



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 12 April, 2018

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PRESENTATION OF BILL

Electoral Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1368) (*Hon. Karimi Steve Sunday and 7 Others*) – *First Reading*.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, Cap. A18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Arbitration and Conciliation Bill to Provide a Unified Legal Framework for the Fair, Efficient Settlement of Commercial Disputes by Arbitration and Conciliation, make Applicable the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York Convention) to any Award made in Nigeria or in any Contracting State arising out of International Commercial Arbitration; and for Related Matters. (HB.1377) (*Senate*) (*Leader*) — *Second Reading*.
2. A Bill for an Act to Provide a Legal Framework for the Establishment of Commercial and Industrial Development Authority which shall provide Designated Areas for Industrial Estates, Parks, Clusters, Enterprises Zones and Incubators in each Zone of the Country, Provide for the Establishment, Development or Maintenance of Industrial undertaking and Incentives to Industrialist; and for Related Matters (HB.1291) (*Hon. Mike Etaba*) – *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to merge the functions of the National Manpower Board Act, Cap. N57, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 into the functions of the National Planning Commission Act, Cap. N66 Laws of the Federation of the Nigeria, 2004 to further Empower the National Planning Commission to determine and advise the Federal Government of Nigeria on the Nation's Manpower Needs in all Occupations; and for Related Matters (HB.1288) (*Hon. Ayeola Abayomi Abdul-Kabir*) – *Second Reading*.

MOTIONS

4. **Need to Address the Plight of the Victims of Landslides at Tuomo Community in Burutu Federal Constituency.**

Hon Julius G. Pondi

The House:

Notes that on 18 and 26 March, 2018, two massive landslides hit Tuomo community of Burutu Federal Constituency which resulted in destruction of property worth millions of naira and, displacement of indigenes living in the affected areas,

Aware that consequent to the landslide, members of Tuomo Community are faced with lack of food, loss of shelter and farm lands, exposure to communicable diseases and other devastating effect, including imminent death, if not urgently addressed;

Also aware that the non-completion and abandonment of the Shoreline Protection Project awarded to Vibrofloatation and Geotechnical Nigeria Limited by the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) led to the avoidable but dreadful landslides;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, provide relief materials to Tuomo Community in Burutu Federal Constituency, so as to ameliorate the sufferings of the displaced indigenes;
- (ii) also urge the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) to immediately recall the contractor, Vibrofloatation and Geotechnical Nigeria Limited, to site to complete the Shoreline Protection Project, so as to avoid future landslides in the area;
- (iii) Mandate the Committees on Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance.

5. **Call for Audit and Upgrade of Facilities at the Benin Airport, Edo State:**

Hon. Omosede Igbiniedion.

The House:

Notes that the Benin Airport which was constructed in 1956, and located about 2km southwest of the ancient Benin Kingdom is one of the oldest Airports in Nigeria;

Also notes the importance of the Airport to the people of Edo and Delta States which currently does not render night services such as landing or taking off;

Aware that in 2013, a 13 year old Daniel Ohikhena, stowed in the wheel of Arik flight W3544 from Benin Airport to Lagos, among other incidences;

Also aware that in 2015, the Airport was shut down for weeks to allow for upgrading of the Runway and the firefighting department;

Concerned about the gradual dilapidation of the Benin Airport Runway, absence of Perimeter fencing which makes the Airport susceptible to trespass by both people and animals, and lack of capacity to operate flight travels beyond certain times in a day;

Recalls that when Mr. Saleh Dunomas, the Managing Director of the Federal Airports Authority visited the Airport in 2017, he expressed the intention of the Authority to concession the Airport and to partner with the Edo State Government to operate 24 hours flight schedule daily;

Cognizant of the need to ensure security and safety in Nigeria's aviation sector, hence the call to improve the condition of the Benin Airport;

Desirous of taking pro-active measures to ensuring that the Benin Airport is upgraded to meet International standards;

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Airports Authority (FAAN) and the Nigerian Airspace Management Agency (NAMA) to:
 - (a) commence repairs on the Benin Airport Runway and erect Perimeter fence around the Airport;
 - (b) Upgrade the Navigational, Communications and Surveillance Equipments at the Benin Airport Traffic Control Towers; and
- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Aviation to visit the Benin Airport to inspect and take an audit of the Airport Air Traffic Control Towers.

6. Need to Investigate the Proposed Payment of \$17 Million to Lawyers by the Attorney General of the Federation for Recovery of 'Abacha Loot'

Hon. Mark Terseer Gbillah:

The House:

Aware that Mr Enrico Monfrini, a Swiss Lawyer was engaged by the Nigerian Government since 1999 to work on recovering the Abacha Loot for which the sum of \$321 million was a part and had finished the Luxembourg leg of the job since 2014 when Mohammed Bello Adoke was the Attorney-General of the Federation;

Again aware that Mr Mofrini had since been paid by the Federal Government for his legal services for the recovery of the money which was then domiciled with the Attorney-General of Switzerland pending the signing of an MoU with Nigeria to avoid the issues of accountability around previous recoveries;

Notes that all that was left was the signing of the MoU which is a government-to- government communication for the money to be repatriated to Nigeria;

Also aware that Abubakar Malami, SAN, the Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of the Federation, had curiously engaged the services of another set of Nigerian Lawyers in 2016, namely, Oladipo Okpeseyi, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), and Temitope Adebayo for a fee of \$16.9 Million (about N6 Billion), without due process;

Recalls that both Lawyers had worked for President Muhammadu Buhari's Congress for Progressive Change (CPC), a legacy party of the All Progressive Congress (APC) when Malami was the legal adviser of CPC;

Also recall that the terms of the agreement reached with Mr. Mofrini for the recovery clearly spelt out that no other lawyer would be engaged for the return of the money to Nigeria;

Resolves to:

- (i) Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the engagement of Nigerian lawyers, namely - Oladipo Okpeseyi, (SAN), and Temitope Adebayo for a fee of \$16.9 million (about N6 billion), when the actual work had been concluded by Mr Enrico Monfrini, and was paid by the Nigerian government for the recovery of the sum of \$321 million part of the Abacha loot from Luxembourg, and whether due process was followed and to report back within six weeks for further legislative action.
- (ii) Request His Excellency, President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, to suspend the payment of the said fee of \$16.9 million (about N6 billion) or any part thereof pending investigation on the matter.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

7. **Hon. Abubakar Hussaini Moriki:**

“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Industry on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Small and Medium Scale Industries Development Agency (Establishment) Act, 2003 and Establish the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria to Regulate, Oversee, Coordinate, Monitor and Evaluate the Developmental Activities and Operation of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Nigeria and Amend the Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency Act to Expressly Provide the Agency with Powers to Protect Artisans, Market Women and Traders and to Organize them into Clusters for Optimum Benefits and for Related Matters (HBs 803 and 808) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid: 6/7/2017*) (*Committee of the Whole*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1. Rules and Business	Thursday, 12 April, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex