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ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 14 February, 2013

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

Committee on Judiciary
Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari:
"That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to further Amend the Federal High Court Act, Cap. 134, LFN 2004, to increase the Number of Judges of the Federal High Court from Seventy (70) to One Hundred (100) and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 333) (*Referred*: 11/10/2012)".

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

1. **Need to Ban the Sale of Alcohol and Drug Related Substances in and Around Motor Parks:**
Hon. Ismail Inah Hussain:

The House:

Notes that the consumption of alcohol increases the risk of motor accidents for motorists and pedestrians. Not only does alcohol impair processes critical to safe road use such as vision and reaction time, it is also associated with impaired judgment and so is often linked to other high- risk road use behaviours such as over speeding or not using seat-belts;

Further notes that a recent study by the Lagos State Government revealed that 22 % of drivers in the State tested positive for alcohol and drug related substances as reported by the Daily Times of 27 September, 2012;

Worried that most of the road accidents that occur on Nigerian roads are attributable to the influence of alcohol and hard drugs. This menace is aggravated by the easy access of drivers to these road unfriendly substances;

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Further worried that motor parks have become sale points of alcohol and drugs where drivers, prior to take-off of a particular trip, consume these substances, thus endangering the lives of the passengers;

Disturbed that alcohol affects attentiveness and one's ability to make quick decisions on the road, react to change in the environment and execute specific, often difficult manoeuvres behind the wheel;

Further disturbed that a large number of culprits are commercial drivers, who constitute an important group to address because of the number of passengers they carry who depend on them for safety.

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Government to Ban the sale of alcoholic drinks and other drug related substances in and around motor parks in the Federation.

2. **Need to Ban the Use of Foreign Currencies in Domestic Transactions in Nigeria: Hon. Nadu S. Karibo:**

The House:

Notes that every country has its currency, which serves as a means of exchange, a symbol of identity, a source of pride, and a sign of fiscal independence and economic stability;

Further notes that without equivocation, the Naira is Nigeria's currency and the only means of exchange for local and domestic transactions known to law in Nigeria;

Regrets that there is a growing trend in the use of some foreign currencies, especially the US Dollar for payments of school fees, hotel bills, real estate, rent and purchase in bars, night clubs, luxury good shops etc in Nigeria;

Observes that this trend has led to the high demand of these foreign currencies especially the US Dollars in Nigeria, and is contributing seriously to the weakening of the Naira against such currencies, with its resultant negative effects on our economy;

Aware that the Naira is not accepted as a means of exchange in the United States of America and other countries of which the use of their currencies is becoming a trend in local transactions in the country.

Resolves to:

Urge the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to ban the use of foreign currencies as a means of exchange in local and domestic transactions in Nigeria.

BILLS

3. A Bill for an Act to Alter the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, by vesting original Jurisdiction of Chieftaincy Matters on Sharia Court of Appeal and Customary Court of Appeal of a State and for Others Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 406) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap. C20 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by making an upward Review of Penalties Prescribed for Foreign Companies doing Business in Nigeria for Non-Compliance with the Provisions of the Companies and Allied Matters Act and for Related Matters (HB.275) and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 268) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Authorize the Review of Penalties in the Acts or Other Enactment by a Person or Authority responsible for enforcing the Penalties and Other Related Matters, (HB. 369) — *Second Reading*.

6. 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*.

7. 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*.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Rules and Business	Thursday, 14 February, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex
2.	Climate Change	Thursday, 14 February, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 327 New Building (House) Assembly Complex
3.	ICT and Justice (*Joint meeting on Cyber Security Bill,* 2011)	Thursday, 14 February, 2013	1.30 p.m.	Hearing Room 01 Assembly Complex
4.	Ethics and Privileges	Thursday, 14 February, 2013	2.00 p.m.	Committee Room 357 New Building (House) Assembly Complex