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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Customs and Excise:
Hon. Sabo Mohammed Nakudu:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Customs and Excise on the Investigation on the Need to Prevent continued Loss of Revenue through Ports Inspection Contracts" (*Referred*: 23/1/2013) (**HR. 16/2013**).

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Need to Curb the Importation of Substandard Products into the Country and Encourage the Growth of Local Industries:**
Hon. Chris Azubogu:

The House:

Notes that the importation of sub-standard products in Nigeria has drastically affected the economy and thrown the local manufacturers and service providers out of business;

Further notes that the activities of some Nigerian business persons and syndicates engaged in spurious importation has created a dumping ground for sub standard goods in Nigeria;

Worried that the spurious importation of sub-standard products in Nigeria by some syndicates is putting local manufacturers and service providers out of business, thereby increasing the rate of unemployment in the country;

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Further worried that the nation's industrial cities of Lagos, Aba, Kano, Nnewi, Ibadan, Jos, Kaduna, Port Harcourt, and Benin have lost their status as industrial cities because the local industries cannot compete with the spurious imports, thereby creating chains of unemployment that hampers the development of skills;

Aware that no country can build a self sustaining industrial base when its economy is exposed to the vagaries of an import dependent economy with increased importation of processed food and agricultural products;

Observes that most manufacturing companies have relocated their production plants to Ghana and other countries and only use Nigeria as a distribution destination;

Disturbed that Nigeria loses billions of Naira annually on revenues as a result of over-invoicing of import transactions, wrong declarations to customs, waivers, tax evasions, and spurious importation of sub-standard goods by importers and their syndicates;

Further disturbed that the Federal Government has not taken drastic measures to curb these spurious importations of substandard goods, and to encourage local manufacturers and service providers.

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to interface with Stakeholders including the Nigerian Investment Promotion Council, Federal Ministry of Trade/ Investment, Federal Ministry of Finance, National Planning Commission, the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN), Civil Society Groups, etc. to come up with appropriate recommendations on ways of protecting local investors, creating job opportunities and improving on the economy and standard of living, and to protect Nigerians from spurious importations of substandard products and its attendant health implications and report to the House within 4 weeks.

2. Exclusion of the Ex-Militants in Akwa Ibom State from the Amnesty Programme of the Federal Government:
Hon. Robinson Uwak:

The House:

Notes that Akwa Ibom State is the leading oil producing state in the Nigeria and contributes a sizeable amount to the Nation's Economy;

Further notes that Akwa Ibom State plays host to several Oil Companies including Exxon/Mobil, Moni Pulo, Total, Elf, Addax, Afren Oil, Universal Energy, Oriental Energy, Frontier Oil Limited, Septa Energy, Associated Oil and Gas, Centrica Energy, Oando, Ennikom Investment Services Nigeria Limited and others that pay taxes to the Federal Government and provide opportunities to Nigerians;

Observes that Akwa Ibom State has a littoral front of about 129 kilometers and that militant camps existed around the Tom-Shot Bank, Widenham Creek, Obufa Creek, Akwa Obio Effiat, James Town, Stubbs Creek, Qua Ibo Creek, Opobo Creek, Eket, Esit Eket, Etim Ekpo, Atabong, Ibeno, Ikot Abasi, Ibaka, Okposo, Parrot Island, Tobacco Island and Inua-Abasi. These areas account for about 90% of the oil exploration in Akwa Ibom State. Ex-militants who are both indigenes and none indigenes hibernated in these places while operating from within and outside the state during the struggle predating the Amnesty Proclamation;

Aware that Akwa Ibom State accounts for a good number of the ex-militants that gave up their arms to embrace peace after the proclamation of the Amnesty granted by the Late President Yar'Adua in 2009;

Concerned that in spite of the immediate renunciation of their struggles and the subsequent submission of their arms to give way for peace, the ex-militants from Akwa Ibom State have still not been included in the Amnesty Programmes;

Disturbed that reports have indicated an increase in crimes like armed robbery, kidnapping, rape and cult activities in Akwa Ibom State;

Worried that ex-militants of Akwa Ibom State who have given up their arms and have not been integrated into the Amnesty Programme are now getting engaged in ways that could cause a national crisis.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Niger Delta Ministry to investigate the rationale behind the exclusion of the Akwa Ibom ex-militants from the Amnesty Programme and other engaging activities of the Federal Government like the Pipeline Surveillance initiative and report to the House within 4 weeks.

BILLS

3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Law Reform Commission Act, Cap. N118 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by making Provision for more Funds and Submission of Recommendations for Legislative Review or Reform to both the National Assembly and the Attorney-General of the Federation in order to strengthen its Capability in Discharging its Statutory Functions and for Other Related Matters (HB. 405) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Protection of Employees and to Prevent the Unfair Treatment of Employees in Nigeria and for the Establishment of the Employees Protection Council (HB. 349) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Industrial Training Fund Act, Cap. 19 (No. 47 of 1971) for the purpose of Empowering the fund to design, set-up and Operate guidelines for the Training, Certification, Nation-wide at State, Local Government and Ward levels and to Establish Area Registries for maintaining up-to-date Registers of Certified Artisan and Technicians in all Fields and in all parts of the Federation (HB. 354) — *Second Reading*.

6. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to Amend the Citizenship Definition contained therein to include all Persons Indigenous to Communities now forming part of Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB. 414) — *Second Reading*.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

7. **Committee on Finance:**
Hon. Jibrin Abdulmumin:
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Finance on the Independent Revenue Generation and Remittance to the Consolidated Revenue Fund by Government-Owned Agencies and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 6/2/2013).

(*i*) The Fiscal Responsibility (Amendment) Bill should be worked on and passed expeditiously so as to check the various loopholes which enable the Government Agencies to spend what they generate without recourse to the National Assembly.

(*ii*) The Committee on Finance should immediately commence further investigation of other Agencies that were not captured in this exercise to ascertain their status of remittance.

(*iii*) Agencies that have refused to cooperate with the Committee should be compelled to do so.

(*iv*) Agencies which have outstanding balances to be paid, should be compelled to make payments of all outstanding remittances without further delay.

(*v*) Stringent disciplinary action should be taken against any Agency found to be spending outside budgetary provisions.

(*vi*) All revenues due to the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federal Government must be paid as at when due.

(*vii*) The Accountant General of the Federation should submit to the Finance Committee a detailed monthly report of remittances of Federal Government independent revenue.

(*viii*) The Fiscal Responsibility Commission should sanction any agency that fails to submit their audited annual accounts as at when due.

(*ix*) All Agencies should henceforth present evidence of remittances into the Consolidated Account to the relevant Committees of the House during their budget performance defence.

(x) The Federal Ministry of Finance should, with immediate effect, ensure that all funds hidden in various agencies' bank accounts should be mopped up and promptly remitted to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 7 February, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Public Service Matters, Anti-Corruption and National Ethics and Values (*Joint meeting*)	Thursday, 7 February, 2013	1.30 p.m.	Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	Ethics and Privileges	Thursday, 7 February, 2013	2.30 p.m.	Committee Room 357 New Building (House) Assembly Complex