



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
ORDER PAPER
Thursday, 3 May, 2018**

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PRESENTATIONS BILLS

1. Federal Polytechnic, Kafanchan (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1440) (*Hon. Shehu Nicholas*) – *First Reading.*
 2. Federal College of Education (Special), Birnin Kudu (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1441) (*Hon. Magaji Da’u Aliyu.*) – *First Reading.*
 3. Road Accident Victims (Compulsory Compensation) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1442) (*Hon. Wale Raji*) – *First Reading.*
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PRESENTATIONS REPORTS

1. **Report of Conference Committee:**
Hon. Henry Nwawuba:
“That the House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Industrial Development (Income Tax Relief) Act, Cap. I. 7 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters”

2. Committee on Public Petitions:***Report by the Coalition of Civil Society Organisation for Justice and Equity:*****Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta:**

“That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by the Coalition of Civil Society Organisation for Justice and Equity against the Nigeria Police Force”
(*Referred: 21/1/2018*).

ORDERS OF THE DAY**BILLS**

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Coastal and Inland Shipping (Cabotage) Act, No. 5, 2003 to restrict the use of Foreign Vessels in Domestic Coastal and Inland Commercial activities, to Promote the Development of Indigenous Tonnage and Establish a Cabotage Vessel Financing Fund and for Related Matters (HB. 529) – *Third Reading*.
 2. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Inland Waterways Authority Act, Cap. N47, LFN 2004 and Enact the Nigerian Inland Waterways Bill, Establish the Nigerian Inland Waterways Authority to provide for the Management, Regulation and Development of the Nigerian Inland Waterways and to Promote Private Sector participation in the Development of the Nigerian Inland Waterways in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HBs. 267 and 854) – *Third Reading*.
 3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Commodity Brokers of Nigeria (CICBN) and for Related Matters (HB. 417) – *Third Reading*.
 4. A Bill for an Act to Establish the National Alternative Dispute Resolution Regulatory Commission with Responsibility to Promote and Regulate the Practice and use of Alternative Dispute Resolution in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1300) (*Hon. Jones Chukwudi Onyereru*) – *Second Reading*.
 5. A Bill for an Act to make Provision for Health Warning in the Advertisement of Alcohol in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 1286) (*Hon. Hosea Danasabe Charles*) – *Second Reading*.
 6. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Polytechnic, Ile-Oluji, Ondo State to Provide for Equity and Access to Tertiary Education in the Country, make Comprehensive Provisions for its Due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1299) (*Hon. Afe Olowookere*) – *Second Reading*.
 7. A Bill for an Act to make Provisions for Optional Paternity Leave to all Married Male Employees in Private and Public Service; and for Related Matters (HB. 1191) (*Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok*) – *Second Reading*.
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MOTIONS

8. **Call to Investigate the Killing of Late Ifeanyi Okafor by the Police at Okwelle, Onuimo L.G.A, Imo State:**

Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha:

The House:

Notes that the Right to life is the foremost Fundamental Right guaranteed to all as enshrined in Section 33 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended);

Regrets that over time, there have been several reports of violation of this all important Right by security agents in Nigeria, especially the Nigeria Police Force;

Informed of the unfortunate and unwarranted killing of Late Ifeanyi Okafor by a Police Officer right opposite the Okwelle Police Station in Onuimo L.G.A, Imo State;

Also informed that on 9 February, 2018 the said Police Officer demanded for the sum of Five Hundred Naira (₦500) from the deceased, but when his demand was not met, the Police Officer fatally shot Mr. Okafor;

Worried that several incidences of extra-judicial killings by security agents in Nigeria often go unchecked and largely unreported;

Recalls a recent outcry against similar extra-judicial killings by men of the Police Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) across the country which made the Police authorities promise to re-organize the SARS;

Observes that extra-judicial killings erode the confidence of Nigerians in the Nigeria Police Force, and this distrust has a direct adverse effect on the cooperation between the Police and the public to combat crime;

Convinced that it is time, as representatives of the people, to lend our voices to the campaign against extra-judicial killings in Nigeria by security operatives;

Resolves to:

- (i) Condemn the killing of the Late Ifeanyi Okafor by an officer of the Nigeria Police attached to the Okwelle police station, Onuimo LGA, Imo State;
- (ii) Also condemn all acts of extortion and harassment by men of the Nigeria Police Force;
- (iii) Mandate the Committee on Police Affairs to investigate the incidence surrounding the killing and ensure that the family of the deceased gets justice;

9. **Need to Investigate the Award of Contract for the Dredging of Warri Seaport and Escravos Channel by the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA):**

Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai

The House:

Notes the strategic and economic importance of water transport and maritime trade to Nigeria's economy;

Aware that the Federal Executive Council (FEC) approved the sum of N 10Billion for the dredging of Warri Seaport and Escravos Channel;

Commend the Federal Government efforts to invest in the dredging of Warri Seaport and the Escravos Channels;

Convinced that if these projects are successfully implemented as planned, it will revive and reenergize economic activities of the Niger Delta Region and the entire South-South Geopolitical zone;

Disturbed that the Nigeria Ports Authority took advantage of the FEC approval to award a contract worth N 10 Billion for the dredging of the Warri Seaport and Escravos Channel without any prior budgetary provision or appropriation;

Further disturbed that the contract was awarded to a company whose reputation and professional competence is smeared internationally, having suffered several criminal indictments and convictions in many countries;

Worried by attempts by some faceless persons to blackmail individuals and organization raising alarm over the alleged illegality in the award of the contract;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Ports, Harbours and Waterways and, Public Procurement to investigate the allegations and other infractions related to the award of the contract and report back within four weeks for further legislative action.

10. **Need to Investigate the Alleged Financial and Administrative Infractions by the Registrar of the Council for the Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria (CRFFN)**

Hon. Prestige Ossy

The House:

Notes that the sum of ~~₦~~3, 942,709,857 billion was approved for both Capital and Recurrent Expenditures for CRFFN in the Appropriation Act 2017, a breakdown of this sum shows that the sum of ~~₦~~3,650,000,000 Billion was for Capital Expenditure, while the sum of ~~₦~~292,709,857 was for Recurrent Expenditure;

Also notes that in the same financial year, CRFFN generated the sum of ~~₦~~14, 124,888.77 out of the projected Internally Generated Revenue of ~~₦~~5,042,348,663,00; which clearly shows poor performance by any standards;

Aware that the sum of ~~₦~~2,725,000,000 Billion was released and disbursed to CRFFN as Capital Expenditures, out of which the sum of ~~₦~~2,414,636,805.66 Billion is alleged to have been expended;

Concerned that the sum of ~~₦~~2.5 Billion was paid to contractors prior to the execution of the projects in breach of extant financial laws and regulations;

Also concerned that 5% of the sum of ~~₦~~836,458,385.28 which was approved for the construction of 61 outpost offices was paid to the beneficiary companies as VAT instead of Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), similarly 33 Contracts were awarded under the guise of construction/provision of buildings' at the sum of ~~₦~~418,113, 198.56 Million without due process and to some cities that have no relevance to Port or boarder operations, and 5% of this sum was paid as VAT to the beneficiary companies;

Aware of the fact that apart from the aforementioned financial infractions, the Registrar/Chief Execution officer of the CRFFN was also alleged to be involved in several other financial scandals which include unilateral approval of an undisclosed sum for the purchase of two Toyota Land Cruisers and fifty Toyota Hilux vans but purchased only one Land cruiser and ten Hilux vans, and diverted the rest of the funds;

Also aware that the Registrar diverted the sum of ~~₦~~35 Million meant for the opening of Micro Finance Bank for Freight Forwarders, rented his own personal House as office of CRFFN in Abuja for an undisclosed sum;

Worried that the way and manner these sums were expended shows financial recklessness and manifestation of incompetence on the part of the Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of CRFFN;

Further worried that the Registrar has abandoned one of the core mandate of the Council which is training of the Freight Forwarders as no training has taken place since he became the Registrar;

Further aware that the Registrar/ Chief Executive Officer of the CRFFN clandestinely recruit over 100 staff without due process, and allegedly occupying his office which he ought to have retired on 17 December, 2017 having attained the mandatory retirement age of 60 years;

Concerned that CRFFN which is affiliated to one of the global organizations in the Freight Forwarding Industry, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Association (FIATA) is on the verge of terminating its Membership due to non-payment of annual subscriptions for some years.

Also disturbed that the Registrar/Chief Executive cashed on the absence Council Members to promote some unqualified staff as Directors and unilaterally sacked/suspended some and recruited additional twenty-one (21) other staff without due process.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways to investigate the alleged financial and administrative infractions committed by the Registrar/Chief Executive of the CRFFN and report back in three (3) weeks for further legislative action.

11. **Need to Investigate Alleged Fictitious Contract Awards and Gross Mismanagement of Billions of Naira by the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA):**

Hon. Rimamnde Shawulu kwewum
Hon. Ibrahim Baba

Hon. Gabriel Onyenwife
Hon. Chris Agibe

The House:

Notes with concern the current Administration's anti-corruption posturing and recent developments in the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) as it relates to the award of questionable contracts, fraudulent forex transactions and other unwholesome and corrupt practices;

Also notes that there have been several allegations of questionable, inflated and fictitious contracts awarded by the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), particularly for non- operational speed boats, security surveillance known as 'Deep Blue Water Contract', revenue leakages and the award of contracts to cronies of the Director-General and other top management staff of the Agency, and suspicious forex transactions;

Aware of the under remittances of debts owed the country by Shipping firms, with the consent and connivance of the Agency;

Also aware that the Agency is alleged to have entered into a very dubious contract with a firm called 'XPO Marine Limited' for the lease of six (6) speed boats, each at the rate of \$173,930.00 monthly, without a "Need Assessment" for such facility being carried out by the relevant departments of the Agency. The said XPO Marine Limited had earlier been indicted for defrauding the Agency to the tune of \$80,000 in revenue;

Further aware that the security surveillance contract called 'Deep Blue Water Contract' is suspected to be a conduit by the management of the Agency to pilfer funds;

Further notes a security contract tagged 'National Integrated Surveillance and Waterways Protection' was awarded to an Israeli firm, HSLI Systems and Technologies Limited at the cost of \$195,300,000.00, despite an existing facility, which is a simple internet subscription via Lloyds Intelligence Platform for such operations;

Cognizant that the Agency has an existing surveillance system (called Lloyd's List Intelligence) for tracking the movement of vessels on Nigeria's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ);

Conscious of the fact that there is evidence that the Agency's Legal department counseled against the consummation of the contract on grounds of some fraudulent claims in the agreement, but same was not heeded to;

Alarmed that the facilities claimed by HSLI is said to be an existing surveillance infrastructure provided by KMBTS Limited, also an Israeli firm whose contract with the agency at the instance of the Agency's former DG had long expired;

Again aware that there are other allegations of abuse of office, corruption and other unwholesome practices within the Agency, such as withholding of remittable revenue by Gac Shipping Nigeria Limited, Daddo Marine Limited, Blue Seas Marine Services, Transocean Support Services Limited, leading to loss of revenue to the Federal government;

Further aware of the allegations of award of contracts to the DG's cronies and other top management staff of the Agency in clear violation of the Procurement Act and other Financial Regulations, such Companies include COT Engineering Limited, WellMann Construction Company Limited, Retin Technical and Commercial Service Limited, Messrs. De-PK Ventures Limited, among others;

Disturbed of the alleged cases of round-tripping and under declaration of foreign exchange earnings from the Agency's Foreign Account;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration to investigate the matter and report back to the House within six (6) weeks for further legislative action.

12. **Contradictory Figures from the Central Bank of Nigeria and Other International Organizations about Nigeria's Financial Status.**

Hon Yusuf Tajudeen.

The House:

Observes that there has been consistent disparity about the state of Nigeria's economy between the Central Bank of Nigeria, local and international financial organizations including the International Monetary Fund;

Also observes that CBN and other financial organizations have been churning out contradictory figures about the financial status of Nigeria, which is not only disturbing but confusing;

Notes that as part of its measures to regulate the financial standing of the Nigeria, the CBN came up with the open market operations, its institution said is geared towards controlling liquidity;

Also notes that according to reports from the Central Bank of Nigeria, it has mopped up, through Treasury Bills Insurance, about N5.683trn as excess liquidity between January 2 and April 12, 2008;

Concerned that the CBN allegedly spent N372.9bn as cost of managing the excess liquidity in circulation between January 2 and April, 12 2008, at a time when many financial experts warned about the dire consequences of the policy on the economy;

Worried that the CBN went ahead with this policy at a time when it claimed that Commercial Banks were having liquidity challenges, thus raising many questions about the genuineness and rationale for the policy;

Also worried that the CBN which claimed that there was excess liquidity in the economy allegedly gave Commercial Banks the opportunity to access the institution's window to survive;

Disturbed that the alleged CBN's approach of claiming to mop up excess liquidity and at the same time borrowing Commercial Banks monies to stay afloat may have collateral damage on the nation's economy;

Alarmed that with this policy, the CBN may be unwittingly collaborating with Commercial Banks to deplete the country's finances, helping Commercial Banks to make free money without little or no investment, making the real sector have difficulties accessing loans from Commercial Banks, scare away credible investors, contributing to the "slow-and-cold" activities in the stock market as well as limiting the growth of the nation's economy;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Banking & Currency, Capital Market & Institutions, and Financial Crimes to carry out a comprehensive Investigation on the matter and report back to the House within four (4) weeks for further legislative action.

13. **Need to Lift the Ban Imposed on Importation of Vehicles through Land Borders in Nigeria: Hon. Mojeed Alabi:**

The House:

Aware that since 5 December, 2016, the Federal Government, through the Nigeria Custom Service (NCS), banned the importation of vehicles through the land borders with effect from January 1, 2017, without adducing any reason, while importers were given a deadline of 31 December 2016 to clear their vehicles imported through land in neighbouring ports;

Recalls that in January 2017, the Senate adopted a resolution rejecting the Federal Government's ban on the importation of vehicles through the land borders, and called on the Nigeria Customs Service to immediately suspend further action on the policy and directed its Committee on Customs and Excise to probe the circumstances that led to the decision;

Also aware that the Senate again resolved that it was pertinent to stop the action of government because the ban was not only an anti-people but also capable of further impoverishing Nigerians as close to 500,000 jobs had been lost by persons engaged in the business of vehicle importation and associated services in the border areas and around the country;

Also recalls that the House of Representatives also urged the Federal Government to suspend the ban and mandated its Committees on Governmental Affairs and Customs and Excise to look into the matter and report to the House;

Disturbed that notwithstanding popular opposition to the policy, the Comptroller-General of Customs, Col. Hammed Ali (Rtd), directed operatives of the Headquarters Compliance Team

and the Federal Operations Units of the Service to ensure strict implementation of the policy on non-importation of vehicles through the land borders;

Worried that the ban has inadvertently aided inter-border smuggling, promoted corrupt practices, aided other cross-border crimes, impoverishing the generality of Nigerians, and undermining economic development of the country;

Regrets that notwithstanding the resolutions of the two Chambers of the National Assembly, government has refused to give the needed directives for a reversal of the policy for improved economic activities in country

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge to the Federal Government to suspend the ban on the importation of vehicles through the land borders as it not only impoverishes Nigerians but also has an adverse effect on the economy; and
- (ii) Mandate the Committees on Governmental Affairs and on Customs and Excise to liaise with the Comptroller-General of the Customs Service and other relevant stakeholders to, review the workability of the ban, work towards suspending of the ban, and come up with better ways to deal with the issues that led to the imposition of the ban.

14. **Call on the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) to Commence Documentation of New Employees Posted by the Federal Civil Service Commission:**
Hon. Adamu D. U Kamale.

The House:

Notes that the Federal Civil Service Commission is the executive body in Nigeria constitutionally mandated to make appointments, transfers and exercise disciplinary control over all Federal Civil Servants in Nigeria;

Also notes that in 2015, the Federal Civil Service Commission declared and advertised vacancies and, in 2017 interviewed the shortlisted candidates and subsequently appointed them into available offices in the Federal Ministries, Office of the Auditor General of the Federation, Office of the Accountant General of the Federation and Bureau of Public Procurement;

Observes that all the Federal Ministries and Pool Staff of the organizations, Office of the General of the Federation, Head of Service of the Federation, Office of the Auditor General of the Federation accepted the staff posted by the Federal Civil Service Commission except the Bureau of Public Procurement;

Cognizant that most of the appointed staff by the Federal Civil Service Commission and posted to the Bureau of Public Procurement fulfilled all the requisite qualification including being citizens of Nigeria that deserves to work for their fatherland;

Resolves to:

- (i) Call on the BPP to urgently commence documentation of the employees posted by the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC);

- (ii) Mandate the Committee on Public Procurement to Investigate the failure of Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) to document the new employees posted to it and report back in two weeks for further legislative action.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

15. **Hon. Ossai N Ossai:**
“That the House do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Maritime University, Okerenkoko, Delta State; and for Related Matters, 2018 and approve the recommendations therein” (*Committee of the Whole*).
16. **Hon. Henry Nwawuba:**
“That the House do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Industrial Development (Income Tax Relief) Act, Cap. A1.7 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein” (*Committee of the Whole*).
17. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Act of 2006 and Enact the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Corporation Bill, 2018 (HB. 984) (*Committee of the Whole 30/11/2017*).
18. **Hon. Patrick Asadu:**
“That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Ports Authority Bill, Cap. 126, LFN, 2004 and to Re-enact the Nigerian Ports and Harbours Act, Establish the Nigerian Ports and Harbours Authority to Provide for the Ownership, Management and Development of Ports and Harbours; and for Related Matters (HBs 569 and 855) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Laid 14/11/2017*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 3 May, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions (<i>Investigative Hearing</i>)	Thursday, 3 May, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	FCT Area Councils and Ancillary Matters (<i>with Area Councils Service Commission and the Six Area Councils of the Federal Capital Territory</i>)	Thursday, 3 May, 2018	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 144 New Building (House) Assembly Complex

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| 4. | Science and Technology | Thursday, 3 May, 2018 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 019
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |
| 5. | <i>Ad-hoc</i> Committee on the
Turnaround Maintenance
(TAM) of the Nation's Four
Refineries | Thursday, 3 May, 2018 | 3.00 p.m. | Committee Room 120
New Building (House)
Assembly Complex |