



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 8 February, 2018

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Trade Disputes Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1319) (*Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha*) – *First Reading*.
2. Council for the Registration of Travel Agents of Nigeria Bill, 2018 (HB. 1320) (*Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha*) – *First Reading*.
3. Central Bank of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1321) (*Hon. O. K. Chinda*) – *First Reading*.
4. Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1322) (*Hon. O. K. Chinda*) – *First Reading*.
5. Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1323) (*Hon. O. K. Chinda*) – *First Reading*.
6. Federal College of Agriculture, Okehi, Etche (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1325) (*Hon. Jerome Amadi Eke*) – *First Reading*.

7. Federal Polytechnic, Yala (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1326) (*Hon. Jarigbe Agom Jarigbe*) – *First Reading*.
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Aviation:**
Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Aviation on the Fact Finding Visits to Enugu, Port-Harcourt, Lagos and Abuja Airports (*Pursuant to Order Eighteen, Rule 17 (2) (a) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives*).
 2. **Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values:**
Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, Cap. N11 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Competition in Nigeria, to Promote Efficiency and Expand Opportunities for Nigerian Participation in World Markets while at the same time Recognizing the Role of Foreign Competition in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (*Referred: 14/1/2016*).
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Hydroelectric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2010 to make Provision for the Reduction of Percentage on Revenue Generated by any Company or Authority from the Operations of Hydroelectric Dams; and for Related Matters (HB. 1213) – *Third Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Provide that 20% of Jobs Available in all Federal Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies and Companies be Distributed among the Physically Challenged Persons in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1261) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila*) – *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal University of Agriculture, Kabba to make Comprehensive Provisions for its due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1259) (*Senate*) (*Leader*) – *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act, Cap. F8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to align the Colleges of Education affected by Boundary Adjustments as a Result of States Creation and to Establish Federal College of Education, Malam Madori, Jigawa State to Address the Current Imbalance in the Establishment and Distribution of Federal Institutions in the State; and for Related Matters (HB. 1260) (*Senate*) (*Leader*) – *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Jama'Are Bauchi State to Provide fulltime Courses, Teaching Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 1216) (*Hon. Isa H. Mohammed*) – Second Reading.
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MOTIONS

6. **Deplorable Condition of the First Niger Bridge and Call for Preventive Maintenance of the Bridge:**
Hon. Obinna Chidoka.

The House:

Notes that the First Bridge across River Niger linking Asaba in Delta State and Onitsha in Anambra State was built over 50 years ago during the Administration of Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa;

Also notes that the bridge was badly damaged during the Nigerian civil war and subsequently repaired and had been of immense benefits to Nigerians and foreign nationals alike who ply the South Eastern and South South routes:

Aware that the bridge is the only link between the South East, South South, South West and some Northern States, as the Second Niger Bridge is still at its early stage of construction;

Also aware that the first Niger bridge is currently in an advanced state of disrepair which is raising the threat of its collapse that would lead to traffic build up and excruciating pains to commuters, who sometimes experience traffic delays of up to eight or more hours in a bid to cross the Bridge;

Further aware that the poor state of the bridge has been of grave concern to well-meaning Nigerians, resulting in the conception of a Second Niger Bridge project as an alternative route to contain the very heavy traffic across the First Niger Bridge from all parts of the country;

Resolves to:

- (i) Mandate the Committee on Works to pay a working visit to the First Niger Bridge to assess its condition;
- (ii) Urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to undertake urgent technical assessment as well as immediate reinforcement, repairs and rehabilitation of the First Niger Bridge to avoid its collapse;
- (iii) Call on the Ministry to develop and implement routine preventive maintenance programme for the First Niger Bridge, and indeed all bridges on Federal roads across the country;

- (iv) Also call on the Ministry to expedite work on the Second Niger Bridge project to relieve the pains and sufferings of Nigerians plying the First Niger Bridge.

**7. Urgent Need to Restore the Oron-Calabar Ferry Services:
Hon. Nse Bassey Ekpenyong:**

The House:

Notes with concern the abandonment of the ferry services plying the Oron-Calabar route in Akwa Ibom State;

Also notes that the ferry route which was a nexus of inter-state commercial and tourist activities has been paralyzed for more than sixteen years with attendant losses in revenues running into millions of Naira;

Aware that the delay and hardship being encountered in travelling from Oron to Calabar by road would have been made less cumbersome if the ferry services were still operational;

Cognizant that with the dwindling fortunes in the oil and gas sector, the revamping of the ferry services will assist immensely in improving the sources of revenues for the country;

Also aware that the traffic caused by heavy vehicular movements along the Calabar-Itu highway would be reduced drastically if the ferry services are restored, thereby saving the Road from further colossal damages;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the Federal Government to restore the Oron-Calabar ferry services;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways to investigate the remote causes of abandonment of the ferry services and report back within four weeks for further legislative action.

**8. Need to Investigate the Activities of the Bank of Industry on the Controversial Sales of its Shares and Equity Holdings without Due Process, Sales of Properties Previously Declared Missing, Violation of Hiring Procedures in the Appointment of Executive Directors and its Financial Activities from 2010 to 2015:
Hon. E. J. Agbonayinma:**

The House:

Notes the allegation that the Bank of Industry, which is one of Nigeria's major development financial institutions with government and private ownership, controversially sold some of its assets and shares in WAMPO Nigeria Plc as well as its equity holdings in Dangote Properties to the public without following due process;

Also notes that the Management of the Bank under Mr. Rasheed Olaoluwa unilaterally awarded the sale of the shares to BGL Securities Limited despite the fact that the Bank of Industry Investment and Trust Company (BOIITC), a subsidiary of the Bank could have effectively handled the transaction;

Further notes that awarding the sale contract to BGL Securities Limited may have been done with the intention of favouring cronies of the managing director to snap up the shares in WAMPCO that were valued at ₦40 billion and also to ensure that details of the transaction were kept secret;

Observes that the Bank's subsidiary company, BOIITC lost about ₦400 million in revenues by being denied the deal and two staff of the bank, Mr. Rakiya Zubairu and Mr. Sonny Ekadayo, were sacked for revealing the deal and other unethical transactions and practices going on in the Bank;

Informed that some properties of the Bank that were declared missing were also disposed of inappropriately and the licence of BGL Securities Limited has been withdrawn by the regulatory authority and its top officials barred from practice over violations of rules governing capital market operations;

Also informed by inside sources that signatures of some past managing directors of the Bank are still active on the signature mandates in some accounts of the Bank;

Recalls the audit report which observed a deposit of ₦2 billion made on 13 May 2011 into the Bank's account with the Central Bank of Nigeria which source was unknown and the money was not remitted to the Treasury Single Account (TSA) as was required by the Federal Government;

Concerned that a financial statement with several infractions was signed off by the Hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment and the Acting Managing Director of the Bank;

Also concerned that the appointment of four (4) Executive Directors were made in violation of the hiring procedures in that while it is required for the Minister to make recommendation to the President who shall approve the nomination, the Bank went ahead with the appointments as there are no records of the approval of the President;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the:

- (i) financial improprieties at the Bank of Industry from 2010 to 2015, including the Management of the Bank on the sales of over ₦40 billion of its shares in WAMPCO Nig. Plc without due process, its equity holdings in Dangote Properties and also the properties that had been declared missing; and
- (ii) procedures followed in the hiring of four (4) Executive Directors without the approval of the President of Nigeria.

9. **Urgent Need to Investigate Alleged Diversion of Funds Appropriated for the Power Sector and Apparent Disregard of Due Process in the Awards of Power Projects.**
Hon. Abubakar Yunusa Ahmad

The House:

Notes that the country has been grappling with challenges of power for a longtime now despite efforts by successive Administrations to address the situation due to the centrality of power in the development and economic advancement of any nation;

Also notes that the present Administration has made the provision of adequate power a cardinal programme in its scheme of projects that will herald the industrialization of the country;

Aware that funds were appropriated by the National Assembly in the 2016 and 2017 budgets for various power projects, some of which were awarded and are at various stages of completion, while others are yet to be awarded;

Further notes the allegation that the bulk of the funds appropriated in the 2016 and 2017 budgets for the power projects was expended without regard to due process as a result that contractors handling various projects are not being paid, a case in point being the Zungeru Hydro Power Project;

Concerned that failure to pay contractors might lead to increase in the costs of the projects, apart from heightening the restiveness of resettled communities which could present huge risks to the execution of the projects;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Power to investigate the alleged diversion of funds appropriated for the power sector and the apparent disregard of due process in the awards of power projects, and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

10. **Call for Investigation of Nigeria Customs Service Surveillance Operatives Deployed at the Borders across the Federation:**
Hon. Wole Diya:

The House:

Notes that the Nigeria Customs Service was established as a revenue collection agency with the responsibility to manage the nation's borders and curtail smuggling activities that reduce the revenues accruable to the coffers of the Federal Government;

Also notes that the Customs Service derives its budgetary allocations annually from the Federal Government in order to enable it train its personnel and procure needed equipment for optimal performance of its statutory responsibilities;

Aware of recurring allegations that officials of the Service routinely engage in corrupt activities aimed at self-enrichment to the detriment of enhancing the revenue base of the nation;

Also aware of allegations that some corrupt officials of the Service aid and abet smuggling, especially those dealing on Rice who pay their ways into the country, only for the same customs officials to start chasing traders who bought those bags of Rice for sale, at times raiding markets or mounting road blocks for the exercise, rather than preventing the smuggling of the products into the country, in the first place;

Concerned by incidents of random shooting of ordinary Nigerians by surveillance operatives of the Customs Service at various land borders in the guise of curtailing smuggling activities and also indiscriminate shooting at various cities across the nation;

Recalls specific shooting incidents of 17 January 2018 when six (6) customs officials in a patrol van shot a person dead at Abule-Egba, Lagos while pursuing rice smugglers and that of 18 January 2018 where operatives shot a pregnant woman, also at Lagos;

Cognizant of the need for the Federal Government to revamp the Customs Service for a more efficient and effective operations and to conform to international best practices;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to put in place measures to ensure regular monitoring of surveillance operatives of the Nigeria Customs Service to avert unwarranted shooting of innocent citizens;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Customs and Excise to interface with the Management of the Nigeria Customs Service with a view to ascertaining whether its financial operations are in line with financial regulations and also investigate the unwarranted killings and shooting of people which are causing fear among the populace, and report back in eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

11. Urgent Need to Revisit the Establishment of Ekiti Airport:
Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola

The House:

Notes that airports are important and integral part of economic infrastructure which contribute significantly to the economic growth, potential and development of any state or nation and provides the necessary connectivity and accessibility required in the movement of people and goods, thereby promoting industrialization, employment generation, wealth creation, revenue generation, provision of services and promotion of tourism;

Aware that sometime in 2007, the Federal Government gave technical approval for the establishment of airports in Bayelsa, Delta, Gombe and Ekiti States, which was re-stated by former President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan while on a State visit to Ekiti in 2011;

Also aware that while other States whose airport projects were approved alongside that of Ekiti had either made theirs operational or got them to various stages of completion through collaborative effort with the Federal Government, that of Ekiti State has been stalled by political considerations;

Cognizant of the fact that Ekiti State is home to Afe Babalola University (ABUAD), a world class University that can boast of having students from all over the States of the Federation and also the Ikogosi Warm Spring, Erinta Water Falls, Oroke Ewo War Centre, Ilupeju Ekiti, Erin Ayonigba Fish River, Erinyan Ekiti, and Fajuyi Park;

Also cognizant of the fact that the proposed airport would bring Ekiti State into limelight with its emerging economy and attract investors as well as tourists who have flair for comfort into the State, given that it does not have any railway line or any other alternative means of transportation save through the roads, with all the routes leading to the State in various state of disrepair;

Further cognizant that there is an urgent need for the establishment of an airport in Ekiti State in order to open it to the outside world and serve as a catalyst for the development of the State;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Aviation to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Transportation to revisit the airport project that was planned for Ekiti State and ensure its early completion to boost the economic, social and tourism potentials of the State.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

12. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Chartered Biochemists and Molecular Biologists charged with Responsibilities to, among other things, Determine the Standard of Knowledge and Skills to be attained by persons seeking to become registered Biochemists and Molecular Biologists, Register such Persons, Regulate and Control their Practice and Review those Standards from time to time, as Circumstances may Permit; and for Related Matters (HB.1142) (*Leader*) (*Committee of the Whole*: 2/11/2017).
13. **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 Commodity Brokers of Nigeria (CICBN); and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein (HB. 417) (*Laid*: 1/2/2018).

14. **Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values:****Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun:**

"That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Film Corporation Act, Cap. N109, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigerian Film Commission Bill, 2018 to Regulate and Develop the Film Industry in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 584) and approve the recommendations therein" (Laid: 15/6/2017).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 8 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	Women in Parliament	Thursday, 8 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 468 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee to Investigate the Process of the Contract between Nigerian Ports Authority and Intels Nigeria Limited	Thursday, 8 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 436 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Agricultural Colleges and Institutions (Budget Defence)	Thursday, 8 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 034 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Population Budget defence with Officials of National Identity Management Commission (NIMC)	Thursday, 8 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Thursday, 8 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Federal Character (with National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP)	Thursday, 8 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	<i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee to Investigate the Under Remittance of Revenue to the Federation Account (Inaugural Meeting)	Thursday, 8 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 019 New Building (House) Assembly Complex