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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
# FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

## ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 21 February, 2013

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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

### MOTION

1. **Need to Clear all Abandoned Scraps on Land and in Water to Provide for a Safe and Healthy Environment, Ensure Job Employment and Internally Generated Revenue Through Excise Duty in Nigeria:**
**Hon. Mohammed Shamsidin Ango Abdullahi:**

The House:

*Notes* that motor scraps, vessels scraps and indiscriminate polythene sheets and bag wastes across the country cause environmental hazards to humans, livestock and the ecosystem at large;

*Aware* that due to improper disposal of waste both in the urban and rural areas, the environment looks very untidy giving a negative outlook of the Nigerian Environment in the eyes of the International Community who live within Nigeria;

*Further aware* that polythene bags and scrap metals do not decompose. They block the soil's restructuring processes that are important for all living organisms;

*Worried* that scraps metals on roads have claimed lives, polythene bags have claimed a lot of livestock and abandoned vessel scraps have through rust affected the ecosystem in the waterways which have direct effect on the economy of the country;

*Further worried* that a lot of revenue is lost from the operations of scrap merchants across the country knowing fully that Nigeria doesn't have the technology to recycle scrap metals. This has given room for the export of these scrap metals without proper export procedures that could attract excise duty.

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(*vi*) that in addition to Customs and Excise duties, Government should also consider Negotiable Duty Credit Certificates (NDCCs) for payment of other Federal Government collectibles such as Company Income Tax;

(*vii*) that the Negotiable Duty Credit Certificates (NDCCs) should be recognized as an integral part of revenue collected by Nigeria Customs Service;

(*viii*) that standing provision should be made for the administration of the Export Expansion Grant Scheme to be funded from the revenue collected from the Nigeria Export Supervision Scheme (NESS) fees. In this regard, either of the following alternative way of funding the administration of the Scheme should be legislated:

(*a*) 10% of the Nigerian Export Supervision Scheme (NESS) charges, or

(*b*) 5% Processing Fees to be charged on Beneficiary exporters payable claims;

(*ix*) that the membership of the Export Expansion Grant Implementation Committee and Export Expansion Grant Inter-Ministerial Monitoring Committee should include the Federal Government appointed destination inspection;

(*x*) that the adoption of an acceptable time-frame of 5 years for policy implementation before reviews by all relevant government institutions to avoid overlapping of government policies;

(*xi*) that the Committee calls for the establishment of scientific, transparent and globally acceptable product categorization criteria for all exportable products in order to address the perennial complaints about discretionary and arbitrary allocation of rates;

(*xii*) that the Committee did not discover misuse of the scheme as alleged except for rivalry among the beneficiaries, especially in the leather sector. This invariably gave rise to the orchestration of the alleged misuse;

(*xiii*) that the House may lift the suspension on issuance of Negotiable Duty Credit Certificates and disbursement of funds from Export Expansion Grant as contained in its Resolution of Thursday, 24 November, 2011 to the President, and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to enable the beneficiary companies to access the backlogs arrears of the allotted Negotiable Duty Credit Certificates (NDCCs).

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

| | *Committee* | *Date* | *Time* | *Venue* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rules and Business | Thursday, 21 February, 2013 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 06 Assembly Complex |
| 2. | Sports | Thursday, 21 February, 2013 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 231 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |
| 3. | Commerce (*with Hon. Minister of Finance*) | Thursday, 21 February, 2013 | 2.00 p.m. | Committee Room 456 New Building (House) Assembly Complex |

*Resolves to*:

Mandate the Committee on Environment to liaise with the Federal Ministry of Environment and National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) to provide a detailed, well-documented format that is functional in a Public Private Partnership that will address the volume of abandoned scraps, create Jobs and generate revenue 'within the country through excise duty and report back to the House within 4 week.

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## BILLS

2. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Directorate of Employment Act, Cap. N28 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, by creating Specific Functions and Objectives for the Directorate to specifically cater for Unemployed Graduates of Tertiary Institutions and Related Matters (HB. 342) — *Second Reading*.

3. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Road Safety Commission Act (National Road Traffic Regulation) Cap. F19 LFN 2004, to further Regulate and Prohibit the covering of Vehicle Identification Number Plates and for Related Thereto (HB. 334) — *Second Reading*.

4. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Consumer Protection Council Act, Cap. C25 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to modify its Composition, widen the scope of its Functions and Powers in order to Provide for a Broader and more effective Council and for Related Matters (HB.72) and a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Consumer Protection Council Act, Cap. C25, of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 and to Re-Enact the Consumer Protection Agency Bill; to Provide for the Establishment of an Investigation Unit, ensure Effective Civil Action for Damages and Other Unfair or Deceptive Practices, ensure Discontinuance of Prohibited Acts, among Other Things Complement Other Laws Governing Restraints of Trade, Unfair Competition and Unfair, Deceptive and Fraudulent Acts or Practices in Order to Protect the Public and Foster Fair and Honest Competition and for Other Related Matters (HB. 95) — *Second Reading*.

5. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Hydro-Electric Power Producing Areas Development Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2010 (HB. 284) (*Senate*) — *Second Reading*.

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## CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

6. **Committees on Commerce and Customs and Excise:**
**Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga:**
"That this House do consider the Report of the Committees on Commerce and Customs and Excise on the Misuse of Export Expansion Grant by some Industrialists and approve the Recommendations therein" (*Laid*: 18/7/2012).

(*i*) that there should be effective collaboration among Agencies of Government that are responsible for the implementation of the Scheme;

(*ii*) that while the need for policy support for survival and growth of the non-oil export including the real manufacturing sector cannot be over emphasized, this noble initiative (Export Expansion Grant) as a vital incentive for stimulation of export needs to be reviewed and strengthened for effective and efficient operation;

(*iii*) that the existing company-cum-product based criteria for Export Expansion Grant rating should be continued and made equal with respect to employment threshold for SMEs and increase in local content in line with ECOWAS Protocol on local content;

(*iv*) that the Implementation Committee should meet regularly to consider processed applications and make recommendations to the Honorable Minister of Finance for approval and subsequent issuance of the Negotiable Duty Credit Certificates (NDCCs) by the Nigeria Export Promotion Council (NEPC) to avoid backlog;

(*v*) that existing classification of various non-oil products should be rationalized to ensure Export Expansion Grant rating is commensurate with degree of processing and value addition;