



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 7 March, 2018

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. National Maritime Security Infrastructure Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1358) (*Hon. Tony Nwoye*) – *First Reading*.
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 3. Institute of Core Development Management and Administration of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1360) (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta*) – *First Reading*.
 4. Federal Polytechnic Ikoyi, Osun State (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1361) (*Hon. Ayo Omidiran*) – *First Reading*.
 5. Federal University of Agriculture, Araromi-Owu (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1362) (*Hon. Ayo Omidiran*) – *First Reading*.
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PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

1. **Committee on Public Petitions:**
Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:
Petition by Empowerment for Unemployed Youth Initiative and Nine Other Civil Society Organizations:
“That the House do Receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by

Empowerment for Unemployed Youth Initiative and Nine Other Civil Society Organizations against the Federal Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Defence on the Ceding of Nigeria Coastal Waterways to HLSI Security Firms and the Technology and Commercialization of the Nigeria Navy to Shorfac Consortium Limited” (*Referred: 23/11/2017*).

2. Committee on Public Petitions:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Petition by Igwe (Arc) Augustine Azuka Ngoddy Mcpkoc:

“That the House do Receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Igwe (Arc) Augustine Azuka Ngoddy Mcpkoc against the Nigeria Police Force Command, Awka over the Land Allocation by Atani Community for Police Station, Atani” (*Referred: 16/1/2018*).

3. Committee on Public Petitions:

Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:

Petition by Ahmed A. Abbas and Twenty-Five Others

“That the House do Receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ahmed A. Abbas and Twenty-Five Others against Staff School, Federal Polytechnic, Mubi, Adamawa State on their unlawful dismissal” (*Referred: 27/1/2016*).

4. Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream):

Hon. Akinlaja Iranola Joseph:

‘That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on the Urgent Need to Address the Subversion of Due Process and Outright Corruption by the Management of Pipelines and Products Marketing Company (PPMC) (HR. 264/2015)” (*Referred: 14/12/2015*).

5. Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream):

Hon. Akinlaja Iranola Joseph:

‘That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on the Need for a Clear-Cut Policy Framework on Deregulation of Kerosene to Avert the Current Challenges Faced by the Poor Masses in the Purchase of Kerosene (HR. 66/2017)” (*Referred: 7/3/2017*).

6. Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream):

Hon. Akinlaja Iranola Joseph:

‘That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on the Need to Arrest the Resurgence of Kerosene Explosions with Attendant Fatalities (HR. 94/2017)” (*Referred: 15/3/2017*).

7. Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream):

Hon. Akinlaja Iranola Joseph:

‘That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Downstream) on the Need to Investigate the Disappearance of Eleven Billion Naira Worth of Petroleum Products belonging to the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) (HR. 175/2017)” (*Referred: 27/4/2017*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency with a view to conducting Research in areas of Ethno-Medical and Veterinary Survey so as to develop a Comprehensive Inventory of Medicinal, Aromatic and Pesticide Plants in Animals and Animal Parts, Minerals and other Bio-diversities used in Natural Medicine in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1219) (*Leader*) – *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Regulate Value Added Services in the Telecommunications Industry; and for Related Matters (HB. 1209) (*Hon. Ujam Chukwuemeka*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

3. Rescission on the Discharge of Referrals to the Committees on Defence, Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and Special Duties Pursuant to Order Nine, Rule 1(6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives:
Hon. E. Y. Orker-Jev:

The House:

Notes that on 13 and 21 February, 2018 respectively, the Committees on Defence, Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and Special Duties were discharged from the Referral of the undermentioned Bills pursuant to Order Seventeen, Rule 3(1) (g) of the Standing Orders of the House:

- (i) Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (HB. 399);
- (ii) Security Services Welfare Infrastructural Development Commission Bill, 2015; (HB. 83);
- (iii) Federal Capital Territory College of Agriculture (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015; (HB. 309);
- (iv) FCT University of Science and Technology, Abaji (Establishment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 145); and
- (v) Public Private Partnership Regulatory Commission Bill, 2016 (HB. 358);

Informed that the Committees have conducted Public Hearings on the Bills, and have written their reports, which are awaiting presentation in line with legislative practice and procedures but had not presented them before they were discharged from the referrals;

Also informed that the Reports of the Committees with the aggregated opinions of the players and stakeholders in the sectors are now ready for presentation;

Resolves to:

- (i) Rescind the Resolutions of 13 and 21 February, 2018 respectively which discharged the Committees on Defence, Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and Special Duties of the referral on the Bills;
- (ii) Refer the Bills back to the Committees on Defence, Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and Special Duties respectively for further legislative action.

4. 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 damage;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways to investigate the remote causes of abandonment of the ferry services and make recommendations within four (4) weeks on measures to be taken to restore the Oron-Calabar ferry services.

**5. Need to Investigate the Recent Mishaps involving Dana Airline:
Hon. Prestige Ossy:**

The House:

Notes that Dana Air Limited is a fully privately owned carrier which commenced flight operations on 10 November, 2008 and has been a troubled airline with unpredictable history of accidents and mishaps;

Recalls that on 3 June 2012, after passengers had boarded the aircraft at the Lagos airport, it was allegedly delayed from take-off as aeronautic engineers discovered some faults and changed the hydraulic fluid under the left side under carriage tyre mechanism;

Also recalls that in the same year, Dana Air Flight 0992 crashed into a two-storey building in Iju-Ishaga, a densely populated area of Lagos state, only four nautical miles from the Murtala Muhammed Airport, killing all 153 passengers on board, and some residents of the building;

Also notes that the aircraft, McDonnell Douglas MD 83 was manufactured in 1983 and has had history of mechanical problems with its former owners, US based Alaska Airlines before it was sold to Dana Airline in 2009;

Aware that on 19 February, 2018, Dana Aircraft numbered 9J0363, flying from Abuja to Port Harcourt crash landed at the Port Harcourt International Airport but no casualty was recorded as all passengers on board were evacuated, an incident which occurred due to heavy downpour accompanied with a strong wind and storm in Port Harcourt;

Informed that a few weeks earlier, the same Dana Aircraft had its door opened while landing at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja;

Concerned that the lives and property of passengers may not be safe as a result of the series of mishaps associated with Dana Airline;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Aviation to investigate the circumstances that led to the crash landing and the opening of the aircraft door while it was landing and report back within one (1) week for further legislative action.

**6. Need to Address the Infrastructure and Other Challenges along the Abuja-Kaduna Rail Line:
Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim:**

The House:

Notes that on 27 July, 2016 the Federal Government commissioned the Abuja-Kaduna railway line to boost rail transportation and commercial activities between the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja and Kaduna State and by extension the North West Geo-political Zone of the Country;

Also notes that the train undertakes four (4) trips daily from Abuja to Kaduna except on Sundays when it leaves Abuja by 12:30pm to Kaduna and then departs from Kaduna at 4pm and arrives Abuja at 6.20pm;

Aware that the train has a 360 passenger capacity and is fully air-conditioned with First and Second class coaches that have male and female rest rooms;

Also aware that the First Class Passengers pay ₦1,500 while the Second Class passengers pay ₦1,050 only, however the Air conditioning system in the Second class compartment does not function due to the adulterated diesel allegedly supplied by Contractors who are alleged to be cronies of the Management of the Nigeria Railway Corporation;

Further aware that the train has 9 stop over stations between Idu in FCT and Rigasa in Kaduna State but only three stations in Idu and Kubwa have security lights and the failure of the Corporation to maintain security lights in the other 6 Stations is capable of endangering the lives of the passengers who will be disembarking at those stations at night;

Informed that each of the sub-stations has only four (4) policemen on duty and who do not carry fire arms at the moment, while the staff are alleged to be in the habit of ticket racketeering at the stations;

Concerned that mobile telecommunication service is extremely poor along the rail route from Abuja-Kaduna, thus passengers can hardly make telephone calls or access internet facilities, thus in the event of breakdown on the way, urgent calls for help may only come through the use of the Trains communication facility;

Also concerned that the train is being maintained by a Chinese Engineering Firm that has allegedly deployed only two engineers for the purpose and there is no effort to train Nigerian engineers to learn to maintain the train and the two Chinese engineers are living at huge costs to the Federal Government without any plan for transfer of technology;

Also informed that the Corporation generates at least ₦1, 000, 000 per day on ticket sales only and operates throughout the week, yet its lower cadre staff are grossly under paid and have extremely poor welfare packages;

Further concerned that from Idu in Abuja to Rigasa in Kaduna, a distance of 187 km, the Train takes 2 hours 20 minutes to cover while in other African countries that are less endowed like Ethiopia and Morocco, their Trains cover 320 KM per hour which is far more efficient and faster than what obtains in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Inspector General of Police to deploy armed and adequate number of policemen to provide security at each of the 9 Stations between Abuja and Kaduna State;
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Land Transport to interface with the Nigeria Railway Corporation with a view to addressing the challenges and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

**7. Need to Equip and make the Federal Fire Service more Efficient:
Hon. O. K Chinda.**

The House:

Notes the recurring incidents of fire disasters in several parts of the country and the attendant effects on all the affected persons;

Also notes that in many cases, several lives, property as well as huge sums of money have been lost to fire incidents, most of which were avoidable;

Further notes that in many of those fire incidents, fire fighters put in their best and in some cases put their lives on the line when called upon to put out fires but the overall performances of the Fire Service has been abysmally poor due to lack of basic fire-fighting equipment as well as poor funding of the Fire Service;

Aware that Section 1 of the Fire Service Act, Cap. F29, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 established the Federal Fire Service and Section 2 vests it with the responsibility of extinguishing, controlling and preventing fire, saving and protecting lives and property and such other humanitarian and other services as may be required of it;

Also aware that pursuant to the above provisions, the Federal Fire Service, in partnership with “Corporate Nigeria”, came up with some initiatives, such as “Safety Begins With Me”, National Fire Safety Marshal Certification Programme and National Junior Fire Safety Marshal Clubs; a fire prevention and preparedness initiatives aimed at helping to avoid costly damage, injuries to employees, visitors and potential loss of businesses;

Commends the above initiatives but notes that much needs to be done to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Federal Fire Service;

Concerned that the recurring fire incidents across the country constitute a major public health and safety malaise, as well as a huge burden on the people and unless urgent measures are taken to check same, the safety of lives and property of Nigerians will continue to be endangered.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to reposition, equip and properly fund the Federal Fire Service to make it more efficient and result-oriented;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Interior, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to urgently undertake an appraisal of the state of equipment of the Federal Fire Service and current stage of the “Safety Begins with Me” campaign and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

**8. Need for the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) to Commence Work on the Proposed Skills Acquisition Centre in Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency of Lagos State:
Hon. Rita Orji:**

The. House:

Notes that Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency is densely populated with an adult population of 2.6 million as captured by the 2006 Census exercise;

Also notes that the entire South West Geopolitical Zone does not have a modern skills acquisition center like other zones to train people to be self-reliant and independent;

Further notes that the Hon. Minister of Labour and Employment, Dr. Chris Ngige had mandated the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) to undertake the construction of the skills acquisition center in the South West Zone;

Informed that in a bid to ensure the construction of a skills acquisition center in Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal constituency, a parcel of land measuring about 3.4 hectares was provided for the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) and approval was given for same by the Hon Minister since year 2017 but the NDE has not complied due to bureaucratic bottle necks;

Aware that providing a skills acquisition center in the Constituency will reduce the menace of jobless youths commonly referred to as Area Boys, harness their enormous potentials and enable them become self-reliant with a view to generating a pool of indigenous and trained manpower sufficient to meet the needs of the private and public sectors of the entire Constituency and beyond;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity to interface with the Hon. Minister of Labour and Employment and the Director-General of the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) to ascertain the reasons for the delay of the project in Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency with a view to ensuring its early commencement;
- (ii) also mandate the Committees on Appropriations and Legislative Compliance to ensure that the project is included in the 2018 Appropriation proposal.

9. Need to Upgrade the Teaching Hospitals and the National Hospital, Abuja to International Standard:

Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola:

The House:

Notes that available statistics show that Nigerians spend over \$1billion (₦360billion) yearly on medical treatment abroad, with the most popular destinations being India, UK, Germany, United States, Israel and some other Countries in the Middle East;

Also notes that despite Nigeria being a major signatory to the Abuja Declaration of Heads of Governments which resolved to adopt a minimum of 15% as national health budgets for all members in Africa, the Country has never exceeded 6% since that laudable step was taken in 2001;

Aware that in 2017, less than 5% (₦303billion) of the budget was allocated for health care despite serious negative health indices, including the dishonor of being a major exporter of the oral polio virus to other nations;

Also aware that the 1% consolidated funds which the National Health Act, 2014 stipulated should be for health, especially for universal health coverage with health insurance and primary healthcare, has never been implemented since the Act was enacted in 2014;

Further aware that several studies have shown that if the twenty Teaching Hospitals spread across the six geo-political zones of the Country are refurbished and made to function optimally, Nigerians will not need to travel abroad for medical treatment and it will also prevent brain drain in the health sector; *Concerned* that the National Hospital Abuja, that was built to offer world class health services is perhaps the most obvious demonstration of this problem, as it has become a shadow of its former self, beset by glaring case of insufficient equipment, including a non-functioning MRI and linear accelerator machines;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to:
 - (a) upgrade at least one Teaching Hospital in each of the geo-political zone and the National Hospital Abuja, to international standard to curb the incessant rate of medical tourism abroad
 - (b) set in motion necessary machineries that would ensure an upward review of the Budgetary allocation for the health sector to meet the minimum 15% recommended by African Heads of States in Abuja, known as the Abuja Declaration 2001, and enhances the full implementation of the budget in the health sector so as to elevate the quality of medical services available in the local health institutions;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity to ensure implementation.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

10. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Private Guard Companies Act, Cap.P30, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Vest Licensing of Private Guard Companies Expressly in the Hands of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and Review Penalties Upwards; and for Related Matters (HBs. 225 and 348) – *Committee of the Whole: 28/9/2017.*
11. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Lagos Port Operations (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. L3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Fines Upwards and for Related Matters (HB. 269) (*Hon. Gabriel Onyenwufe*) – (*Committee of the Whole: 6/4/2017.*)
12. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Architects (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. A19, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to enhance the Penalties and to Make Appeals from the Disciplinary Committee Lie to the High Court; and for Related Matters. (HB.254) – *Committee of the Whole 6/6/2017.*
13. **Nigeria-Saudi Arabia Parliamentary Friendship and Hajj Affairs:**
Hon. Abdullahi Balarabe Salame:
 “That the House do consider the Report of the Nigeria-Saudi Arabia Parliamentary Friendship and Hajj Affairs on the Highlights of the 2017 Hajj and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 18/1/2018*):
 - (i) commend the National Hajj Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) for the successful 2017 Hajj exercise and pray that the 2018 Hajj exercise will be better;
 - (ii) that NAHCON should find ways of reducing Hajj fares;
 - (iii) that even though the National Medical Team policy adopted by the Commission has improved significantly, the arrangement should be elaborated further to make the medical facility accessible with ease and close to pilgrims accommodation;
 - (iv) that States should be encouraged to move the accommodation of their pilgrims very close to Haram in Makkah (not beyond bridges of Kubri Mansur and Kubri Massafala) and such states could come together within the vicinity of Haram for easy management;
 - (v) that the Commission made commendable effort to curtail the activities of drug peddling during the 2017 Hajj and should sustain the feat by more enlightenment of pilgrims;
 - (vi) that NAHCON should ensure early airlift of pilgrims back home;
 - (vii) urge NAHCON to immediately commence refund of money paid for wrist band to all pilgrims that have paid and established not to have benefitted.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Wednesday, 7 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
2.	Culture and Tourism	Wednesday, 7 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 460 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Works	Wednesday, 7 March, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

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| 4. | <i>Federal Character (with the National Directorate of Employment, the Maritime Academy Oron, the Federal Polytechnic Nekede and the Federal Judicial Service Commission)</i> | Wednesday, 7 March, 2018 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 247
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
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