concerned that the 2018 budget proposal made provision of only 3.9% for the health sector against the benchmark of 15% of the total annual budget as prescribed by the World Health Organisation;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Health Institutions, and Healthcare Services to engage stakeholders in the health sector on the precarious situation of health care delivery in the country and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

6. Committee on Telecommunications:

Hon. Saheed Akinade-Fijabi:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Telecommunications on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Stamp Duties Act, Cap. S8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to ensure Compliance with Current Realities and for Related Matters (HB. 889) and approve the recommendations therein”
(Adjourned Consideration: 24/10/2017).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 22 November, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Central Bank Intervention Funds	Wednesday, 22 November, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 349 New Building House Assembly Complex
3.	Water Resources	Wednesday, 22 November, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building House Assembly Complex
4.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Wednesday, 22 November, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building House Assembly Complex
5.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on Automobile Industry on Non-Access to Forex from Central Bank of Nigeria (<i>with Managing Director, Bank of Industry</i>)	Wednesday, 22 November, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 436 New Building House Assembly Complex
6.	Federal Character (<i>with Collage of Education, Zaira, National Hajj Commission of Nigeria and Nigeria Communications Commission</i>) (NCC)	Wednesday, 22 November, 2017	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 24 New Building House Assembly Complex