



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Tuesday, 20 February, 2018

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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
Petition by Rayfield Associates:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Rayfield Associates on behalf of Global Spectrum Energy Services Limited against the Management of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) on the denial of Contract for Towage Services at the Calabar Port” (*Referred: 30/11/2017*).
2. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
Petition by Bello Ahmed and Two Others:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Bello Ahmed and two Others against the Nigeria Prisons Service on Appeal for Intervention and Urgent Redress” (*Referred: 3/3/2016*).
3. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
Petition by Vettal Mega Service Limited:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition

by Vettal Mega Service Limited against Opi/Oriental Energy/Shell over an unfair treatment and oppressive conduct meted to them” (*Referred 21/7/2016*).

4. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Petition by Mr. Ebi Tubotu:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr. Ebi Tubotu against the Nigeria Police Force and Airtel Nigeria Limited on Alleged Unwarranted Arrest, Torture, Humiliation and Unlawful Detention and Violation of his Fundamental Human Rights” (*Referred 21/4/2016*).

5. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Petition by Ordinary President (Dr.) Ahmed Isah:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ordinary President (Dr.) Ahmed Isah on behalf of Samuel David and Eight others against the Chairman, Suleja Local Government Area of Niger State on the forceful Demolition of Houses belonging to Original Inhabitants of the Old Army Barracks Suleja, Niger State” (*Referred: 1/6/2017*).

6. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Petition by Osita Nwankwo:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Osita Nwankwo against the Chief of Army Staff on the wrongful retirement from service” (*Referred: 18/1/2017*).

7. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Petition by Olumuyiwa Ogunlami and Co:

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Olumuyiwa Ogunlami and Co. on behalf of Delfino Anthonia Mekanda and three Other Family Members against the Federal Government and the Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos on the Refusal of the Federal Government to pay all the compensation on their Land acquired for the Establishment of the University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos State, also joined in the petition are the Attorney-General of the Federation, the Surveyor-General of the Federation and the Federal Ministry of Education” (*Referred: 23/3/2017*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. ***Consolidation of Bills:***

- (a) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, Cap. R3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Reduction in the Membership of the Council and to Provide for the Payment of all Monies Received by the Council into the Federation Account in Accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Related Matters (HBs. 650 and 948) (*Hon. Jerry Alagbaoso and Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung*);

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- (b) A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, Cap. R3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and to Re-enact the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Bill; and for Related Matters (HB. 1220) (*Leader*); and
- (c) A Bill for an Act to Amend the Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act, Cap. R3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Payment of all Monies received by the Council into the Federation Account in accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999; and for Related Matters (HB. 1283) (*Hon. Uchechuku G. Nnam-Obi*).
2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Code Act, Cap. C38, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to criminalize any interference in the Duty and Authority of the Senate or the House of Representatives; and for Related Matters (HB. 1274) (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai*) - *Second Reading*.
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish FCT Directorate of Road Traffic and Motor Vehicle Administration Services (DRTMVAS) to be saddled with the Responsibility of Road Traffic Management and Motor Vehicle Administration Services within the Federal Capital Territory (FCT); and for Related Matters (HB. 1279) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) - *Second Reading*.
4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Allocation of Revenue (Federation Account, Etc.) Act, Cap. A15, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Establish the Excess Revenue Fund Account; and for Related Matters (HB. 1277) (*Hon. Lovette Ederin Idisi*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

5. **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) Mandate the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways to investigate the causes of abandonment of the ferry services with a view to causing its restoration and report within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

6. **Need to Educate and Encourage Herdsmen on the benefits of Ranching instead of the Proposed Cattle Colonies in every State of the Federation:**
Hon. Mohammed Ogoshi Onawo:

The House:

Notes the incessant clashes between herdsmen and farmers that have presented serious security challenges in Nigeria;

Aware that most of those clashes stem from the practice of herdsmen roaming in the wild across the length and breadth of the country in search of grazing pastures for their cattle and as a result, trespassing into, and damaging crops in farms;

Also aware that the grazing practice of the herdsmen is not only exposing them to danger as they fall prey to cattle rustlers and kidnappers, but also results in conflicts with farmers whose crops are trampled upon by the cattle;

Also notes the Federal Government's proposal to establish cattle colonies in every State in Nigeria to cater for the herdsmen and their cattle as a lasting solution to the continuous clashes which, in most cases, result in senseless and avoidable loss of lives and properties;

Concerned that the decision to establish cattle colonies in each State could be in violation of Section 42 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) and the Land Use Act as those colonies will remain the exclusive reserve of the individual State governments and as such, would not guarantee total freedom to the herdsmen;

Observes that cattle rearing is not an exclusive reserve of the Fulanis as other tribes also engage in the business;

Determined to provide a lasting solution to the incessant conflicts between herdsmen and farm owners, hence modern breeding practices should be encouraged;

Convinced that ranching will offer longer lasting solution to the recurring conflicts between herdsmen and farmers, if the herdsmen would be fully sensitized and educated about the benefits of the program, as it would enable them assume full ownership of those ranches;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to consider a soft or subsidized loan scheme for herds owners to buy lands as a means of encouragement for them to ranch;
- (ii) Also urge the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources to liaise with State Ministries of Agriculture to speedily educate and encourage the herdsmen on the benefits of ranching;
- (iii) Mandate the Committee on Agriculture Production and Services to ensure implementation and report within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action.

7. **Need to Apply the “No Work, No Pay” Rule on the Non-Academic Staff Unions of Public Universities as a Result of their Incessant Strike Actions Which Continuously Disrupt Academic Activities in Universities:**

Hon. Bode Ayorinde Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok:

The House:

Notes the ongoing strike action embarked upon by the various Unions in Nigerian Universities, namely the Academic Staff Union of Universities (NASU), Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT) and the Joint Action Committee (JAC), over the non-implementation of earned allowances, despite the Agreement reached with the Federal Government;

Also notes that those Unions keep the administrative and technical work alive in the Universities in order for Nigerian students to achieve quality education;

Aware that besides non-payment of allowances, the Unions are also demanding that the Federal Government should upgrade technology equipment in the Universities as the provision of sustainable infrastructure development in the University as well as provide sustainable infrastructure;

Concerned that the strike has paralysed activities in the Universities as most of them are unable to conclude the 2016/2017 academic session, while others are yet to resume for the 2017/2018 session as well as rendering the academic calendar of public Universities unpredictable and unrealizable;

Cognizant that education must be given priority in the society in order not to endanger the future of the upcoming generation;

Concerned by the situation where strikes have to be continually embarked upon by the Unions in the education system in order for necessary payments to be made and infrastructure to be put in place;

Also aware that the non-academic staff who are supposed to be on strike still open the Accounts Offices to process their salaries which they have been receiving regularly despite not working while the students and the Government have been made to bear the brunt;

Further aware that section 43(1)(a) of the Trade Dispute Act, Cap T8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 recognizes the right of a worker to disengage from service where there is a breakdown of negotiation with his employer, but also provides a corresponding right of the employer to withhold the employee's wages for the duration of withdrawal of service;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Non-Academic Staff Unions of the Public Universities to resume work immediately;
- (ii) Further urge the Federal Ministries of Education, Labour, Employment and Productivity the National Universities Commission, (NUC), and the Accountant General of the Federation to apply the “No Work No Pay” rule with the effect from February, 2018 if the Non-Academic Staff Unions of the Public Universities refuse to resume work while they continue to negotiate for their perceived rights and privileges;

- (iii) Mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services and Labour, Employment and Productivity to engage the relevant Ministries and Trade Unions with a view to finding lasting solution to the incessant strike actions in the Universities and report within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

8. **Need to Control the Proliferation of Universities in Nigeria.**
Hon. Ayodele Oladimeji.

The House:

Notes that the strategic importance of university education to any nation cannot be over emphasized and Nigeria is no exception as they support innovation, broaden the scope of research which lead to new discoveries for industrialization and encourage growth, productivity and job creation;

Also notes that tertiary education is the platform for developing human capital for social, economic and technological transformation of any nation;

Observes that the National Universities Commission Act, Cap N81, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 vests the Commission with powers to approve the establishment of new Universities and other degree awarding Institutions in the country;

Concerned about the exponential increase in the number of tertiary institutions, without corresponding increase in requisite modern facilities and currently there are 153 Universities in addition to over 240 applications for the establishment of a new universities currently pending at the National Universities Commission, (NUC);

Informed that no fewer than 1.8million graduates enter the labour market every year with hopes of getting jobs that are not available and employability of those graduates have been questioned rather than availability of jobs;

Also concerned that .no single Nigerian University could make the rank of the first 1,000 Universities in the world, going by the 2017 ranking universities system while Universities in African countries like South Africa, Egypt and Ghana made the list;

Further concerned that the learning environment is seriously compromised by over congested classrooms, overcrowded laboratories among others and mindful that if the resources being used in establishing new Universities are put into expanding and equipping the existing ones, in no distant time our Universities will rank among the best in the world;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Education to consider initiating an amendment of Section 4 of the National Universities Commission Act, to accommodate **ONLINE COURSES** so as to reduce the number of students on Campuses making use of the limited facilities;

- (ii) Also urge the Federal Ministries of Budget and National Planning, the Federal Ministry of Education and the National Universities Commission (NUC) to consciously develop a planned growth in the number of Universities in consonance with the population, economic growth and development and manpower requirements of the country.

9. **Need for Adequate Funding of Research Institutes In Nigeria:**
Hon. Abdul Raheem Olajide Jimoh Hon. Akinwunmi Nurudeen Olaitan.

The House:

Notes that research institutes in Nigeria have been under funded over the years by the Federal Government;

Recalls that on March 4, 2016, Research Experts under the aegis of Academic Staff Union of Research Institutions (ASURI) protested in Abuja over inadequate of government funding of the Research Institutes;

Aware that all the developed nations in the world are paying attention to research and training at various sectors ranging from science and technology to agriculture;

Also aware that the bulk of the researches being carried out at various Research Institutions in Nigeria are largely funded by interested individuals and Non- governmental Organizations (NGOs) from within and outside Nigeria, whereas the outcome of such research work are mostly kept in various institutions libraries and laboratories without their being used for developmental purposes;

Concerned that direct and indirect jobs can be created for the teeming unemployed youths by virtue of adequate funding of the Research Institutions in Nigeria by the Federal Government;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to dedicate at last ten (10) percent of the total annual budget for research institutions in Nigeria;
- (ii) also urge the federal Government to set up a Task Force to monitor the utilisation of the funds;
- (iii) Mandate the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services, Science and Technology, Labour, Employment and Productivity, Agricultural Colleges and Institutions to organize a joint Session on funding Research Institutions in Nigeria;

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

10. **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 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 and approve the recommendations therein” (Laid: 8/2/2018).

11. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Report on the Petition by 1st Synergy Resources Limited against Salini Nigeria Limited:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by 1st Synergy Resources Limited against Salini Nigeria Limited on alleged economic sabotage through tax evasion and money laundering activities amounting to over N100, 000, 000, 000 (One Hundred Billion Naira) from 2001 to date and approve the recommendations therein” (Laid: 26/7/2017).

- (i) That the sum of Forty-two Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twelve Naira, Five Kobo (N42, 726, 712. 05) being the total amount arrived at by the Consultant, Olayiwola Adesina and Co. (Chartered Accountants). Salini Nigerian Limited and Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS) be paid to the Petitioner;
- (ii) that 5% of the recommendation (i) be paid to the Petitioner in line with Whistler Blowing Policy.

12. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Report on the Petition by Veronica Umar:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Veronica Umar against the Nigeria Police Force on the alleged misconduct and unlawful termination of her appointment and approve the Recommendation therein (Laid: 26/7/2017).

That Veronica Umar be reinstated in line with the recommendation held by the Nigeria Police Force;

13. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Report on the Petition by Lieutenant Colonel Chris Ugokwe (rtd):

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Lieutenant Colonel Chris Ugokwe (rtd) on alleged injustice meted on him by the Federal Capital Territory Directorate of Land (AGIS and approve the recommendation therein)” (Laid: 18/5/2017).

Urge the Federal Ministry of Federal Capital Territory to allocate a parcel of land to Lieutenant Colonel Chris Ugokwe (Rtd) in any part of Abuja where he can commence development on compassionate grounds.

14. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Report on the Petition by Olufemi Erinoluwa:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Olufemi Erinoluwa against CNC Quarry Nigeria Limited and Jackson for dishonest and fraudulent conduct and refusal to pay for services to the Company and approve the recommendation therein” (Laid: 21/11/2017);

That since Olufemi Erinoluwa has been paid, the Committee lack the competence to award him damages as it is only a Court of competent jurisdiction that can make that award.

15. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Report on the Petition by Aba Landlords Protection and Development Association (ALPADA):

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Aba Landlords Protection and Development Association (ALPADA) against Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC) for unlawful charges by NEPA/PHCN/EEDC on estimated crazy bills and maintenance and approve the recommendation therein” (*Laid: 21/11/2017*).

Urge the Nigeria Electricity Regulatory Commission to monitor the activities of the Enugu Electricity Distribution Company in Aba to ensure that customers are not overbilled or short changed through dubious practices.

16. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Report on the Petition by Nkwere Charles Ekele and Ugwa Arinze Augustine:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Nkwere Charles Ekele and Ugwa Arinze Augustine against the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC) on alleged unlawful termination of appointment and approve the recommendation therein” (*Laid: 21/11/2017*).

Urge the Federal Civil Service Commission to reinstate Nkwere Charles Ekele and Ugwa Arinze Augustine back to the Service as they have not violated any of its Rules.

17. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Report on the Petition by Ozegbe David Abiaboh:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ozegbe David Abiaboh against the Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs on Removal of his name from the Nominal Roll, stoppage of salary and non-issuance of letter of reinstatement and approve the recommendation therein” (*Laid: 21/11/2017*).

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs to reinstate Ozegbe David as he was only suspended and not dismissed;
- (ii) that his salary from October, 2010 when he was suspended till date be paid to him;
- (iii) that his name should be restored to the nominal roll; or
- (iv) alternatively, a letter of release should be granted to Ozegbe David.

18. **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Report on the Petition by Evaristus D. Egbegu & Co:

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Evaristus D. Egbegu & Co against the Inspector General of Police and the Police Service Commission for refusal to comply with Court Order and approve the recommendation therein” (*Laid: 21/11/2017*).

Urge the Inspector General of Police to comply with the judgement of the Federal High Court delivered on 19 February, 2009 in Suit No. CS/114/2006 between Evarisuts Egbegbu vs, IGP and 3 Others reinstating Evaristus D. Egbegu with full benefits and without loss of seniority.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 20 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (Investigative Hearing)	Tuesday, 20 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Women Affair and Social Development (Budget Defence)	Tuesday, 20 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 244 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
4.	Steel (Budget)	Tuesday, 20 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 034 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
5.	Public Accounts	Tuesday, 20 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 446 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
6.	Climate Change	Tuesday, 20 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 357 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
7.	Ad-hoc Committee on the Non-compliance with the Provisions of the Maritime Academy Nigeria Oron, Akwa Ibom State (Planning)	Tuesday, 20 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 1-44 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
8.	Judiciary (Budget defence with the Chief Registrar of the FCT High Court)	Tuesday, 20 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
9.	Federal Character (with Upper Benue River Basin Authority)	Thursday, 15 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 247 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
10.	Insurance and Actuarial Matters	Thursday, 15 February, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 455 New Building (House) Assembly Complex